

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
November 5, 2019**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 5th Day of November, 2019. Commissioner Statum called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and led in 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: The roll was called 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 V. Payne

District 5 – Jeffery Washington

District 6 – Craig Inzer

Tim Ramsey – District 4 (missed the beginning of the meeting due to an official engagement but came in for the Executive Session.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:

Commissioner Statum read a Proclamation to express the Commissioners' appreciation to The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Gadsden Plant, for what they contribute to the local economy through the jobs they provide for this area. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 097.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 October 15th, 2019, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for November 5th, 2019.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Credit Card Purchasing Charges Report has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 096.
- D. To place the name of Summer Beason in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective November 6th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- E. To place the name of James Autwell in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective October 28th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- F. To place the name of Jared Bush in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective October 28th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- G. To place the name of Justin Plunkett in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Lieutenant SRO, effective November 12th, 2019. This is a newly budgeted approved position to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.96.
- H. To place the name of Rodney McNew in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy, effective November 5th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.92.
- I. To place the name of Stephen Hooks in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective November 3rd, 2019. This is an involuntary demotion to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.82.
- J. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to promote Tara Lindsey to Title Specialist, effective November 5, 2019. This is a newly defined and budgeted position approved by the Personnel Board on September 26th, 2019, and the job will be paid from the General Fund, Revenue Department at an hourly rate of \$12.60.

- K. To approve the request Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Batteries-Automobiles/Heavy Equipment.
- L. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Janitorial Services – Fleet Maintenance Building (Engineering Division).
- M. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Sheriff’s Office – Uniforms.
- N. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2019-2020-01 Fleet (one or more) 2020 SUVs – 4DR RWD Base (or comparable) to Ronnie Watkins for the 2020 Ford Explorer which was the lowest bid.
- O. To approve the Resolution of the Etowah County Commission Authorizing Rural Transportation to enter into Third Party Agreements with Access2Care, Sickle Cell Foundation of Central Alabama, and Legacy Trust Advisors relative to transportation services and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 098.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 for ABC License Application Type 050- Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Type 070- Retail Table Win (Off Premise Only) for applicant **YOUSEF YAQUOUB Inc.** (Nabil Yousef Mousa and Sameer Yousef Mousa) under the trade name, **SAMCO EXPRESS MART 34, located at 10291 Centre Road, Gadsden, AL 35903. The location of this property in in Etowah County and has County Law Enforcement.** This is a license transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 for the reappointment of the following Etowah County Department of Human Resource Board members for a six year term which will expire on September 30, 2025:

- a. Jerry Bone
- b. Pam Clough
- c. Wayne Watts

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 four Executive Sessions with 3 Separate Executive Sessions to discuss good name and character of an individual(s) and 1 Executive Session to discuss pending litigation after a roll call vote with the majority approving the sessions the Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:15 am. These have all been authorized by the County Attorney as meeting the requirements under the Open Meetings Act. The first 3 meetings will involve the County Commissioners, County Attorney, Acting CAO, and Personnel Director and the Pending Litigation Meeting will involve the County Commissioners, County Attorney, and Acting CAO. District 1- yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 5 – yes; District 6 – yes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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 at 11:30 am. . Commission President Joey Statum noted that Commissioner Ramsey had returned and was now present.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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 Lori Howell, Animal Control Director, to hire Stephen Johnson as Animal Control Officer, effective November 6, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Animal Services, with an hourly rate of \$12.00.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Commission President Joey Statum read a statement that the Commission had offered the CAO position to Shane Ellison pending an approved contract and Mr. Ellison had accepted.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Acting CAO: Kevin Dollar said he was thankful they were able to hire a new CAO.
County Engineer: No Report.
County Attorney: No Report.
Other: No Report.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Grant said he felt good about the decision made to hire Shane Ellison as the new CAO and believes he will be an asset to the county.

Commissioner Payne agreed with Commissioner Grant and said a lot of bridges were repaired (with ATRIP) and he was looking forward to the county moving forward.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked everyone that applied for the CAO Position and he thinks they made a great choice in choosing Shane for the position. He also thanked the Governor for coming to the Koch Foods (Feed Mill) ground-breaking in Attalla today.

Commissioner Washington said he was excited about the direction the county was going in choosing Shane.

Commissioner Inzer said he was looking forward to working with Shane and also working together with the Municipalities and also thanked the State Commerce Department and Norfolk Southern for coming to the Koch Foods – Feed Mill announcement taking place in Attalla today.

Commissioner Statum said it was a great day for the county and he looked forward to working with the new CAO. He said he wanted to personally thank each Commissioner and thank the CAO Search Committee for going through the applicants and narrowing it down to a couple to choose from. He said they came through with a couple of great candidates but after they discussed it they were 100% in support of Shane Ellison. He welcomed Shane and thanked Kevin Dollar for stepping in during the transition.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Payne seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Joey Statum, President, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6