

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
January 5, 2016**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 5th Day of January, 2016. Commissioner Larry Payne called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Sherrie Kelley, CAO, 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: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: Commissioner Fuller presented a proclamation and plaque to Commissioner Payne on behalf of the Commission, thanking him for his term as President and what they were able to accomplish under his leadership. Commissioner Payne thanked everyone and said they all worked together. He then handed the meeting over to Commissioner Lewis Fuller, the 2016 President of the Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, 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 December 15th, 2015, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for January 5th, 2016.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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 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, Circle K Stores Inc., under the trade name of Circle K Store 2723838, located at 1747 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901. This is a license transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

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 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, Dolgencorp, LLC, under the trade name of Dollar General Store 16338, located at 50 Plemons Road, Attalla, AL 35954.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker seconded by Commissioner Overstreet with all other members voting “yes”, the following resolution was tabled and will be considered at the next meeting:

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

To have the First Reading for the ABC Board Application License Type 050 Retail Beer (Off Premise Only) & Type 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premise Only) for applicant, ODAY'S Food Mart, LLC, under the trade name of ODAY'S Food Mart, located at 10291 Centre Road, Gadsden, AL 35903.

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

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 approve the ‘Advertising Space Lease Agreement’ for Rural Transportation Vehicles with Glen Williams Agency, Inc. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 67.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

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:

To have the First Reading to approve the renewal of Reginald Adams to the Board of the Etowah County Department of Human Resources. This will be for a six-year term and will expire on November 24, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, 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:

To approve the request from Sherrie Kelley, CAO, to hire Jason Dendy as a Part-time Kennel Tech for Animal Control, effective December 28, 2015. This is a part-time position to be paid from the Animal Control, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$9.28.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

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 from Sherrie Kelley, CAO, to hire Albert Allen as a Part-time Kennel Tech for Animal Control, effective January 4, 2016. This is a part-time position to be paid from the Animal Control, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$9.28.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, 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 Sherrie Kelley, CAO, to hire Vernon Dolberry as an Adoptions Director for Animal Control, effective January 1, 2016. This is a transfer to be paid from the Animal Control, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.00.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

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 from Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for Pump Replacement for Elevator “C” in Detention Center.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

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:

To place the name of Cody Barker in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 5, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.77.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

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:

To place the name of Allison Justice in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Administrative Technician, effective January 5, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

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 it had been an interesting year (starting and ending rough). He thanked Commissioner Payne for his leadership and the staff for all they do. He said he looked forward to working with Commissioner Fuller.

Commissioner Parker said it had been a challenging year and everyone had become close because of it. She thanked Commissioner Payne for his leadership and said she was looking forward to 2016 and working with Commissioner Fuller.

Commissioner Overstreet thanked Commissioner Payne for all he had done and also said Sherrie Kelley, CAO, had been a great addition to the staff. He told Commissioner Fuller if there was anything he needed help with he just needed to call because they had all been where he would be this year (as Commission President).

Commissioner Payne thanked everyone for the kind words and said it was reassuring that everyone thought he was doing a good job. He said he was just keeping the team together after going through losing a Commissioner and being without a CAO for a few months. He said the Capital Improvements were looking good and we had finally replaced the security cameras. He said the staff is doing a great job and have all helped keep everything together. He said the Commission had a goal to make the County a better place to live and Commissioner Choate did a good job getting the program off the ground. We just have to keep working on it.

Commissioner Statum thanked Commissioner Payne for 2015 and said he appreciated Commissioner Payne's service, focus, and passion. He said he knew Commissioner Fuller also had the same passion for the job and he looked forward to working with him.

Commissioner Payne added he would like to serve the county 4 more years and see some of the projects completed that have been started.

Commissioner Fuller said he appreciated the comments and support and that we had lost a great Commissioner (Kenney Tidmore). He said he knew he had big shoes to fill. He appreciated being welcomed as 'part of the family' and looks forward to a year of progress.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

Lewis H. Fuller, Commissioner, District 2

Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, President, Commissioner, District 3

Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6