

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex Building for the Budget Called Meeting with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Commissioner Burgess was not present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and J. Edward Shipp, County Attorney. Others present were Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Janet Winter, Robby Royal, Brad Christian, Blake Christian, Jim Lumpkin, Keith Reynold, Lynn Davis, Ashley Miller, Penny Thomas, Chris Ward, Sami Mastrario, Mary Lee Green, Lakevia Harris, Donna Pate, Edyth Washington, James Burgess, Jeannie Reckley, Jeremy Saylor, Hank Pate, Kristi Ray, Mandi Cole, Joe Wright and others.

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 Weaver to adopt the agenda as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Mr. Joe Wright gave the board an overview of the County's current situation with property taxes.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Weaver to go with Option #2 which includes 3 mils property tax increase along with other departmental cuts, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Weaver to go into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. to discuss personnel, motion carried with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Weaver to end the Executive Session at 5:44 p.m. and return to the regular meeting, motion carried with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun effective immediately there are no new hires in the County areas (departments) for which the board have direct oversight and control, motion carried with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Dana L. Whiddon, Chair

Attest: _____

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk