

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
January 17, 2017**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 17th Day of January, 2017. Commissioner Choate called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Commissioner Payne led the Prayer and the 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 1 – Joey Statum
District 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Larry V. Payne

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Advanced Disposal will have open top containers at four locations between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm for residential clean up of household trash on **Saturday, February 4th, 2017**. They do not accept tires, batteries, appliances or hazardous waste.

Locations of containers:

Leeth Gap and Sardis Road – across from old County Shop
Intersection of Hwy 278 & Hwy 132
Whorton Bend Volunteer Fire Department
Gaston High School at Hwy 411 North

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:

Commissioner Choate presented a Proclamation to Senator Phil Williams on behalf of the *Association of County Commissions of Alabama* to express appreciation to the Senator for Passage of Acts 2016-127 (which insures counties can secure specialized legal representation to negotiate and litigate complex property tax appeals) & 2016-164 (which advocates for the state's juvenile justice system to include more equitable state and municipal participation and limits the county's role in the care and detention of youth held pursuant to state or municipal laws). A copy of the Proclamation has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 40.

Senator Williams discussed the importance of being able to use outside council on such issues as Lowe's trying to get their property declared a lower value by stating they will have a harder time reselling their property due to limited uses. We have a perfect example of a Lowe's store that was sold to Academy when they build a new store in Etowah County. He also said he was meeting with the Legislators about the cost of juvenile probation.

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. That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated January 3rd, 2017, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for January 17th, 2017.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for December 2016 has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 41.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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 Final Reading and Approval to appoint Shane Ellison to the Etowah County Communications District Board to complete the unexpired term of Richard Crouch; this term expires on August 18, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, 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 for sick leave donations for an employee in the Revenue Department. This employee has met the eligibility requirements for the Sick Leave Donation Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

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 Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award **Bid No. FY 2014-2015-07 Metal and Side Drain Pipe** for an additional year with current vendor, Harvey Culvert Company, to expire on January 5, 2018. This will be the second and final extension on this bid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to extend Bid No. FY 2014-2015-06 Finished Traffic Signs for an additional year with Traffic Signs, Inc., to expire on January 5, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

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 place the name of Jermy Qualls in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective January 17, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.25.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet with all other members voting "yes", the following items were combined and adopted:

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

The Supplemental Agreement between Etowah County Commission and the State of Alabama Relative to A Pass Through of Federal Funds for a Nonurbanized Area Public Transportation Project for Etowah County and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 42.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with Commissioner Statum voting 'no' and Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Payne, and Commissioner Choate voting "yes", the following item was approved:

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

The 'Resolution in Support of Atrip-2 Bond Issue' which is a proposed three-cent bond issue whose revenue would be dedicated to improving Alabama's declining road and bridge infrastructure. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 43.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Grant, with all other members voting "yes", the following item was approved:

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

The Agreement with Whorton Engineering, Inc., for a screening system for a sanitary sewer at the Etowah County Jail at a tentative cost of \$125,000 and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 44.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with all other members voting "yes", the following item was approved:

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

The following Agreements with the Etowah County Commission for District 2 for funding support from the District 2 Discretionary Fund Account: (A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 45).

a. Etowah Junior Livestock Association

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

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 thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Choate reminded everyone that they were having the swearing in for the elected officials in the Judicial Building at 11:00 am.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, President, Commissioner, District 2

Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6