

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
July 9, 2024**

Commissioner Tim Ramsey, called the Commission Meeting to order on the 9th Day of July, 2024 at 9:00 am and Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** The following 4 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 2- Johnny Grant  
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey  
District 5 – Jeffery Washington

Absent: Joey Statum – District 1  
Craig Inzer, Jr. – District 6

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** Marty Naylor from Smith Institute signed in to speak and said he was tired of the pot holes on Leeth Gap Road. He said the road had been dug up but has not been repaved and even though it has been worked on, it is not as it should be. He said the taxes have increased but the people are not seeing any results and he wants to know who was going to pay to fix his car. He added when they do go back and put down the tar & gravel, it will get tar all over the cars and the tires will sling the gravel. He said Hwy 11 has a bump every few miles.

Commissioner Ramsey discussed the Rebuild Alabama gas tax, which allowed the county to be able to pave (with tar & gravel) 20 miles of road instead of 6 but they are playing catch-up due to the time it has taken to get the tax on gas increased and the cost to pave a road has also increased. He let Mr. Naylor know that Hwy 11 is a state road. He encouraged Mr. Naylor to talk to his legislator and continue to come to the meetings so maybe something can be done to increase the funding for the roads.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Arrow Disposal** will have open top containers at four locations between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm for residential cleanup of household trash on **Saturday, August 3, 2024**. They do not accept tires, batteries, appliances or hazardous waste.

**Locations of containers:**

Leeth Gap and Sardis Road – across from old County Shop  
Intersection of Hwy 278 & Hwy 132  
Whorton Bend Volunteer Fire Department  
Gaston High School at Hwy 411 North

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:20 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

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 9:40 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Johnny 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 June 18, 2024, of the Etowah County Commission will be approved at the meeting on July 30, 2024.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for July 9, 2024.
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursement, Online Transfers, Wire Transfers, and Credit Card Purchases for June, 2024 is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 48.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Lawn Maintenance – County Buildings.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No. FY 2021-2022-17 Hot Plant Mix Paving Materials – FOB Plant with Vulcan Materials Company for a third and final year as provided for in the original bid.
- F. To place the name of Shane Stiles in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 8, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- G. To place the name of Zachary Battles in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 8, 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 Nicole Czerwinski in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 8, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 make the following Budget Amendments:

Revenue		
Increase:		
	Assistance to Aging Grant (271.40000.44740-860)	\$315,052
Expenditure		
	Motor Vehicles (271.56210-551)	\$349,792
Decrease:		
	Fund Balance (271.35900)	\$34,780

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 following Budget Amendments (for reimbursement from the State of Alabama on the Tidmore Bend slide repair):

Increase:	Expenditure	
	Contract Services (111.53100-185)	\$353,200
Increase:	Revenue	
	State Share- Highways / Roads (111.40000.44222.830)	\$353,200

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

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 approve the following Budget Amendment – Elections:

Elections		
Decrease		
	Revenue	
	State Share – Elections (001.40000.44230-810)	\$63,574

Decrease:	Expenditures		
	Preparation of Voters List (001.51910-174)	\$2,838	
	Election Workers Fees (001.51910-175)	\$32,375	
	Absentee Election Manager's Fees (001.51910-184)	\$7,700	
	Miscellaneous Supplies (001.51910-219)	83,655	
	Operating Leases – Bldgs & Land (001.51910-221)	\$375	
	Postage (001.51910-252)	\$3,338	
	Advertising (001.51910-253)	\$1,992	
	Mileage (001.51910-262)	<u>448</u>	<u>\$132,721</u>
Increase			
	Fund Balance (001.35900)		\$69,147

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 'State of Alabama Cybersecurity Plan' Grant Program Local Consent Agreement and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 49.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Tim 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 Final Reading and Approval to reappoint Kenny Coffman to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association's Board of Directors for a two-year term.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with the majority of the member's voting 'yes' the following resolution was adopted: (Commissioner Washington requested a roll call vote: Commissioner Johnny Grant – Yes; Commissioner Jamie Grant – Yes; Commissioner Tim Ramsey – Yes; and Commissioner Jeffery Washington – No)

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

To accept the recommendation by Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, to award the NEAR Mega Site Sewer Transmission Main to Apel Machine & Supply Co., the lowest responsible bidder with a contract price of \$4,938,253. Also, to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents. A copy of the agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 50.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 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 approve a contract with Bill Whittaker, P.C., Architecture for design of a new canopy and plaza (drainage) repairs at the Etowah County Detention Center and to authorize the CAO to execute the agreement. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 51.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jeffery Washington, 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 approve the following 'Nonexclusive Lease Agreements for Chert Removal and Purchase' and to authorize CAO to execute the agreements:

- a. Agreement with Jeshua Bristol for Chert on property described as a portion of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 6 East, PPIN 79581. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 52.
- b. Agreement with Gregory Johnson for Chert on property described as a portion of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 27, Township 12 South, Range 48 East, PPIN 88155. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 53.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF**

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

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he was proud of the Probate Judge for being able to resolve an issue they had with a person that had a mental illness.

Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked Marty for coming to the meeting and said he will check on the roads on his list. He added that he had not received any other calls on them and also explained that we no longer have ‘road commissioners’ and everything goes through the County Engineer. The Commissioners just offer guidance and suggestions. He said they are trying to do the best they can for what they have but they just don’t have enough money. He asked Robert to make sure he gets his number.

Commissioner Washington said he was glad to be here and thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked everyone for being here. He thanked the Probate Judge for his kind words and commended the road department for all they do. He said they were working with the Tourism Board and everyone was working together. He also explained the funds we receive from the Rebuild Alabama Tax have to be used on the roads but the cost to pave roads has increased. He said that it’s the citizen’s responsibility to call their Legislator to try to get more funding. It took 26 years for them to get Rebuild Alabama passed and the price, since 2018, has increased 200%.

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

**ABSENT**

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Tim Ramsey, President, 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 Grant, Commissioner, District 3

**ABSENT**

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Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6