

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
February 16, 2016**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 16th Day of February, 2016. Commissioner Lewis Fuller 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 5 out of 6 Commission members answered to their names and accordingly a quorum was found to be present:

District 2 – Lewis Fuller  
District 3 – Larry Payne

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

Absent: District 1 – Joey Statum

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

We will not have a work session on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:** Traci Pondick was presented a Certificate of Service for 10 years by Sherrie Kelley, CAO.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 February 2, 2016, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Fuller, 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 to appoint Alvin Ashley to the Highland Water Authority to complete the term of Steve Blackwell, who resigned on August 20, 2015. This term will end on March 1, 2017.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, 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 to appoint Frank Tillison to the Tillison Bend Water Authority to complete the term of John Blair, who resigned on March 1, 2016. This term will end on March 1, 2019.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

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 approve the request from Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to renew Bid No. FY 2012-2013-03 Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal for an additional year with Advanced Disposal beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017. This extension will have the same terms and conditions with the exception of the price which will increase to \$12.37 per month. (This is an increase of \$1.40 per month).

Commissioner Payne made comments that he was in favor but with the understanding that Advanced Disposal will clear up any problems moving forward that we have had in the past. They have a new manager.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, 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 Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for Cold Plant Mix Paving Materials.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to extend Bid No. FY 2014-2015-15 Unfinished Traffic Signs and Posts with Traffic Signs, Inc., for one year expiring March 2, 2017.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

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 2015-2016-03 Liquid Paving and Resurfacing to Charles E. Watts, Inc., the only bidder. These prices were reviewed and are in line with historical prices.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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:

The request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to extend Bid No. FY 2014-2015-19 Food Trays – Jail to Design Specialties, Inc., the current vendor. This extension will be for one year expiring on April 20, 2017.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, 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 revision to add 2 or more part-time deputies to be assigned to Courthouse Security; to work each part-time deputy no more than 29 hours each week; and to work all part-time deputies a combined total of no more than 58 hours each week. The purpose of this revision is to allow the Courthouse Security to have more than 2 part-time deputies to work the total allotted hours.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

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 Harry Butler, Chairman-Board of Registrars, to hire Cathy Ledbetter for part-time clerical help to work up to 220 hours for this fiscal year as needed to help with elections. This is a part-time position (no more than 29 hours to be worked each week) effective February 16, 2016, to be paid from the Board of Registrars Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.34.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 name of Lori Clough in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Administrative Technician, effective February 16, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Department, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.86.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

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 an RFP to be submitted for the Inmate Payphone Service.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss threatened or pending litigation after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. This session included the County Commissioners, the CAO, the CFO, and the Sheriff and/or his representatives. The following is a result of the roll call vote: District 1 – absent; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes. Commissioner Fuller dismissed to executive session at 10:15 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 reconvene from the Executive Session at 10:30 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 Parker reminded everyone it was Black History Month.

Commissioner Overstreet thanked Traci Pondick for all she does.

Commissioner Fuller thanked everyone.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

**ABSENT**

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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, President, Commissioner, District 2

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Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

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Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

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Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6