

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
April 21, 2015**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of April, 2015. Commissioner Larry Payne called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Larry Payne led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS:** None.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** Karen Bates, County Clerk, called the roll to establish a quorum. The following 6 out of 6 Commission members answered to their names and accordingly a quorum was found to be present:

District 1 – Joey Statum  
District 2 – Lewis Fuller  
District 3 – Larry Payne

District 4 – Jeff Overstreet  
District 5 – Carolyn Parker  
District 6 – Tim Choate

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Advanced Disposal will have open top containers at four locations between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm for residential clean up of household trash on **Saturday, May 9, 2015.**

Locations of containers:

Leeth Gap and Sardis Road – across from old County Shop  
Intersection of Hwy 278 & Hwy 132  
Whorton Bend Volunteer Fire Department  
Gaston High School at Hwy 411 North

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:**

A Proclamation was presented to Dr. Martha Lavender, Interim President of Gadsden State Community College by Commissioner Parker, recognizing April as National Community College Month. Commissioner Parker read the Proclamation and talked about the positive influence Gadsden State Community College has on Etowah County. Gadsden State and other Community Colleges not only provide a 'community college' for the citizens of the county but also work with area businesses to provide technical assistance to improve efficiency and profitability and help working age adults without diplomas to get GED Certificates.

A Proclamation was presented to several supporters from the University of Alabama at Birmingham by Commissioner Choate requesting the President of UAB to reinstate football and the other athletics that were eliminated and to show support for more representation for UAB on the University Of Alabama System Board Of Trustees. Etowah County Commission realize the values and community that athletics bring to the college experience and would like to see more transparency in the decisions the University President makes that affect surrounding counties and municipalities.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, with all other members present voting "yes", the following resolution was passed and adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following items on the Consent Agenda were approved as presented:

- A. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Etowah County Commission dated April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for April 21st, 2015.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following item was approved:

To have the Final Reading and Approval for the ABC Board application license type 011-Lounge Retail Liquor- Class II (Package) for applicant, Patterson Enterprises, under the trade name of Patterson Beverage, located at 1220 B Appalachian Road in Gadsden, AL 35901. This is a license transfer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Choate, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following item was approved:

To have the Final Reading and Approval for the ABC Board Application License Type 050-Retail Beer (Off Premise Only) & Type 070 - Retail Table Wine (Off Premise Only) for applicant, Patterson Enterprises, under the trade name of Patterson Grocery, located at 1220 Appalachian Road in Gadsden, AL 35901. This is a license transfer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Payne, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following item was approved:

The recommendation of Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood, Inc., to reject the bids that were received on the Industrial Park Access Road and to authorize it to be re-bid with changes made to the scope of the project.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following item was approved:

The Agreement with ALDOT concerning the financing of Project ECP 28-073-13 ATRIP 28-05-20 for the Bridge Replacement on Friendship Church Road and to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following item was approved:

The contract with Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood for Construction Engineering and Inspection of the Wesson Gap Road Bridge Replacement Project and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. This is to be paid through the ATRIP Program as part of the replacement cost of the bridge.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following items were combined and approved in one motion:

- a. The request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for Food Service Supplies – Jail.
- b. The request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for Lawn Maintenance – County Buildings.
- c. The request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for Traffic Safety Yellow Dot Program supplies including vinyl folders, stickers, pamphlets, banners, and inserts.
- d. The request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. FY 2014-2015-19 Food Trays – Jail to Design Specialties, Inc., the lowest most responsible bidder.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following items were combined and approved in one motion:

- a. To place the name of Cody Belyeu in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy at the request of Etowah County Sheriff, Todd Entrekin, effective April 21, 2015. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.77.
- b. To place the name of Chad Langdale in the Sheriff's Department job slot of FTO at the request of Etowah County Sheriff, Todd Entrekin, effective April 21, 2015. This is a promotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.80.

- c. To place the name of Joseph Isbell in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy-SRO at the request of Etowah County Sheriff, Todd Entrekin, effective April 21, 2015. This is a voluntary demotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.49.
- d. To place the name of Haydyn Hedgspeth in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy-SRO at the request of Etowah County Sheriff, Todd Entrekin, effective April 21, 2015. This is a voluntary demotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.80.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Choate, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following item was approved:

The request of Spencer Gray, Facility Maintenance Manager, to transfer Regina Adkison to Building Service Worker effective April 21, 2015. This is a voluntary demotion to be paid from the General Fund, Maintenance Department, at \$9.06 per hour.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following item was approved:

The resolution authorizing the issuance of the County's \$3,905,000 General Obligation Refunding Warrants, Series 2015-A, to redeem and retire the County's General Obligation Warrants, Series 2008-A and to pay the costs of roadway improvements in the County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following item was approved:

The resolution authorizing the issuance of the County's \$3,560,000 General Obligation Refunding Warrants, Series 2015-B, to redeem and retire the County's General Obligation Warrants, Series 2008-B and to pay the costs of public buildings, road, and bridge improvements in the County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2015.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:**

**Deputy Administrator/CFO:** No Report.  
**County Engineer:** No Report.  
**County Attorney:** No Report.  
**Other:** No Report.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said his son graduated from Gadsden State Community College and he also thanked UAB, saying Etowah County has a lot of alumni from UAB.

Commissioner Fuller said he was going to get educated this week and was looking forward to it (he and Joey Statum were attending ALGTI classes later in the week).

Commissioner Overstreet thanked Gadsden State saying that his family all attended the community college and added there was also a lot of medical assistants coming out of UAB (his daughter is in the medical field as well). He added how important it was for the students to get the full experience when attending college and believes the sports promote teamwork. He thanked the UAB representatives for the movement they are working toward and wished them success. He also asked for prayers for our District Attorney.

Commissioner Parker commended Dr. Lavender, GSCC Interim President, on the job she does and said her oldest son was planning to go to Gadsden State and then later transfer to UAB. She feels Gadsden State has a good partnership with UAB.

Commissioner Choate thanked Gadsden State for what they do for this county. He said he was contacted by a good friend about the UAB situation and he wanted to do the proclamation to try to show the Commission stands behind them and what they are trying to accomplish. He asked for prayers for Jimmy Harp.

Commissioner Payne said he had taken courses at GSCC and at JSU. He said we appreciate all they provide for the county including the technical and service training programs. He added that UAB was a fine institution and hoped they were able to get the football back. The athletics are an important part of education. He thanked them for coming and said he was glad they brought their cheerleader.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

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Lewis H. Fuller, Commissioner, District 2

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Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

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Larry V. Payne, President, Commissioner, District 3

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Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6