

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 28th, 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, Jim Lumpkin, Robby Royal, Bruce Burgess, Janet Winter, Dustin Beaty, Sheriff Andy Hester, Sami Mastrario. and Mandi Cole.

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: Mrs. Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, gave an update on the current election.

Speaker: Robby Royal, EMS Director, gave an update on new loading system for power stretchers for EMS.

Commissioners discussed a tentative budget calendar for FY 2026-2027.

Commissioners discussed the Service Delivery Strategy for Zoning between Turner County and the City of Ashburn.

Commissioners discussed the proposed MOU for Mercer.

Chairman Comments:

1. Coastal Plain rental fee/relocation.
2. Culvert pipe on Hill Road.
3. Old 911 Building.
4. County's Financials.

County Manager Comments:

Public Comments: Sheriff Andy Hester expressed disagreement about Commissioner Whiddon statement that the board gave \$125,000 to the jail last year.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Weaver to go into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. to discuss litigation, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver, and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner seconded by Commissioner Weaver to end the Executive Session at 6:29 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 6:30 p.m.

Dana L. Whiddon, Chair

Attest: _____

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk