

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the Called Work Session/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 Mr. Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Robby Royal, Sami Mastrario, Regina Singletary, Alexandra Arzayus, SGRC, Dustin Beaty, Blake Christian, Mary Ann, Janet Winter, Bruce Burgess and Dr. Eanes, District Health Director.

Chair Whiddon 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 Calhoun 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

Representative from Legacy Behavioral Health Services was not present.

Dr. Eanes, District Health Director, spoke to the board about a grant for the Health Department.

Commissioners discussed the Chairman position for 2026.

Commissioners discussed the Vice-Chairman appointment for 2026.

Commissioners discussed re-appointment of the County Clerk.

Commissioners discussed re-appointment of the County Attorney.

Commissioners discussed the 2026 Holiday Calendar for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed setting qualifying fees for 2026 Elections.

Commissioners discussed closing Daniel Road.

Commissioners discussed rental agreement for Ashburn Security Mini Storage (Costal Plains) at 124 East College Avenue.

Commissioners discussed bids for grass cutting services for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed adding Public Health Services to Turner County's SDS.

Commissioners discussed Turner County Health Department.

Commissioner discussed the Comprehensive Plan for Turner County.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Weaver to open the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m., to review and comment on the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update for Turner 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 close the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting at 6:36 p.m., 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 SGRC to transmit the 2025 Comprehensive Plan for Turner County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The Chair for 2026 is Commissioner Dana L. Whiddon.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Burgess to appoint Commissioner Calhoun as Vice Chairman for 2026, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Burgess to re-appoint Latrice Wilson as County Clerk, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to re-appoint J. Shipp as County Attorney, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve the 2026 Holiday Calendar for 2026 for Turner 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 adopt Resolution # 2026-01-01 to fix and publish qualification fees for County Offices for 2026 Elections and authorize the Chair to sign 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 road closing for Daniel Road and authorize the Zoning Administrator, Regina Singletary to move forward with advertising of the road closing, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve rental agreement between Turner County and Ashburn Security Mini Storage from \$350.00 a month to \$550.00 a month 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 Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun for approval of grant application for a new building for the Health Department, motion by Commissioners Calhoun and Whiddon. Motion did not pass. Commissioners Burgess, Denham and Weaver opposed the vote.

Commissioners tabled item to revise SDS to add Public Health Services for Turner County.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve bid from Vail Lawn Care for grass cutting services for Turner County in the amount of \$55,500.00, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion.

Chairman Comments: Chair Whiddon expressed her disappointment in the plans for the Health Department.

Public Comments: Sami Mastrario asked if there was an update on the roofing repairs for the County.

Alexandra Arzayus, SGRC, gave an update on the maps for Turner County.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to go into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. for litigation, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Weaver to go back into the regular meeting at 6:48 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chair Whiddon adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Dana L. Whiddon, Chair

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk