

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
February 20, 2018**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 20th Day of February, 2018. Commissioner Overstreet called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: Deborah Gaither, EMA Director, spoke about this being *Severe Weather Preparedness Week*, February 23 - February 25th, 2018 being *Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday*. She also talked about Skywarn, a 1st Responder Storm Spotter Training on March 21st from 10 am - noon at the EMA Office and asked everyone to share with any first responders. This is presented by the National Weather Service in Birmingham. The *2nd Annual Spring Break Preparedness Event* is March 27, 2018 from 10 until 2, which is an event for kids ages 4 - 12 with lunch provided. This event will go over fun ways to prepare for weather emergencies. Also, *the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)* will begin in May and consists of 6 classes. This is a free training to help members of the community be better prepared to help your neighbors during times of need. (You must attend all 6 classes to be certified.) Deborah thanked the Commissioners for their time and asked that anyone with questions to give her a call.

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 and quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum
District 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Larry Payne

District 4 – Jeff Overstreet
District 5 – Carolyn Parker

Absent: Tim Choate – District 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: Sheriff Entrekin presented an award to recognize several employees of the Sheriff's Office who worked as volunteers in Morton County, North Dakota, during the Dakota Access Pipeline Protest. The volunteers include: Jason Argo, Tara Bates, Kevin Hassell, Jeremy Lasseter, Gilbert Lucero, and Bobby Ridgeway. He also recognized Deborah Gaither and Kelley McGinnis and thanked them for all they did to get the details worked out and everything coordinated to allow these volunteers to be able to help North Dakota and to allow the Sheriff's Office to get reimbursed for expenses. He said they send people to other places when Sheriffs call for help because no Sheriff stands alone. They needed help in North Dakota to clear out the protesters, who had been there for about 8 months, before the winter thaw brought in floods. The Sheriff in Morton County (ND) made sure to look them up at a recent National Convention and thank them personally for sending help.

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:

CONSENT AGENDA: All items designated as "Consent" are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will be permitted unless a Commissioner so requests. If so, such item(s) will revert to New Business:

- A. That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated February 6th, 2018, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for February 20th, 2018.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To place the name of Brian Smith in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Investigator, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective February 1st, 2018. This is a transfer, to be paid by the Domestic Violence Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.95.
- E. To Place the name of James Woods in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Part-time – Security/Trans Assistant, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective February 20, 2018. This is a part-time replacement to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.25.
- F. To Place the name of Lona Atkins in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective February 26, 2018. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- G. To Place the name of Charmaine Coffman in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective February 26, 2018. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- H. To Place the name of Ethan Curtis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective February 26, 2018. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- I. To Place the name of Cameron Burton in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective February 26, 2018. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- J. To approve the request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for Food Trays – Jail.

- K. To approve the request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to extend Bid No FY 2016-2017-03 Janitorial Services – Fleet Maintenance Building (Engineering Division) with the current vendor, Alabama Rent-A-Maid, to expire on December 12, 2018.
- L. To approve the request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to extend Bid No FY 2016-2017-07 Office Supplies with the current vendor, Observer Supply Company, Inc., to expire on February 6, 2019.
- M. To approve the Hospital Services Agreement Between Etowah County Commission and Gadsden Regional Medical Center, LLC, regarding service for inpatient, outpatient and emergency department treatment of the Detention Center Inmates and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page
- N. To approve Resolution 02202018-01 – approving the Amendments to the ‘Etowah County Rural Transportation Zero Tolerance Substance Abuse Policy’. A copy of this policy has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 55.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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 Bobby Junkins, Judge of Probate, to hire Autumn Yvette Handy as a Part-time Probate Clerk, effective March 1, 2018. This is a Part-time position to be paid from the General Fund, Probate Department, at an hourly rate of \$10.86.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Grant, 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 First Reading to approve the reappointment of Wayne East to the Board of the Etowah County Department of Human Resources. This is for a six-year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Grant, 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 adopt the polling places listed for the June 5, 2018 – Primary Election; July 17, 2018 – Primary Run-Off Election; and November 6, 2018 – General Election. A copy of the Etowah County Polling Precincts has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 56.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

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 approve an agreement to purchase Electronic Poll Books from Election Systems and Software, LLC., and to authorize the CAO to execute any documents. Money from the HAVA Grant will be used to cover most of this cost. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 57.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Grant, with Commissioner Parker abstaining and 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 First Reading to appoint Carolyn Parker to the CED Mental Health Board to represent Etowah County. This will be to fill a vacant post with a term through April 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

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 approve the First Reading to reappoint Sharon Maness to the CED Mental Health Board for another term (through April 2023).

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of a county employee after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; and District 5 – yes. Also attending the Executive Session was David Akins, Jeff Little, Kevin Dollar, and Jim Turnbach. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:20 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

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:

To reconvene from Executive Session. The Commission reconvene at 10:40 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

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: None.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Payne, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Jeff Overstreet, President, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

ABSENT

Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6