

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
May 21, 2024**

PUBLIC HEARING

There was a Public Hearing conducted by Robert Nail, County Engineer, regarding the vacation of an Unnamed Road off of Lakeshore Drive (Whorton Bend). There were no comments made during the hearing.

Commissioner Tim Ramsey, called the Commission Meeting to order on the 21st Day of May, 2024 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Joey Statum 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: Leadership Etowah County attended the meeting with Dr. Cosby. Eric Shavey was introduced as the new Extension Coordinator.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 9:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2024.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:32 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jamie 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(s) dated May 7, 2024, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for May 21, 2024.
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions.
- C. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Alexis Bonds to Redemption Clerk, effective May 18, 2024. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.

- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2024-06 Traffic Stripe & Pavement Markers to Ozark Striping Company, the only bidder.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2024-05 In Place Plant Mix to Vulcan Materials, the lowest, responsible bidder.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2024-04 Bituminous Surface Treatment to Charles E. Watts, Inc., the only bidder.
- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Street Lights Grant/Project within the city limits of Gadsden.
- H. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for the NEAR Megasite Sewer Transmission Main.
- I. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Inmate Communications for the Detention Center.
- J. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a 2023 Dodge Charger Scat Pack 4 door Rear-Wheel Drive Sedan for DEU.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 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 to appoint Dena Cook to the Etowah County Department of Human Resources Board for a six-year term. She will be replacing Wayne East, who tendered his resignation from the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Ramsey 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 have the First Reading to appoint Ms. Jamey Camper to the Douglas Water Authority to complete the unexpired term of Harold Holland, which ends in February of 2029. Mr. Holland passed away on February 1, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 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 approve the TEK84 Annual Service Agreement on the Intercept Whole Body Scanner for Serial Number SN20120018 and to authorize the CAO to execute the documents. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 37.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 'Resolution of Assent' to Vacate an Unnamed Road off of Lakeshore Drive (Whorton Bend), as 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 14, Page 38.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 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 declare the following Rural Transportation Vehicles as surplus:

- 2011 Ford StarCraft, VIN# 1FDEE3FL4ADB00487
- 2012 Ford StarCraft, VIN# 1FDEE3FL5CDA71259

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 declare the following as serving a public purpose and eligible to receive public funds:

- a. Family Development Empowerment Corporation

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 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 declare the following Sheriff's Office (SRO) Vehicles as surplus:

1. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7DH9LGC73781
2. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7BH4LGB76040
3. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7BH4LGB76037
4. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7BH6LGB76038
5. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7BH0LGB76035
6. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7BHXLGB76043
7. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7BH2LGB76036
8. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7BH3LGB76045
9. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7BH8LGB76042
10. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7BH8LGB76039
11. 2020 Ford Explorer - VIN# 1FMSK7BH6LGB76041

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 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 approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to declare the following items in the Revenue Commissioner's Office / Reappraisal Department as surplus:

- a. The Itemized list includes computers, printers, monitors, keyboards, tablets, cameras, scanners, digital phones, and many other office items list in detail in Attachment A. A copy of this list is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 39.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 approve a lease agreement with Southern Heights Hay & Straw, the only bidder, to cut hay on the 100-acre pad at the Megasite for \$2,500 per year. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 40.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2024.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Inzer congratulated new DHR Board Member, Dena Cook. He also congratulated Eric Schavey on being named as Etowah County Extension Coordinator and said he was looking forward to seeing progress on the Southside Bridge project. The bridge is about a hundred years old but everyone just wants to make sure the much-needed replacement is the best improvement it can be. It will take about 18 months to complete and will cause interruptions and delays during the process but will be better once it is completed. There will be a public meeting on the bridge project on June 20th at the Southside Community Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Commissioner Washington thanked the leadership at the Sheriff's Office and commended the improvements in the turnover rate. He congratulated Eric on his promotion at the Extension Office. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration taking place on Saturday, June 15th at the Amp. It will start around 1:00pm and he encouraged

everyone to attend. He discussed a recent poll that considered Alabama as being one of the worst places to live in the country (7th from the bottom).

Commissioner Jamie Grant discussed more ways to get the county roads cleaned up from the trash. He also discussed a recent survey that place Alabama close to the bottom of the list concerning education in the country and said he would like to see that improve. Dr. Cosby pointed out that Etowah County was above the state average in the literacy rates but were continually working on improvements. Jamie said he would like to see the State Legislators make better choices in Montgomery to improve education. He thanked Dr. Cosby for all he does for the kids and said he appreciated everyone coming to the meeting. He congratulation Dena Cook on her Board Appointment to DHR. He thanked the department heads for all they do and said he felt they were doing a great job in the jail. He reminded everyone of the ribbon cutting for the new Fire Department in Southside and said there were a lot of graduations coming up.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Robert Nail for his continued work on Pleasant Valley Road. He said he appreciated how quickly he worked to get those issues resolved. He thanked Barry Smith for the jail improvements and getting the turnover rate down. He thanked Eric for being here and he thanked Dr. Cosby. He congratulated Dena Cook and thanked Ms. Terri Vosbury and said he hoped the meetings go well this week. He thanked Melissa for all she does and said he was looking forward to the Juneteenth Celebration. He said Randall Green (with American Legion) was having a car show at the Fairgrounds as a fundraiser and Rainbow City will be having a drone show at the end of the month to celebrate Independence Day.

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

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, President, Commissioner, District 4

ABSENT

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6