

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
April 7, 2016**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 7th Day of April, 2016. Commissioner Lewis Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Carolyn Parker led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Barbara Khojiovi spoke on the reports that the Etowah County Commission was planning to four-lane Hwy 11 in St Clair County to use as the main road in getting to the Megasite. She said this would wipe out the entire Town of Steele, which is a gift to Etowah County and Attalla. They come over here to do their shopping. She saw a report that stated this 4 lane would be the most cost effective way for people to get in and out of the megasite. There are 92 homes, a bank, post office, and multiple businesses that will be affected. These houses will either be destroyed or be right on the highway. She has gotten a petition up for everyone in Steele to sign plus got the Town of Steele to do a proclamation to show they did not support the road being four-laned. She said she hopes they get the megasite (with a direct access to the interstate) but leave the Town of Steele intact.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: Sheriff Todd Entrekin presented a 30 year Certificate of Service to Janet Daniels. She works in Corrections now but started out her first 8 years at the Courthouse. He said she has touched many lives and does a great job. He thanked her for her service. Chief Hassell also commended Ms. Daniels, saying that she has made a difference in many lives.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: Karen Bates, County Clerk, called the roll to establish a quorum. The following 4 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 5 – Carolyn Parker
District 6 – Tim Choate

Absent: Joey Statum – District 1
Jeff Overstreet – District 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: Commissioner Carolyn Parker presented a Proclamation to the Family Success Center to recognize April 2016 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Dena Thacker spoke on their goal to educate children about abuse and neglect. She says it happens everywhere (in all walks of life) and we have to make a difference. She brought blue ribbons for the Commissioners. She said the blue ribbons were adopted many years ago and represent the 'black & blue' symbolizing abuse.

Commissioner Lewis Fuller presented Dr. Martha Lavender of Gadsden State Community College with a Proclamation to recognize April as National Community College Month. Dr. Lavender spoke on how the school and community work together.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Parker, 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 March 15, 2016, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for April 7, 2016.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for March, 2016, has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 86.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 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 request from Lora Weaver, Rural Transportation Director, to approve the 2016 Certifications and Assurances, which is required for all applicants of federal assistance, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 83.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

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 Etowah County Commission Agency Agreement and Resolution for National Voter Registration Act- Voter Notices Postage Payment. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 84.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 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:

To have the Final Reading and Approval for the renewal of Jean Foster to the Board of the Etowah County Department of Human Resources for a six-year term. The term will end on February 16, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

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 Final Reading and Approval for the renewal of Ila Mae Wright to the Board of the Etowah County Department of Human Resources for a six-year term. The term will end on January 20, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, 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:

To place the name of Chad Langdale in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Sergeant, effective April 7th, 2016. This is a promotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

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:

To place the name of Bradley Saylor in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy, effective April 7th, 2016. This is a voluntary demotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, 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 Adam Chapman in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Investigator, effective April 7, 2016. This is a promotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$15.35.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

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 Lora Weaver, Director of Rural Transportation, to hire Dewey Griffith as a Part-time Van Driver for Rural Transportation, effective April 8, 2016. This is a replacement to be paid from the Rural Transportation Fund at an hourly rate of \$9.85.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

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 request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bid for a trailer for a Command Post for the Sheriff's Office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, 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 Randall Johnson, Commander of DEU, to declare the following weapons as surplus:

13 – Kimber Custom II TLE/RL 45 cal. -

Serial numbers: K216131; K216142; K216148; K216207; K216317; K216700; K216703; K216718; K216726; K216738; K216740; K216744 & K216769.

1 – Glock 27 40 cal. - Serial # LDA562

1 - Sig Sauer P250 45 cal - Serial # 57C010706

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 declare the following as surplus:

One Jayco Travel Trailer VIN# 1UJBJ02P061EP0521

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, 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:

To approve the Memo of Understanding: Etowah County Drug Task Force Administrative Exemption Employee Agreement; and Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement with regard to the position of Drug Enforcement Unit Commander and to authorize the Etowah County Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the MOU has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 85.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 the Etowah County DEU Board to designate Phil Sims as the Deputy Commander of the DEU, effective April 7, 2016. This is a replacement to be paid from the DEU Fund at an hourly rate of \$23.17.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

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 Agreement between the Etowah County Commission and the Humane Society Pet Rescue and Adoption Center of Gadsden, AL., and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 87.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

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 Agreement between the Etowah County Commission and Comcast of Alabama, LLC., and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Comcast Franchise Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 88.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 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 thanked everyone that came to the meeting today. He congratulated Ms. Daniels on her accomplishment. He also thanked Dr. Lavender and her staff. He said the issue of Child Abuse Prevention holds a tender place in his heart and he has zero tolerance for that. He thanked Family Success Center for all they do and also thanked Christy (with the Humane Society) for helping out the Animal Shelter. He thanked the Sheriff's Office for all they had done to help clean up and fix the shelter.

Commissioner Parker congratulated Ms. Daniels and commended her for her 30 years of service. She thanked Ms. Brown for helping out the shelter and thanked Family Success Center for all they do. She said she had the opportunity to be around Dr. Lavender and Dr. Vickers and enjoyed working with them.

Commissioner Payne agreed with Commissioner Choate and thanked the employees for what they do. He complemented Gadsden State Community College for all they contribute to the community. He said the children and grandchildren of the county will benefit from the goals this commission is working toward.

Commissioner Fuller thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Choate, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

ABSENT

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

ABSENT

Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

Lewis H. Fuller, President, Commissioner, District 2

Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6