

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
March 5, 2024**

Commissioner Tim Ramsey, called the Commission Meeting to order on the 5th Day of March, 2024 at 9:00 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, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:12 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:26 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey Statum, 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(s) dated February 20, 2024, of the Etowah County Commission, will be approved at the March 12, 2024 meeting.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for March 5, 2024.
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions. Copies of the Purchasing Charges, Cash Disbursements, and Online Transfers for February, 2024 are filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 23.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2021-2022-10 Inmate Uniforms with the current vendor (Bob Barker Company) for a third and final year, as provided for in the original bid.
- E. To place the name of Sawyer Phillips in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Specialist, effective February 19, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$18.25.
- F. To place the name of Harley Westmoreland in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Specialist/FTO, effective March 4, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$21.70.
- G. To place the name of Guy Harris in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective March 11, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.

- H. To place the name of Jonathan Shadwick in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective March 4, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- I. To place the name of Cyntana Franklin in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 26, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- J. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Andrew Yates as Equipment Operator, effective March 11, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- K. To approve the request of Brittany Coheley, Animal Shelter Director, to hire Shannon George as Kennel Technician, effective March 6, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Animal Control/Shelter, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- L. To approve the request of Brittany Coheley, Animal Shelter Director, to hire Monique Krusick as Kennel Technician, effective March 6, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Animal Control/Shelter, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- M. To approve the request of Brittany Coheley, Animal Shelter Director, to hire Mason Robinson as Adoption Coordinator (Unclassified), effective March 6, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Animal Control/Shelter, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.00.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other member 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 Premise Only) and Type 070- Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for applicant **VALUE MART LLC (Maedeh Vatani & Seyed Omid Shavaran)**, under the trade name, **VALUE MART**, located at 8930 US Highway 431, Boaz, AL 35956. This business is located in unincorporated Etowah County and is a transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with all other member voting 'yes', the following resolution was adopted:

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

To accept the funds awarded to the Northeast Alabama Regional Megasite through the Alabama Site Evaluation and Economic Development Strategy (SEEDS) Act. This includes authorizing the CAO or the Commission President to execute documents as needed and to authorize matching funds. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 24.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other member 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 business and commerce after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. Jim Turnbach, County Attorney, certified it meets the requirements under the Open Meetings Law. Those present for the meeting will be the Commissioners, Kevin Dollar, Shane Ellison, and Jim Turnbach. District 1 – yes, District 2 – yes, District 3 – yes, District 4 – yes, District 5 – yes, and District 6 – yes. The Commission dismissed for the Executive Session at 9:50 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other member 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 10:40 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other member voting 'yes', the following resolution was adopted:

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

To authorize the sale of property located at 712 Forrest Avenue, (known as the Baker Tire Property) and also to authorize the Commission President or CAO to execute all documents. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 25

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer – Shane discussed the schedule for the rest of March due to a discussion to possibly add staffing at the Detention Center to help reduce overtime. The Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 12th and the originally scheduled meeting for March 19th is cancelled. They are also still working on the Volunteer Fire Department issues.

County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Inzer thanked Robert Nail for his help with issues several had in his District last night due to heavy rains. He said he attended a reception for Congressman Aderholt. He will be our Congressman until January of next year and will still be there for us to help anyway he can. He has been in office and helping our county for over 20 years. He added the Mike Rogers was also available to help and will be our congressman after the next election.

Commissioner Washington encouraged everyone to vote.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he appreciated Robert and Shane and their responding to his late and early texts. He talked about the safety of our deputies that ride motorcycles because they are using hand signals at intersection (due to their head sets being outdated and no longer working). He wants them to have replacement head sets and plans to help get those and ask if any other Commissioners wanted to pitch in to help. There’s an upcoming training class for them that will require the headsets. He encouraged everyone to vote.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he knew they had headsets at one time but didn’t realize they were obsolete and no longer able to use them. He wished Sue Holland the best in the election and thanked her for a clean campaign.

Scott Hassell said we have over 60 students working in the election in this county (last election we had more than all other counties combined). In the past, poll workers were older citizens (retired, etc.) but it really benefits us to have younger people involved due to the technology.

Commissioner Statum thanked Scott for everything he and his department has to do to prepare for the election. He said we are blessed to received the SEEDS Award money and he encouraged everyone to vote.

Commissioner Ramsey said the Chief of the City of Altoona Fire Department, Tim Crow, is retiring. He commended him for his leadership and the great job he has done. He thanked Judge Hassell for all the work he did in getting ready for the election. He talked about the ACCA PLAN group working on mental health issued and Scott shared his program with the group so they can consider using it in the rest of the state. Terri Vosbury and the Sheriff are working with Scott to set up the program. He thanked the State for the SEEDS money and thanked Robert Nail for his new idea about patching roads (which is a patcher that you can pull behind a truck).

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, President, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6