

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
December 19, 2023**

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the Commission Meeting to order on the 19th Day of December, 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:**

Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, was presented her 5-year Service Certificate by Shane Ellison, CAO. Shane thanked her for her hard work.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jeffery Washington, 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 9:10 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery 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 9:20 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny 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 December 5, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission will be on the Agenda for the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting for approval.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for December 19, 2023.
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No. FY 2021-2022-03 Finished Traffic Signs with the current vendor, G&C Supply Company, Inc., for a third and final year, as provided for in the original bid.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2021-2022-02 Mattresses with Pillow-Jail with the current vendor, ICS Jail Supplies Inc., for a third and final year, as provided for in the original bid.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Joey 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 Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendment to be used toward the purchase of the 905 Forrest Avenue & 926 First Avenue properties (These funds were left over from the sale of the Sheriff/Commission Warehouse and also from reimbursement of COVID Funds):

a. General Fund

Increase:		
Operating Transfer In – Public Bldg, Road & Bridge Fund	\$241,867	
(001.61000-112)		
Decrease:		
Fund Balance (001.35900)	\$241,867	

Public Building, Road & Bridge Fund

Increase:		
Operating Transfer Out – Public Building, Road & Bridge Fund	\$241,867	
(112.62000-001)		
Decrease:		
Fund Balance (112.35900)	\$241,867	

b. General Fund

Increase:		
Land (001.51990-511)	\$336,437	
Buildings (001.51990-524)	\$686,508	
Improvements other than buildings (001.51990-531)	\$115,263	
Equipment < Threshold (001.51990-47)	\$90,363	
Decrease:		
Fund Balance (001.35900)	\$1,228,571	

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jeffery Washington, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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 Authorizing Agreement with Etowah County Commissioner Jeffery Washington and the City of Gadsden to transfer \$85,700 to purchase a street sweeper, subject to review and approval of the county attorney. A copy of the Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 10.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Joey 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 declare the property located at 712 Forrest Avenue (formerly known as Baker Tire) as surplus.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Joey 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 proposal from TextMyGov three-year subscription to use smart texting technology to communicate with citizens and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this proposal is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 11.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF**

**Chief Administrative Officer** - Shane said we would not have a work session on December 26<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

**County Engineer** – Robert Nail said the ReBuild Alabama applications are open and they can get up to \$350,000. He would like to apply for funds to replace the bridge on Ponderosa Road. Tim Ramsey was good with it. They plan to

replace 3 pipes on Ford's Valley Road and was told that someone was operating a chert pit on the road. He is going to check into the complaint.

**County Attorney**  
**Other**

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming. He thanked the officers at the Jail and was glad to see a reduction in the turnover we have been having. He said they would be dropping the "E" on New Year's Eve at the place where they have the Ice-Skating rink now in Gadsden. It will start at 10:00 pm and they will have dancing. He said it was about unity and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Kevin Dollar for the great job he does. He also thanked Barry Smith for the job they are doing at the Detention Center in improving the retention rate of the deputies. He congratulated Melissa Lett on her 5-year Service Certificate and he wished Spencer Williams good luck in his retirement. He said he was looking forward to making the county better and he also thanked Robert Nail. He thanked the Commissioners for all they do and he said every county doesn't work together as well as they do here.

Commissioner Jamie Grant wished everyone a Merry Christmas! He said you may be someone's light! He commended Craig Inzer on the great job he did this year and said he moved the county forward. He also thanked Shane for his hard work.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said the blood mobile will be at the Sheriff's Office this week. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! He joked with Tim about becoming the new Commission President in January.

Commissioner Statum congratulated Melissa for her 5-years of service and thanked her for all she does. He wished everyone Merry Christmas. He thanked Kevin, Shane, and the Staff and said they couldn't do it without everyone. He also thanked Tina (Greater Gadsden Tourism Board). He thanked Craig for everything he's done for the county. Joey said he has served as President twice and we need for Craig to keep doing what he has been doing to move the county forward. He thanked Tim and Robert.

Commissioner Inzer said he was glad the Jail was moving in a better direction and they will see improvement without having so many new hires every month. He told Tina with Greater Tourism that he will still come by and bring them dinner but that it had been a pleasure to serve on the Greater Tourism Board and there had been a lot of changes this year. He told her she is coming into a time while everyone is working together. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Tim Ramsey, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 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