

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
September 03, 2024**

Commissioner Tim Ramsey, called the Commission Meeting to order on the 3rd Day of September, 2024 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Jamie Grant 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: Gary Lewis with Community Action of Etowah County addressed the Commission and requested to be put back on the annual budget. He said they received just under \$5,000 annually until about 2016. They only serve Etowah County by using grant money (mostly Federal) to weatherize their homes or help with utilities. They have an office downtown, have a five-year strategic plan, and have been helping people for 60 years. In 2023, they helped 4200 families and at this time, they are not receiving any money from the municipalities in the county. Commissioner Ramsey said he would be interested in putting them back on the budget and they would check into it.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:30am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon 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 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 August 27, 2024, will be approved at the September 17, 2024 meeting.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for September 3, 2024.
- C. Any reported financial transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Michael Thomas as an Equipment Operator, effective September 3, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 Change Order No: 1 for Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors, L.L.C., concerning the Northeast Alabama Regional Megasite 500,000-gallon EWT 1 Project; Also, to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this Change Order is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 65.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

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 agreement with Southern Data Automation, Inc., for a DATTO SIRIS5-S5-36 Storage Device with a 3-Year contract to be used by the Revenue and Probate Departments. The cost of the device is \$7,410 with an annual maintenance fee of \$29,184. Also, to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 66.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny 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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss safety and security, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. The need for this Executive Session has been certified by the County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, as following the meeting requirements. Those included in the meeting: Commissioners – Joey Statum, Johnny Grant, Jamie Grant, Tim Ramsey, Jeffery Washington, and Craig Inzer, Jr.; Shane Ellison, Kevin Dollar, Keith Peek, and Sheriff Horton. Roll Call Vote: District 1 – yes; District 2- yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 reconvene from Executive Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Inzer said he hopes everyone enjoyed the holiday weekend and the people on the river had a good day. He thanked Senator Britt for funding the purchase of the boat for the Sheriff's Office and said this will be a great asset for the county.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for being here and said we had a lot of employees celebrating their years of service. He said he was glad they put the employees first and have more employees working for a longer time.

Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked everyone for being here.

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked everyone for being here and said they are doing a great job.

Commissioner Statum reminded everyone about the First Responders being served hamburgers/hot dogs/ and barbeque (from Craig Inzer) at Sam Boutwell Honda on September 11th for lunch to show how much they are appreciated.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Mr. Lewis for all he does to help others and also thanked Robert for getting the grant money to work on a bridge plan. He also thanked the employees and said he is glad to see them getting service awards.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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