

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
September 15, 2015**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 15th Day of September, 2015. Commissioner Larry Payne called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, 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 5 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 6 – Tim Choate

Absent: Carolyn Parker – District 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: None.

Commissioner Payne asked Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to read the agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Statum, 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 September 1, 2015, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for September 15, 2015.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for August 2015 has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 43.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 item was approved:

The request from the Gadsden Kiwanis club to close the Courthouse at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 7, 2015, so the parking lot can be used as a staging area for the Annual Christmas Parade.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

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:

The addition of *Appendix BP 5 – Extreme Heat and Cold* and “*Summary of Etowah County All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan – Appendix BP 5: Extreme Heat and Cold*” to the County’s All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan as requested by the Gadsden/Etowah County Emergency Management Agency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

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:

The Resolution Adopting a Title VI Plan to comply with federal requirements as required by the Alabama Department of Transportation and to authorize the RSVP Director to revise and update the plan, as necessary. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 42.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 item was approved:

The Resolution regarding the "Stepping Up Initiative" which strives to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 44.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 item was approved:

The request of Lora Weaver, Rural Transportation Director, to hire Dannie Box as a Part-time Van Driver, effective October 1, 2015. This is a part-time position to be paid from the Senior Nutrition Fund at an hourly rate of \$8.85.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Annette Thompson to Chief Clerk Tags and Titles, effective October 1, 2015. This is a promotion to be paid from the Revenue Department, General Fund, at an annual rate of \$45,000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Sherry Runyan as a Part-time Revenue Clerk/Assessing, effective September 28, 2015. This is a part-time position to be paid from the Revenue Department, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$9.75.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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:

To place the name of Christopher Hill in the Sheriff's Department Job slot of Detention Deputy, effective September 15, 2015. This is a new hire to be paid by the General Fund, Jail Department, at an hourly rate of \$10.77.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 request of Michael Head, Coroner, to hire Jeff Word as a Part-time Deputy Coroner, effective September 15, 2015. This is a new hire part-time position to be paid from the Coroner's Office, General Fund, at a monthly rate of \$50.00.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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:

The request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments to reflect the refinancing activities of the 2008-A & 2008-B G. O. Warrants that occurred April 28, 2015:

Increase: Debt Issuance Costs (448.62300)	\$132,884
Payment to Refunded Bond Escrow Agent (448.62200)	\$7,212,088
Original Issue Premium (448.61350)	\$171,404
Issuance of Refunding Warrants (448.61320)	\$7,465,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 item was approved:

The request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. FY 2014-2015-28 Full Service Printing and Mailing Service of Tax Forms – Revenue Commission (Business Personal Property) to Diversified Companies, \ L. L. C., after all bids were considered.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 item was approved:

The request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. FY 2014-2015-29 Garbage Service-County Buildings – 3 Year Contract to Republic Services (formerly BFI), after all bids were tabulated.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 item was approved:

The request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to make the following budget amendments:

Increase: Vehicle Repairs (111.53100.234)	\$10,000
Construction Equipment Repairs (111.53100.232)	\$10,000
Decrease: Contract Services (111.53100.185)	\$20,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 item was approved:

To have the First Reading for the ABC Board Application License Type 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premise Only) and Type 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premise Only) for applicant, NIYA Food Mart, Inc., under the trade name Shell Food Mart, located at 1734 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, Al 35901. This request is being made by Milankumar Patel and is a license transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for the financing of the heavy equipment that was purchased in April 2015:

Increase: Construction Equipment (111.53100-561)	\$1,667,507
Proceeds - Capital Lease (111.61361)	\$1,667,507

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: No Report.

County Engineer: No Report.
County Attorney: No Report.
Other: No Report.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Choate said he thought they were going to have to have a play off on the Miss America pageant since 6 of the 7 were in the SEC.

Commissioner Overstreet thanked everyone for being here.

Commissioner Fuller said he was glad the resolution passed to have the part-time driver for Rural Transportation so they could continue the food program at Lookout Mountain.

Commissioner Statum thanked the staff for working on the budget and for moving Etowah County forward. He thanked Sherrie and Kevin and the department heads.

Commissioner Payne said he tried not to call Kevin or Sherrie while they were working on the budget because he knew they were under a lot of stress trying to complete the budget. He also praised the department heads for working together. He said it was a tough budget with the county absorbing the increase in insurance cost.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

Lewis H. Fuller, Commissioner, District 2

ABSENT

Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, President, Commissioner, District 3

Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6