

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex Building for the Called Meeting/Work Session with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon 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, Joann Brown, Donna Pate, Lynn Davis, Ashley Miller, Penny Thomas, Sami Mastrario, Mandi Cole, Ms. Edge, Regina Singletary, Wayne Woodruff, John Y Christian and others.

Chair Whiddon called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 carried with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Commissioners discussed Budget Amendments for FY 2025-2026 Budgets.

Commissioners discussed board re-appointments for the Library Board.

Commissioners discussed a Hiring and Spending Freeze for Large Non-Essential Purchases, with exemptions for Payroll, Utilities, Emergency Expenses, and Essential Operational Needs effective July 1, 2026.

Enter Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Commissioners to hear comments in favor of Application #TC-RZ-26-01 for a rezoning application request in Turner County and to hear comments not in favor of Application #TC-RZ-26-01 for a Rezoning Application Request in Turner County.

Commissioners to hear comments in favor of Application #TC-SE-26-01 for a Special Exception Request in AU, Agricultural Use District in Turner County and to hear comments not in favor of Application #TC-SE-26-01 for a Special Exception Request in AU, Agricultural Use District in Turner County.

Closed Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve Application # TC-RZ-26-01 for Rezoning Application Request in Turner County, motion carried with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve Application # TC-SE-26-01 for a Special Exception Request in AU, Agricultural Use District in Turner County.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve Budget Resolution # 2026-06-01 for Budget Amendments for FY 2025-2026 and authorize the Chair to sign resolution on behalf of the County.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve Mr. Brad Christian and Mrs. Kelly Wilson to the Library Board for a term of three years, motion carried

with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve Budget Resolution #2026-06-02 to establish a Hiring and Spending Freeze for Large Non-Essential Purchases, with Exemptions for Payroll, Utilities, Emergency Expenses, and Essential Operational Needs effective July 1, 2026, and authorize the Chair to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion carried with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Weaver to adopt Budget Resolution # 2026-06-03 approving fiscal year 2026-2027 budgets as follows: General Fund - \$11,660,200.00, E-911 Fund -\$687,000.00, Drug Education Fund -\$15,000.00, Jail Fund - \$572,000.00, Hotel/Motel Fund-\$1,500.00, Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Fund-\$30,020.00, Real Estate Deed Index Fund-\$10,030.00, Victim Assistance Fund-\$240,200.00, Law Library Fund-\$1,000.00, SPLOST Fund (2024-2030)-\$1,083,333.00, LMIG Fund-\$488,400.00, TSPLOST Fund-\$690,000.00 and FLOST Fund-\$525,000.00 and authorize the Chair to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion carried with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Burgess and Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion.

Chairman Comments: Reminder – No meeting for Tuesday, July 7th, 2026.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to go into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. for litigation/personnel, motion carried with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Dana L. Whiddon, Chair

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, Commissioner

