

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
March 12, 2024**

Commissioner Tim Ramsey, called the Commission Meeting to order on the 12th Day of March, 2024 at 9:00 am and Probate Judge Scott Hassell, asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** The following 5 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum

District 4 – Tim Ramsey

District 5 – Jeffery Washington

District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 6 – Craig Inzer, Jr.

Absent: Johnny Grant – District 2

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** David Wright lives at 187 Cranston Drive and he complained about his road being in bad shape. He said the only thing they had been doing to it was patchwork and it needed to be repaved. He said the last time they did that was 30 years ago. Robert Nail said he would check into it but there were issues due to the lack of drainage ditches and the location of the water lines. He said he would see if they can do anything to improve the road.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, recognized Lana Barnes for 5 years of service with a Certificate and a service pin. She works in mapping and is a good employee.

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 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:30 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.**

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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, and March 5, 2024, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for March 12, 2024.
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2024-03 Full-Service Elevator Maintenance to Bagby Elevator, the lowest, competitive bidder.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a Roof Replacement on the main building at 905 Forrest Avenue.

- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Traffic Stripe & Pavement Markers.
- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for In Place Plant Mix.
- H. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Bituminous Surface Treatment.
- I. To place the name of Dylan Gregory in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Security Specialist, effective March 8, 2024. This is a promotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$19.17.
- J. To place the name of Joshua Queen in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Security Specialist, effective March 8, 2024. This is a promotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.
- K. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Raigan Williams to Business Personal Property Clerk, effective March 12, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Re-appraisal Fund at an hourly rate of \$13.91.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 Final Reading and Approval 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 12th 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 make the following Budget Amendment to the Jail Budget – General Fund for the addition of 5 detention deputy slots:

Expenditures:

Increase:

Regular Salaries & Wages (001.52200-113)	\$92,470
Retirement (001.52200.121)	\$8,820
Health Insurance (001.52200-122)	\$36,480
Life Insurance (001.52200-123)	\$410
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.52200-124)	\$7,075
Dental Insurance (001.52200-141)	<u>\$1,340</u>
	\$146,595

Revenue

Increase:

Ad Valorem Taxes – Real Property (001.40000.41111-001)	\$146,595
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Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 adopt the updated FMLA Policy. A copy of this policy is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 26.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF**

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

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He also thanked everyone for what they do and thought they did a good job on the election.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he hoped Commissioner Johnny Grant was feeling better. He was glad to hear they were going to be hiring at the Sheriff's Office so they can cut down on overtime instead of just trying to reach full staffing and being so far behind. He stressed the importance of everyone participating in the election process.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for being here and was glad to see the jail staffing had improved their employee retention.

Commissioner Inzer thanked Kevin for all he does and he thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Ramsey encourage people to come to the meetings and speak to the Commission if there are problems. He said he was glad the election went well and congratulated Johnny on his re-election. He said he was glad to see the improvements with the Jail Personnel and discussed the PLAN 2024 Group placing importance on mental health issues and trying to make improvements. They want to see fewer people with mental illnesses in jail instead of options where they can get the help they need. He feels like the bill will go through quickly and they hope it makes a difference. They are also hoping to get the inmates with mental illness an advocate through the Stepping Up Program. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Tim Ramsey, President, Commissioner, District 4

**ABSENT**

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Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

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Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

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Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

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Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6