

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly Work Session with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and J. Shipp, County Attorney. Others present were Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Sheriff Andy Hester, Chief Deputy Charles Dean, Jim Lumpkin, Mandi Cole, Janet Winter, Ashley Miller, Deputy Taft, Dustin Beaty, Regina Singletary, Terry Oliver, and Dr. Dave Alexander and wife.

Chair Whiddon 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 Burgess 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.

Speakers:

Dr. Dave Alexander spoke requesting the board to waive property taxes for his farm he purchased in April of 2025 due to him being 100% disabled veteran.

Sheriff Andy Hester spoke requesting a replacement for the grinder pump at the Jail.

Sheriff Andy Hester gave an update on the 911 Center about a call that was not dispatched to Turner County 911.

Commissioners discussed airport fire hydrant.

Commissioners discussed possible moratoriums on Data Centers and Battery Energy Storage Systems and Crypto.

Commissioners discussed members of the Planning Advisory Board and their terms of service.

Commissioner discussed sharing fiber connections between Turner County and Clik Broadboard.

Commissioners discussed roofing repairs to County Buildings with Commissioners Burgess.

Commissioners discussed HB 1116.

Commissioners discussed 2026/2027 Budgets. Commissioner Burgess requested the County Manager and County Clerk start working on the budget and report back to the board.

Chairman Comments:

1. House Bill for Elections.
2. Cofer Road.

County Manager Comments:

1. FLOST Update.
2. Denham Road Update.

Public Comments:

Ashley Miller, Chamber Director spoke and thanked everyone who participated in Career Day last Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Sheriff Andy Hester asked the board to save some of the fiber lines for their purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Chair Dana L. Whiddon

Attest: _____

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk