

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 26, 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 Robby Royal, Sheriff Andy Hester, Dustin Beaty, Ben Baker, Editor of Wiregrass Farmer, Blake Christian, Jim Lumpkin, Janet Winter, Bruce Burgess, Sami Mastrario, Brad Christian, Ashley Miller, Julie and Layton with Partners Benefit, Charles Dean, Deputy Taft and others present.

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 and seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to add item #4 under general discussion, to discuss dump trucks for Public Works and adopt the agenda as presented, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The Board of Commissioners presented a Proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Commissioners discussed updates on medical plans for Turner County with Julie Bullington and Layton Fillion, with Partners Benefit.

Commissioners discussed BOC meeting location.

Commissioners discussed FY 2026/2027 Budgets update.

Commissioners discussed dump trucks rotation with Public Work Director, Dustin Beaty.

Chairman Comments:

1. Update on Mercer.

Public Comments: Sheriff Andy Hester inquired about the enforcement of laws governing voting outside city limits, including the process for addressing potential violations.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Burgess to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss litigation, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to end the Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. and return to the meeting, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Dana L. Whiddon, Chair

Attest _____

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk