

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the regular Board Meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver, and Whiddon present. Others present were Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Dustin Beaty, Ashley Miller, Mike Geoghagan, Janet Winter, Charles Dean, Jimmy Whiddon, John Y Christian, and other Post 98 members.

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

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioners Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to add item #5 to discussion/consider letter to Airport Authority to the agenda and adopt the agenda as presented, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: (Concerning agenda items) – None.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve minutes of previous meeting for Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, and Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, as printed, 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 financial information for November 2025 and December 2025 as presented, 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 appoint Mrs. Michelle Harris as the representative for the Turner County DFCS Board, 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 allow an anonymous vendor to donate funds to install a door in the Elections Building for Post 98, and allow Post 98 to install the door, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Commissioners discussed Commissioner Denham as being the representative for the Board of Commissioners to handle the Mercer Project.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve Executive Session Minutes for Tuesday, February 24th, 2026 as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to dissolve the Airport Authority due to (1) Lack of attendance at the meetings, (2) Lack of meetings with a quorum and (3) violation of bylaws and rules of procedure and appoint Eric Richter as the Airport Manager for Turner County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Comments: None.

Public Comments:

Mr. Jimmy Whiddon thanked the board and the anonymous vendor for their help with the door installation for Post 98.

Commissioner Calhoun spoke asking Commissioner Whiddon about her Facebook post on the Data Centers from last week's meeting discussion. Commissioner Whiddon responded and stated what her intentions were regarding the Facebook post on Data Centers.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to go into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. for potential litigation, 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 end the Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. and return to the regular meeting, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Chair Dana L. Whiddon

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk