

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
September 20, 2016**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 20th Day of September, 2016. Commissioner Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Commissioner Overstreet 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 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 V. Payne

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:** Mr. Self, Post Commander with VFW Post 2760, along with Sheriff Entrekin, presented an award to Robin Grant for Police Officer of the Year and to Dustin Watkins for Fire Fighter of the Year. He thanked them for the service they do for the Community. Sheriff Entrekin thanked the VFW for recognizing the Police and the Fire Fighters each year. For the last two years, the Fire Fighter that was recognized was also a Part-time Deputy. The Police Officer of the year that has been recognized has also been one of the Deputies for the Sheriff.

The VFW Posts also recognize teachers and spent over \$17,000 from their Community Service fund to give back to others through these recognition programs.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Payne, 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 September 6th, 2016, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for September 20th, 2016.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for August, 2016, have been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 16.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Final Reading and Approval to appoint Mayor Wally Burns to replace Fred Christopher on the Etowah County 911 Communications District Board for a four year term, which will expire on August 18, 2020.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Final Reading and Approval to appoint Michael Barton to complete the term of Todd Entrekin on the Etowah County 911 Communications District Board. This term will expire on August 18, 2017.

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

The Resolution to enter into an Agreement with the State of Alabama (acting by and through ALDOT) to construct a bridge replacement on CR-2 (Jackson Trail Road) over Locust Fork and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. This is Project # ACBRZ59783-ATRP (005); ECP# 28-077-12; ATRIP# 28-03-14. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 17.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to designate the Exchange Bank of Alabama as the depository for the operating funds of the Revenue Commissioner's Office of Tags & Titles for the year beginning October 1, 2016, including satellite offices located in Hokes Bluff, Rainbow City, Sardis, and Walnut Grove.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to designate BBVA Compass as the depository for the operating funds of the Revenue Commissioner's Office for Collections for the year beginning October 1, 2016, including the collections of all real and business personal property, mobile homes, and redemptions.

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

The Final Reading and Approval regarding the ABC Board Application for Rocky Ford General Store located at 11205 Rocky Ford Road in Piedmont, Alabama 36272, to Lucky 13 LLC Rocky Ford General Store (Henry Michael Sanders) for License Type 050-Retail Beer (off premise only) and License Type 070-Retail Table Wine (off premise only). This is a transfer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to declare the following Coroner's vehicle as surplus:

One 2007 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN# 2FAHP71W27X151630

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 annual request from the Gadsden Kiwanis to close the Courthouse at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to allow the Courthouse Parking lot to be used as a staging area for the Christmas Parade.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 'Agreement for Forensic Services, Consultation, and Education' between the Etowah County Commission and Jacksonville State University on behalf of the Etowah County Sheriff's Office for a term of one year beginning October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017; Also to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 18.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 the Etowah County Coroner, London Pierce, to hire Michael Allan Bolton as Chief Deputy Coroner.

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

The request of Harry Butler, Chairman of the Board of Registrars, to hire Cathy Ledbetter as a Temporary Clerk for the period of September 13, 2016 through September 30, 2016, with total hours not to exceed 48 for the period. She will be paid from the Board of Registrars Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.34.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate 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 Alabama Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract with Coosa Valley, the designated Detention Center, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 19.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 request of Sherrie Kelley, CAO, to award the Inmate Payphone Contract for the Detention Center to NCIC, who submitted the apparent highest rated Request for Proposal; Also, to authorize the CAO to execute all documents (which are subject to review by the County Attorney). A copy of the award letter has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 20. A full copy of the Contract will be filed in the Commission Office.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Overstreet with all other members voting "yes", the following resolutions were combined and adopted in one motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following items were approved:

- a. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to make the following line item adjustments:

Increase: Salaries & Wages (120.51800-113)	\$32,985
Retirement Contribution (120.51800-121)	\$6,175
Life Insurance (120.51800-123)	\$300
Unemployment Insurance (120.51800-126)	\$1,220
Dental Insurance (120.51800-141)	\$515
Aerial Photography (120.51800-179)	\$123,650
Tire & Tubes (120.51800-215)	\$597
Operating Lease – Copy Machines (120.51800-223)	\$1,000
Utilities – Electricity (120.51800-244)	<u>\$8,000</u>
Total Increases	\$174,442

Decrease: Part-Time Wages (120.51800-114)	\$41,195
Membership Dues & Fees (120.51800-171)	\$1,000
Data Processing Supplies (120.51800-201)	\$2,000
Repairs & Maintenance –Office Equip (120.51800-233)	\$6,500
Repairs & Maintenance – GIS Software(120.51800-239)	\$5,000
Repairs & Maintenance –GIS Hardware (120.51800-240)	\$2,150
Rep & Maint-Appraisal DP Software (120.51800-241)	\$2,500
Communications - Telephone (120.51800-251)	\$5,500
Gasoline for County Vehicles (120.51800-266)	\$597
Data Proc – Computer Hardware (120.51800-581)	\$50,000
Data Proc – Computer Software (120.51800-586)	\$25,000
Data Proc – GIS Software (120.51800-588)	<u>\$33,000</u>
Total Decreases	\$174,442

- b. To approve the request of Lee Taylor, Chief Administrator for the Etowah County Sheriff, to make the following line item transfers and adjustments:

**Account: 001.52100**

Increase:

Uniforms, Clothing & Footwear (203)	\$3,300
Repairs & Maintenance – Other (242)	\$2,100
Tire & Tubes (215)	\$3,500
Repair & Maint.- Vehicles (234)	\$9,000
Equipment Below Threshold (471)	\$64,530
Motor Vehicles (551)	<u>\$7,000</u>
Total	\$89,430

Decrease:

Fuel & Lubricants (212)	\$57,430
Contract Services (185)	\$7,000
Other Equipment (549)	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total	\$89,430

**Account: 001.52200**

Increase:

Equipment Below Threshold (471)	\$35,000
Tire & Tubes (215)	\$600
Repairs & Maintenance-Other (242)	\$6,000
Motor Vehicles (551)	<u>\$7,000</u>
Total	\$48,600

Decrease:

Food, Food Prep, & Food Service Supplies (218)	\$5,000
Office Supplies (211)	\$2,500
Travel – Training & Registration Fees (265)	\$2,500
Fuel & Lubricants (212)	\$8,600
Repairs & Maint.-Motor Vehicles (234)	\$5,000
Other Equipment (549)	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total	\$48,600

**DARE FUND:**

Increase:

Salaries & Wages (177.52100-113)	\$7,321
Retirement Contribution (177.52100-121)	\$642
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (177.52100-124)	<u>\$427</u>
Total	\$8,390

Increase:

Operating Transfer In-General Fund (177.61000-001)	\$2,945
Donations (177.47700-000)	\$2,945

Decrease:

Miscellaneous Supplies (177.52100-219)	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total	\$8,390

**DEU Fund:**

Increase:

Travel-Lodging & Meals (288.52970-264)	\$3,565
Motor Vehicles (288.52970-551)	<u>\$23,572</u>
Total	\$27,137

Increase:

Sale of Capital Assets (288.61210-000)	\$12,000
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Decrease:

Overtime Pay (288.52970-116)	\$3,597
Drug Card (288.52970-142)	\$575
Fuel & Lubricants (288.52970-212)	\$5,000
Travel – Training & Registration Fees (288.52970-265)	\$2,000
Insurance – Buildings (288.52970-271)	\$2,000
Insurance – Motor Vehicles (288.52970-272)	\$960
Miscellaneous (288.52970-499)	<u>\$1,005</u>
Total	\$27,137

**ICE Fund:**

Increase:

Office Supplies (195.52210-211)	\$3,087
Cleaning & Janitorial Supplies (195.52210-216)	\$18,841
Miscellaneous Supplies (195.52210-219)	\$1,680
Rep & Maint – Data Proc Equip (195.52210-235)	\$980
Equipment<Threshold (195.52210-471)	<u>\$5,430</u>
Total	\$30,018

Decrease:

Health Insurance (195.52210-122)	\$24,366
Postage (195.52210-252)	\$1,000
Training & Registration Fees (195.52210-265)	\$4,000
Insurance – Buildings (195.52210-271)	<u>\$652</u>
Total	\$30,018

c. To approve the request of the Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendment:

**Public Building, Road & Bridge Fund:**

Increase: Buildings (112.51100-521)	\$862,500
Issuance of Long Term Debt (112.6134)	\$862,500

d. To approve the request of the Tim Graves, Etowah County Engineer, to make the following Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers:

**Gas Tax Fund:**

Increase: Construction Equipment (111.53100-561)	\$849,305
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Sale of Capital Assets (111.61210-000)	\$644,350
Difference	\$204,955
Decrease: Motor Vehicles (111.53100-551)	\$170,000
Right of Way Acquisitions (111.53100-406)	\$4,000
Other Equipment (111.53100-549)	\$5,000
Office Equipment (111.53100-541)	\$1,400
Miscellaneous Supplies (111.53100-219)	\$15,000
Road Construction Supplies (111.53100-213)	\$9,555
Total	\$204,955

- e. To approve the request of the Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers:

**Community Traffic Safety Fund:**

Increase: Longevity Pay (265.52800-106)	\$150
Salaries & Wages (265.52800-113)	\$17,248
Retirement Contribution (265.52800-121)	\$1,849
Health Insurance (265.52800-122)	\$1,841
Life Insurance (265.52800-123)	\$65
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (265.52800-124)	\$1,478
Dental Insurance (265.52800-141)	\$81
Operating Transfer In- General Fund (265.61000-001)	\$22,712
Increase: Operating Transfer Out – CTSP Fund (001.62000-265)	\$22,712
Decrease: Fund Balance (001.35900)	\$22,712

- f. To approve the request of the Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers:

**Animal Control Department:**

Increase: Contract Services (001.55400-185)	\$4,250
Medical Services-Animal Control (001.55400-187)	\$1,736
Other Miscellaneous Supplies (001.55400-219)	\$23,992
Operating Leases – Copy Machines (001.55400-223)	\$1,600
Rep & Maint – Bldgs, Land, & Improvements (001.55400-231)	\$6,600
Equipment <Threshold (001.55400-471)	\$3,280
Decrease: Fuel & Lubricants (001.55400-212)	\$3,500
Tires & Tubes (001.55400-215)	\$625
Rep & Maint – Motor Vehicles (001.55400-234)	\$475
Travel – Mileage (001.55400-262)	\$500
Travel – Lodging & Meals (001.55400-264)	\$2,000
Fund Balance (001.35900)	\$34,358

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Statum congratulated Dustin for his service and agreed with the Sheriff that it is a calling (to be a First Responder). He said not everyone is cut out to do that and he gave his thanks and appreciation for the ones that choose to be a First Responder. He also thanked the employees and their families in law enforcement for all they do and he thanked the VFW for recognizing these police and fire fighter of the year and for all else they do.

Commissioner Payne congratulated Cyndi Nelson (with the Gadsden Times) for her recent promotion to Co-editor. He also thanked the First Responders and Law Enforcement for their service and thanked their family members for the sacrifices they have to make. He stressed the importance of safety.

Commissioner Overstreet thanked everyone for their service and thanked the employees.

Commissioner Parker did not have anything to add today.

Commissioner Choate congratulated Robin Grant and Dustin Watkins for receiving the awards from the VFW for Police Officer of the Year and Fire Fighter of the Year and said he appreciated all of the First Responders for the job they do.

Commissioner Fuller agreed with everyone.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Payne, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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, 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