

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
November 21, 2023**

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the Commission Meeting to order on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of November, 2023 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Washington 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.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:11 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 9:45 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 approve the ‘Resolution of Assent’ to vacate Brow Cutoff, as recommended by the County Engineer, Robert Nail, certifying that all of the criteria has been met. A copy of the Resolution is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 1.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 October 17, 2023 and November 7, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for November 21st, 2023.
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To place the name of Vance Terry in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective November 20, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.

- E. To place the name of Timothy Hammonds in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective November 20, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- F. To place the name of Brandon Hare in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective November 27, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- G. To place the name of Will Smith in the Sheriff's Office job slot of FTO Deputy Specialist, effective November 5, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$18.25.
- H. To place the name of Justin Morris in the Sheriff's Office job slot of FTO Deputy Specialist, effective November 5, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$22.80

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 have the First Reading to make the following appointments to the Northeast Alabama MR/DD Authority, Inc., for six-year terms:

- a. Darlene Glenn
- b. Kristy Ellis
- c. Brian Jones

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.**

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 approve the request of Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to grant approval for Deputy Sheriff Andrew Works and Detention Sergeant Tim Morris to receive PTO leave donations. Both employees have met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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 approve the MOU between the Etowah County Sheriff's Office, Etowah County Commission, and Etowah County 911 concerning funding for a part-time Warrant Clerk. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 2.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF**

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

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked everyone to keep him in their prayers as he deals with having shingles in his eye.

Commissioner Johnny Grant hoped everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked Robert Nail for his help.

Commissioner Ramsey wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and said he appreciated the employees.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming and said he was thankful about the Unity Tree Lighting and was looking forward to it on Monday. He said he hopes everyone comes out.

Commissioner Jamie Grant talked about going to the Dream Center and encouraged everyone to make a contribution to help them with their programs. He would like for the Commissioners to be able to donate and he asked Shane to see if they would qualify.

Robert Nail said he wanted to thanked the Commissioners, on behalf of himself and his employees for allowing the 60-hour buy-back. He said they really appreciated. It.

Commissioner Inzer talked about the ribbon cutting at Noccalula Falls for the new train station (which is ADA compliant with heaters / fans and about 100 feet long). He said it was really nice. He said they receive a lot of visitors to see the Christmas lights and have a lot of lights up. He also talked about the ice-skating rink they will have and said he was looking forward to all of the Christmas activities in Gadsden. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

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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., President, Commissioner, District 6