

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
August 15, 2023**

PUBLIC HEARING

Robert Nail, County Engineer, held a public hearing prior to the Commission Meeting to discuss a road vacation request. This involves a portion of River Drive located in the Roe Subdivision in Commission District 2. This is a section of road that was never built. There were no comments made and the Public Hearing was closed at 9:05 am.

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the meeting to order on the 15th Day of August, 2023 at 9:05 am and Shane Ellison, CAO, asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: The following 6 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Jamie Grant	District 6 – Craig Inzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Jamie 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:10 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:20 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 July 11, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for August 15, 2023

- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To place the name of Blake Ragsdale in the Sheriff's Office job slot of SRO-Deputy, effective August 7, 2023. This is a transfer and a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- E. To place the name of Parker Riggs in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective August 10, 2023. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2023-19 Rodent, Pest, Bird, & Termite Service – County Buildings to Morris Pest control, the overall lowest bidder.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendments:

- Judicial Building –
 - Increase: Equipment<Threshold (001.51998-471) \$5,328
- Maintenance-
 - Increase: Equipment<Threshold (001.51995-471) \$3,347
 - Increase: Data Processing – Computer Software (001.51995-586) \$43,653
- Revenue -
 - Increase: Ad Valorem Taxes – Real Property (001.40000.41111-001) \$52,328

Note: These budget amendments are for a computer server replacement for the HVAC controls for the 3 buildings for \$4,680 and for the 3-year software license agreement on the software for the cameras in the jail in the amount of \$43,653 that was previously approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with Commissioner Ramsey voting ‘no’ 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 Revised FY 2023 County Transportation Plan and also to Adopt the FY 2024 County Transportation Plan. Both plans are filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 74. Commissioner Ramsey was opposed because he believes more money should be spent on the roads.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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:

To approve a Resolution to vacate a portion of River Drive contingent upon the granting of a drainage easement by the petitioners. This request is recommended by the County Engineer, Robert Nail, certifying that all of the criteria have been met. A copy of this Resolution is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 75.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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:

To approve a 36-month lease agreement with RJ Young for a Canon TX-3100 MFP Plotter for Engineering beginning October 1, 2023. This will be replacing the current plotter and this was the lowest quote received. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 76.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

**Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other**

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said he was looking forward to lighting the Christmas Tree and having the Ball-drop on New Year’s Day.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Spencer for his hard work and thanked the Road Department. He said they did a great job with what they have but he thinks they are not paving enough roads. He said they need to be talking more about what can be done to make the roads better long term.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said we need to hold companies responsible for the work they have done if it doesn’t hold up. Also he would like to talk about travel and using a per diem rate so they don’t have to keep up with receipts. Shane said it is something they are looking at and trying to make sure it will not hurt the county from a financial standpoint. There will be new policies and procedures in place because some people use poor judgement. Jamie thanked Robert for his hard work and quick response when he is needed and thanked Craig for his hard work.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he was getting complaints about a junk yard in the area but since we don’t have home rule, he is limited on being able to do anything about it. The person complaining said that the road was also being damaged when their neighbor was moving equipment and that he may be dumping out oil. Robert said if they had pictures of the person when they are damaging the road or a witness, they may can address that issue.

Commissioner Statum thanked Robert and the staff for a great job on the roads. He said he appreciated them and what they do.

Commissioner Inzer wished Jamie Grant a Happy Birthday. He thanked Robert and the road department. He said he doesn’t have any roads listed on the sheet of projects for 2024 but he’s not mad. The money passed from the gas tax that is released from the state and the roads on the list are the ones that need the most work. They will have a ground breaking at the Megasite because of the grant awarded from Growing Alabama (to start the water tower). They will try to get someone in that will bring more revenue into the county. He thanked everyone involved.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., President, Commissioner, District 6