

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

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 5th Day of July, 2016. Commissioner Choate called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Scott Hassell, Chief of Corrections, led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

**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 1 – Joey Statum  
District 4- Jeff Overstreet

District 5 – Carolyn Parker  
District 6 – Tim Choate

Absent: District 2 – Lewis Fuller  
District 3 – Larry Payne

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:**

Sheriff Entrekin introduced Scott Hassell to present certificates and to recognize the deputies that received Correctional Behavioral Health Certification from the American Correctional Association. These officers were John Abernathy, Bruce Word, Rodney Couch and Carrie McClung. Scott discussed how they had started the SAP Program in 2004, which has been visited by the Governor as well as the Commission of Mental Health for the State, with the Program setting a milestone. The Sheriff added the State reductions in Mental Health services (which have been forwarded to the county) are killing us financially. 'We are basically running a mental health facility as well as a drug rehab facility. Sheriff Entrekin and Chief of Corrections, Scott Hassell, appreciate these associates getting the training they need to make them better Correction Officers.

Commissioner Parker presented a Proclamation to Charles Gardner, the Principal at Hokes Bluff Elementary School, to recognize him for receiving the National Distinguished Principal Award. She read the proclamation to him and recognized his wife, 2 daughters, and son that were present. Mr. Gardner said he had a great school at Hokes Bluff Elementary and the staff enabled him to win the award. He will be attending the National Program at Washington DC in October. He also said he appreciates what the Commission does to help the schools.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 June 21st, 2016, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for July 5th, 2016.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Visa Credit Card Purchases has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 06.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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, Chief Administrative Officer, to approve the job title change from Financial Controller to Accounting Manager (to better represent the job duties). This change was approved by the Personnel Board on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

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 Sherrie Kelley, CAO, to promote Belinda Childress to Accounting Manager, effective July 5, 2016. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Commission Office, at an annual salary of \$45,000.  
**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

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 Jamie Thompson, Animal Control Director, to hire Joey Putman as Kennel Tech, effective July 7, 2016. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Animal Shelter, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

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 Jamie Thompson, Animal Control Director, to hire Tammy Fisher as Adoption Coordinator, effective July 21, 2016. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Animal Shelter, at an hourly rate of \$11.54.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 of Jeff Little, Personnel Director, to promote Denice Leftwich to Personnel Assistant, effective July 6, 2016. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Personnel Department, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 Tim Graves, County Engineer, to promote Nicholas Messer to Mechanic, effective July 6, 2016. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund at an annual rate of \$28,231.29.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to demote Kelley McCormick to Tag & Title Clerk, effective July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This is a voluntary demotion and a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Revenue Department, at an hourly rate of \$11.70.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 Trenton Landon Green in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy Trainee, effective July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

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:

To place the name of Vernon Lee in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Trainee, effective July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This is a Temporary New Hire for Courthouse Security to fill in for an employee on leave and will be paid from the General Fund, Courthouse, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to extend Bid No. FY 2014-2015-25 “Superpave Bituminous Concrete Asphalt (Plant Mix) In Place” to McCartney Construction for a one year period to expire on July 20, 2017, as provided for in the original bid.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. FY 2015-2016-08 (2) 2016 Small SUV – Reappraisal Department, to Ronnie Watkins Ford, the apparent low bidder.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 2014-2015-23 “Hot Plant Mix Paving Materials FOB Plant” to Jim’s Asphalt, LLC, for a one year period to expire on July 7, 2017, as provided for in the original bid. This will be the first of two possible extensions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 approve the ‘Resolution for the Purchase of Controlled Equipment’ which defines the policy on controlled expenditures, as per President’s Executive Order 13688, and is required for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to have the following vehicles declared as surplus to be sold by auction:

Asset #	Equipment ID	VIN #	Description
9422	1008	1M2AX09CXAM008917	Mack Dump Truck
9417	1009	1M2AX09C6AM008932	Mack Dump Truck
9418	1010	1M2AX09C8AM008933	Mack Dump Truck
9419	1011	1M2AX09CXAM008934	Mack Dump Truck
9847	1018	1M2AX09C4DM017309	Mack Dump Truck
9934	1036	1M2AX09C9FM023447	Mack Dump Truck

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

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 Sherrie Kelley, CAO, to grant approval for an employee in the Revenue Commissioner’s Office, to receive catastrophic sick leave donations with a cap of 480 hours.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

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 Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments to the accounts listed for discretionary funds given by the Commissioners toward the purchase of an in-car camera system, upon request of the Sheriff's Office:

Increase: Equipment<Threshold	(001.52100-471)	\$25,000
Increase: Donations	(001.40000.47700-000)	\$25,000

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 authorize the President of the Etowah County Commission to enter into a contract and agreement for the purchase of approximately 160 acres at the Little Canoe Creek Industrial Site. This is the Little Property and has been previously discussed in an Executive Session.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 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 congratulated Mr. Gardner on his award and thanked CED Mental Health representatives for coming.

Commissioner Overstreet thanked them for coming (CED Mental Health) and said he appreciated them stepping up. He congratulated the Sheriff's Office and Mr. Gardner. He also thanked Jamie for the work he is doing at the Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Statum commented on the Shelter going from having about 9 adoptions in a month to having 53 last month. He also thanked the Mental Health for the update and congratulated the Sheriff's Office and Charles Gardner on their recognition. He also thanked everyone that came to the meeting.

Commissioner Choate thanked Jamie for the job he is doing at the Shelter. He also congratulated Mr. Gardner and his family. He said the Sheriff's Office has people stepping up to get the job done and he also thanked the CED Mental Health.

**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 10:30 am.

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

**ABSENT**

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Lewis H. Fuller, President, Commissioner, District 2

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Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

**ABSENT**

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Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

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Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6