

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the Called/Work Session Meeting with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Commissioner Burgess was not present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and J. Shipp, County Attorney. Others present were Mr. Patrick Warren, Edyth Washington, Robby Royal, Sheriff Andy Hester, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Janet Winter, Bruce Burgess, Lynn Davis, Eddie Brown, Howard Jordan, Blake Christian, Regina Singletary, Charles Dean, Mayor Gary Walker, Deputy Taft and others.

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

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

District Attorney Patrick Warren spoke requesting additional funds for State Court.

Mr. Eddie Brown spoke as a representative for Daniels Road property owners. His request is to close Daniels Road due to illegal activities on the road.

Sheriff Andy Hester spoke stating he would find the funding for the dog kennels on his own. Sheriff Hester also addressed the board, seeking clarification on an existing agreement in place regarding the management of budgets, including E911, Jail Fund, and Commissary, in addition to his standard budget.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve a 40-hours incentive pay for full time employees and 20-hours incentive pay for part time employees, motion passed with Commissioner Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon abstained from stating her vote.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to move forward with pursuing a grant for the Health Department, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None.

Commissioners discussed 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.

Commissioners discussed the County Tax Levy for 2025.

Commissioners discussed the additional budget funding request for the DA's Office.

Commissioners discussed the bids for Janitorial Cleaning Services for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed a resolution for County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed closing County Offices on Friday, December 26, 2025, and Friday, January 2, 2026.

Chairman Comments:

Remainder about Christmas Parade, December 13, 2025 @10:00 a.m.

Public Comments:

Mayor Gary Walker thanked Public Safety for all the work they do.

Sheriff Andy Hester thanked the Board for the incentive pay.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Weaver to go into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss litigation, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the vote.

Commissioner Whiddon was asked to be excused from the Executive Session at 6:41 p.m.

Commissioner Whiddon was asked to return to the Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to return to the regular meeting at 6:53 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Dana L. Whiddon, Chair

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk