

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center at the regular Board Meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and J. Shipp, County Attorney. Others present were Janet Winter, Sarah Cook, Sami Mastrario, Howard Jordan, Patrick Warren, District Attorney, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Drew Hobby, Sheriff Andy Hester, Charles Dean, Edythe Washington and others.

Chair Whiddon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to add Sheriff Andy Hester as a speaker and adopt the agenda as presented, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve minutes of previous meetings for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and Tuesday, November 25, 2025, as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: Mrs. Sarah Cook spoke, stating her concern about property taxes in Turner County.

Mr. Drew Hobby spoke to say thanks to the board for having the roads taken care of which were discussed at the September meeting he attended. He also spoke about the hanging trees over Zorn Road and Snow Ridge Road.

Sheriff Andy Hester spoke on the agreements between the Commissioners and the Sheriff.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve setting the 2025 tax levy for maintenance and operation of county affairs at 11.00 mills, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to adopt Resolution #2025-12-01 setting the 2025 tax levy for maintenance and operation of county affairs at 11.00 mills and for maintenance and operation of public schools in Turner County at 13.862 mills for tax year 2025 and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve the MOU between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Turner County for the provision of Cooperative Extension Services and Personnel in Turner County, Georgia, and authorize the Chair to sign agreement on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve additional funding request of \$21,000.00 (December 2025 – June 2026) for the District Attorney's Office, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to re-bid for Janitorial Cleaning Services for Turner County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve closing County Offices on Friday, December 26, 2025, and Friday, January 2, 2026, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to change Tuesday, December 30th, 2025, Work Session to combine with Tuesday, January 6, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve Executive Session Minutes for Tuesday, November 25, 2025, as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon abstained from voting.

Chairman Comments: Chair Whiddon thanked the board for making the decision about the mill rate for the citizens of Turner County.

Public Comments: None

Chair Whiddon adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Dana L. Whiddon, Chair

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk