

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
August 6, 2024**

Commissioner Tim Ramsey, called the Commission Meeting to order on the 6th Day of August, 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 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 Johnny 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 9:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 July 30, 2024, will be approved at the August 27, 2024 meeting.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for August 6, 2024.
- C. Any reported financial transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, Wire Transfers, and Credit Card purchases for July, 2024, are filed in the Attachment Book 14, Page 57.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2021-2022-19 Garbage Service – County Buildings with the current vendor, Republic Services, as provided for in the original bid. This is the third and final year.
- E. To place the name of John Reeves in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Court Liaison, effective August 5, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$24.56.
- F. To place the name of Tyler Daniel in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Sergeant - Detention, effective August 5, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.95.
- G. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Cortney Bolton as a Revenue Tag & Title Clerk, effective August 12, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 item was approved:

To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendments, effective July 31, 2024:

Increase:

Jail

Equipment<Threshold (001.52200-471) \$5,507

Warehouse – SO & CC

Repairs & Maint. -Bldg, Land, & Improvements (001.51991-231) \$4,709

Utilities- Electricity (001.51991-244) \$13,900

Utilities -Water (001.51991-246) \$ 900

Jail Annex

Utilities – Electricity (001.51994-244) \$5,115

Utilities – Natural Gas (001.51994-245) \$1,100

Utilities – Water (001.51994-246) \$3,750

McCurley Building

Utilities – Water (001.51999-246) \$540

Community Centers

Repairs & Maint- Bldg, Land, & Improvements (001.517901-231) \$500

Utilities – Electricity (001.57901-244) \$4,800

Utilities – Water (001.57901-246) \$500

\$41,321

Increase:

Revenue

Other Revenue (001.40000.47900-000) \$38,900

Interest Income (001.40000.47100-025) \$2,421

\$41,321

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Upon the 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 item was approved:

To approve the Rural Transit Program Application, with a local match of \$197,885; to approve the Section 5311 Authorizing Resolution; and to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents. A copy of the Resolution is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 58.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 item was approved:

To approve the 'IBM Service elite Entitlement Verification' Maintenance Agreement and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 59.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner 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 item was approved:

To approve the agreement with Sain Associates for the work and inspections needed to make the Borrow (Chert) Pit that Etowah County shares with Hokes Bluff meet ADEM requirements and to authorize the CAO to execute all documents. As stated in the Cooperative Agreement approved at the July 30, 2024 meeting, Hokes Bluff will pay half of the cost. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 60.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 item was approved:

To approve Amendment #1 to the Agreement between the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, on behalf of the Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama, and the Etowah County Commission. A copy of this Amendment is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 61.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 item was approved:

To authorize two Executive Sessions, one to discuss pending or threatened litigation, and one to discuss business and commerce, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the sessions. The first session is on pending litigation and those present include: Scott Dillard, Kevin Dollar, Jim Turnbach, Robert Nail, Shane Ellison, and the Commissioners. The second session was on business and commerce and included: David Hooks, Kevin Dollar, Jim Turnbach, Shane Ellison, and the Commissioners. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes. Jim Turnbach, County Attorney, certified both meetings as being allowed under the Open Meeting Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 item was approved:

To reconvene from Executive Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Commissioner Statum reminded everyone that there will be grilled hamburgers & hot dogs for free for the First Responders on September 11th at Sam Boswell Honda. Commissioner Inzer will also provide barbeque for the event.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he hasn't changed his mind on giving the Tillison Road to Gadsden last week and said they needed to honor their decision. Earlier in the meeting Commissioner Jamie Grant brought up a question concerning the agreement.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he thinks he should be able to ask about a previous agreement if he received information on it that he didn't know before. He discussed helping Downtown Gadsden Inc., put security cameras up on Broad Street at a cost of about \$1600. He wanted the others to know of the need in case they wanted to help out. He commended Kay Moore on what a great job she does with her projects.

Commissioner Washington said that Etowah County is moving forward and we need to participate and help each other. He agreed with Johnny Grant on Tillison Road. He is looking forward to the Challenger Project and said this is a great place to live.

Commissioner Inzer thanked Teresa & Tony for coming and discussing the Challenger Center and said he looks forward to the groundbreaking. They met with Craig earlier to discuss the project and his concerns with the way it was being handled (hiring the contractor without bidding out the project). He said this project is not just a benefit for Etowah County but also the seven counties surrounding us as well. He also agreed with Johnny Grant about the road and said he always tries to make decision based on the best way to handle the county money and he doesn't think spending money on a lawsuit will help anyone. People that live in the Tillison Bend area will have a choice to stay as they are or annex into the city. He said he would like to help with the Veterans Programs and also the First Responders appreciation dinner at Sam Boswell Honda on September 11th.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked the Challenger Board members for all of their time and money that have invested in the project.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, President, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6