

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly Work Session meeting with Commissioners James Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Whiddon present. Commissioner Joe E. Burgess was not present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and J. Edward Shipp, County Attorney. Others present were Mr. Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Bruce Burgess, Jim Lumpkin, Michael Tanner, Dustin Beaty, Sheriff Andy Hester, Charles Dean, Robby Royal, Edyth Washington, Janet Winter, Regina Singletary, Blake Christian, John Y. Christian, Sami Mastrario, Mandi Cole, Joe Wright, Kelly Davis, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Hudson, and Howard Jordan.

Chairman James Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to adopt the agenda as printed, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments (concerning agenda items):

Ms. Winter spoke stating her concerns about the condition of the Election Building and how many voters are in and out of the building.

Speaker(s):

Mr. Michael Tanner spoke to the Board about repairs that need to be done to the driveway at the Election Office.

Commissioners discussed FY 2025-2026 Budgets.

Commissioners discussed the Floating Homestead Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST).

Commissioners discussed the camera system at State Court new location.

Commissioners discussed flooring repairs at the Election's Office.

Commissioners discussed purchasing a new mower for Public Works.

Commissioners discussed an audio system for BOC meeting room.

Commissioners discussed telephone bill from Klik Broadband and ask each department to turn in telephones that are not being used.

Commissioners discussed revaluation issues/updates with property taxes with Mr. Joe Wright.

Chairman Comments:

Chairman James Burgess gave an update on the grants he is working on for Turner County.

Public Comments:

Mr. Robby Royal gave an update on revenues for EMS for FY 2024-2025.

Mrs. Kelly Davis spoke stating her concerns about GMASS and her property taxes.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner James Burgess to go into closed session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss personnel, real estate, and litigation, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to end the closed session at 7:49 p.m. and return to the regular meeting, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

James Burgess, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk