

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly Work Session Meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and J. Edward Shipp, County Attorney. Others present were Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, James Burgess, Lindsey Ray, John Anderson, Robby Royal, Jonathan Perry, Jamese Patterson, Taydrian Sanders, Mikita Hudson, Shemeka Tilley, Jim Lumpkin, Sami Mastrario, Ashley Miller, Bruce Burgess, Regina Singletary, Janet Winter, Sheriff Andy Hester, Brad Christian, Blake Christian, Carlton Kite, and others.

Vice Chairman Brad Calhoun called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comments (concerning agenda items): None

Mrs. Lindsey Ray with South Georgia Regional Commission spoke to the board about potential grants available for Turner County.

Mr. John Anderson with Noblu LLC and Mr. Carlton Kite with S & S Roofing spoke to the board about storm recovery funds available for county buildings.

Commissioners discussed the authorizing resolution for the 5311 Transit Program for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed board-appointment for the Regional Advisory Council for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed budget amendments for FY 2024-2025 Budgets.

Commissioners discussed contract for construction for the Airport between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Turner County for apron and taxiway design and relocate precision path approach indicators (PAPIs).

Commissioners discussed the 2026 ACCG Safety Discount Program for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed changing office hours for Administrative Office and other County Offices from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 30 minutes lunch, and closing early on Fridays. Holidays use leave time, if available.

Chairman Comments:

Vice Chairman Brad Calhoun reminder the board about FLOST and SDS for Turner County.

Upcoming Commissioners Training – 2025 Legislative Leadership Conference, Jekyll Island, October 8-10, 2025.

Commissioner Denham gave an update on the Mercer Project.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to go into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss personnel, litigation and real estate, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting at 7:17 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Denham to adjourn the meeting at 7:17p.m.

Vice-Chairman Brad Calhoun

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk