

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
October 20, 2015**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 20th Day of October, 2015. Commissioner Larry Payne called the meeting to order at 10:02 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, November 7, 2015**. They do not accept tires, batteries, appliances or hazardous waste.

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 by Commissioner Parker on behalf of the Commission to the Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit to commend them for their recognition from the FBI regarding their efforts in Operation “Ghost Face” and their overall outstanding efforts. The members include seven Deputy Sheriff’s, four Gadsden Police Officers, one Alabama National Guard Intelligence Officer, one Gadsden Administrative Assistance, and one assigned Special Agent of the FBI. They are celebrating their tenth anniversary this month and are responsible for over nine thousand felony arrests.

Commissioner Payne asked Sherrie Kelley, CAO, to read the agenda items.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Choate, 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 October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 20th, 2015.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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:

The franchise agreement with Charter Communications and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 53.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Parker, 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 for Forensic Services, Consultation, and Education’ between Jacksonville State University and the Etowah County Commission and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 52.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 from Bobby Junkins, Judge of Probate, to designate BBVA Compass Bank of Gadsden, Alabama, to be the depository for the operating funds of the Probate Office from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, 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 from Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO to declare the HP Design Jet 510 42” Plotter, Asset No. 09730, Asset No. 09730, as surplus.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, with all other members voting “yes”, the following resolution was **tabled**:

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

The request of Bobby Junkins, Judge of Probate, to adopt the Polling Precincts, as listed below, for the Upcoming 2016 Elections: March 1, 2016 – Presidential Preference Primary; April 12, 2016 – Run-Off Election; and November 8, 2016 – General Election.

**ETOWAH COUNTY POLLING PRECINCTS**

# OF	MACH BEAT LOCATION	COUNTY HOUSE #			
		DIST	DIST VOTERS		
2	1-1	NOCCALULA KIWANIS PAVILION	2-3-5	29	2437
2	1-2	ELLIOTT COMMUNITY CENTER	2-3-5	29	2001
2	1-3	CARVER COMMUNITY CENTER	5	28	2025
1	1-4	NORTH GADSDEN RECREATION CENTER	2-5	28	1715
1	1-5	ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH	5	28	463
1	1-6	WALNUT PARK RECREATION CENTER	5-6	28	1138
2	1-7	GADSDEN CONVENTION HALL	5-6	28	2382
1	1-8	TABERNACLE CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER	6	28	591
2	1-9	WALLACE HALL AT G.S.C.C.	5-6	28	2893
1	1-10	MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH	6	28	2029
2	1-11	EAST GADSDEN RECREATION CENTER	1-5	28	2616
3	2	SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER	1	29/30	5779
1	3	TILLISON BEND WATER AUTHORITY	1	28	730
2	4	GEO WALLACE SENIOR CITIZENS CTR	1-6	28/30	3498
3	5-1	HOKES BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER	1-2	28/29	4576
1	6	FORD'S VALLEY HWY 278 WATER CO-OP	2	29	737
2	8	NORTHEAST ETOWAH COMMUNITY CTR	2-5	29	2281
1	10	LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CTR	2	29	1894
1	11	REECE CITY TOWN HALL	2-3	29	635
1	13	CAVE SPRINGS COMMUNITY CLUB HOUSE	3	28/29	1219
2	14-1	1ST UNITED METHODIST CH OF ATTALLA	3-5	28	2098
2	14-2	ATTALLA RECREATION CENTER	4	28	2502
1	15	MOUNTAINBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	3	28	1377
2	16-1	SARDIS COMMUNITY CENTER	3	29	2196
1	16-3	NEW UNION COMMUNITY CENTER	3-4	28/30	1321
1	17	EGYPT COMMUNITY CENTER	3	28	475
	19	WALNUT GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	4	28/30	1241
1	20	ALTOONA FIRE DEPT	4	30	759
1	22	GALLANT COMMUNITY CENTER	4	30	554
3	23	RAINBOW CITY COMMUNITY CENTER	4-6	30	5135
1	24	WHORTON BEND FIRE STATION	6	30	1204
1	25	RAINBOW CITY FIRE DEPT STATION #2	4	30	900
1	26-1	IVALEE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	3	28	607
50					
		VOTERS - ACTIVE AND INACTIVE			62008
1		ABSENTEES			
		PROVISIONAL			
51					
		34 POLLING PLACES			
		INCLUDING ABSENTEES			

**This above item is tabled until the next meeting.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, 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 2014-2015-31 Electronic Document Hosting with Professional Scanning Services – Revenue Commission** to Docustor as recommended by Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, after bids were received.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 First Reading to reappoint Mike Bryant to the Tillison Bend Water Authority for a six-year term. This term will expire on March 1, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, 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 from Sheri McGinnis, Chief Clerk- Probate Office, to declare 13 desk chairs as surplus.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Parker, 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 Jeanette Reed, ASI Manager, to declare the following items as surplus:

<b>PC's -</b> Serial # 12212	Serial # 12288
Serial # MXL92214KQ	Serial # J0VRP51
Serial # 2UA91107XT	Serial # 2UA911085V
Serial # 11VRP51	Inventory # 8873
Inventory # 9292	Inventory #9059
Inventory # 9043	Inventory #9260
Inventory # 12286	Inventory # 8824.

**Printers:** HP Office Jet Pro 8000 (MY91F2413D & CN07A3K17B)  
HP Office Jet 6000 (MY9AK2J34J & MY9852J2VS)  
HP Photo Smart C6280 all in one (MY7CJH2047)  
HP Photo Smart C6180 all in one (MY732J600D)  
HP Office Jet Pro K8600 (TH87U220CF)  
HP DeskJet 5650 (MY41T4P1ZV, MY41T4P20P, MY4AD4N054, MY41T4P12J, and MY4AD4N09H)  
HP Laser Jet P1005 (VND3K04919 & VND3N03390)  
HP Desk Jet 5550 (MY29K1K174)  
HP940C (MX15Q6D04K)  
HP Photosmart C5580 All in One (MY8A5C21R6)  
HP Photosmart C4480 (CN88CHG2B2 & CN88CHG2D0)  
HP Desk Jet 5740 (MY4CH1W3GR)  
LexMark Optra 51625  
HP Laser Jet 2200d  
HP Laser Jet 4050N (2 of these)  
HP Office Jet 7140 XI all in one

Laptop  
Zerox Copier  
LP790 In Focus Projector w/bulbs  
Letter Opener 1648 Chadless Martin Yale

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Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, 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 authorize the Etowah County Commission to seek an Attorney General Opinion concerning the legal issue of when a municipal prisoner becomes a county prisoner.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 lease renewal between the Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit and Glen Ellis Jr. for storage and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 54.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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:

A motion to combine and approve agenda items M through V in one motion, all dealing with job slots in the Sheriff's Department. The Items are listed as follows:

- M. To place the name of Carly Nance in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Administrative Technician, effective October 20, 2015. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$9.75.
- N. To place the name of Josh Gaskin in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy, effective October 20, 2015. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.88.
- O. To place the name of William Gilmer in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy, effective October 20, 2015. This is a promotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.18.
- P. To place the name of Adam King in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy, effective October 20, 2015. This is a promotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.88.
- Q. To place the name of Eric Terrell in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy, effective October 20, 2015. This is a transfer to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.18.
- R. To place the name of Kaleb Littlejohn in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 20, 2015. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$10.77.
- S. To place the name of Brian Smith in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Investigator, effective October 20, 2015. This is a demotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$13.12.
- T. To place the name of Seth Williamson in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy Sheriff - Corrections, effective October 20, 2015. This is a demotion to be paid by the ICE Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.49.
- U. To place the name of Michael Capes in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 20, 2015. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.77.
- V. To place the name of Dylan Cornelius in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 20, 2015. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.77.

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**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 thanked Rob Savage and the Drug Enforcement Unit for all they do and told them to be safe.

Commissioner Parker thanked the DEU for what they do to keep the streets and the county safe.

Commissioner Overstreet continued with the thanked to the DEU and said they make a lot of difference in the lives of young people by working to rid the county of drug issues.

Commissioner Statum thanked the DEU as well and said words can't express how we feel about the work they do and it means a lot to the county, state and also other states. He shook everyone's hand before the meeting and said it was not political saying 'I mean that from the bottom of my heart'. He also said they are an elite group of men and women and 'we respect them very much'.

Commissioner Fuller expressed his appreciation to the DEU and said they needed to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Payne thanked those that asked about his wife after her recent surgery. He said the most important problem we have is not the environment (as some like to say) but the drug problem. He said it stems a lot of the other issues like theft, domestic violence, vandalism, and murder. He thanked the DEU for all they do and said they were appreciated.

Commissioner Choate reminded everyone that shred day (sponsored by RSVP) was on Saturday from 10 to 2.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Payne, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 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