

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY  
September 17, 2024**

Robert Nail conducted a Public Hearing at 9:00 am regarding the vacation of a right-of-way known as Ridgecrest Drive, as shown on the map of Lakeside Estates. This is an undeveloped road and there were no objections or comments. The Public Hearing was concluded at 9:05 am.

Commissioner Tim Ramsey, called the Commission Meeting to order on the 3rd Day of September, 2024 at 9:05 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 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 9:10 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 9:15am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> 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, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for September 17, 2024.
- C. Any reported financial transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers for August, 2024, is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 67.
- D. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Dianca Wallace Calloway as a Real Property Appraiser I, effective October 1, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.54.
- E. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Sara Williams as an Assessing Clerk, effective October 1, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Revenue- General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.57.

- F. To approve the request of Dorothea Kurdziel, Rural Transportation Director, to hire William Hays as a Part-time Van Driver, Rural Transportation, effective October 1, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Rural Transportation – Operating Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2024-15 for Printing-Letterhead, Envelopes, & Forms to Peregrine, the lowest, responsible bidder.
- H. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for aggregate.
- I. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2024-09 Street Lights Grant/Project with the City of Gadsden to Inline Electrical, the sole bidder.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 approve the ‘Resolution of Assent’ to Vacate a right-of-way known as Ridgecrest Drive as shown on the map of Lakeside Estates, as recommended by the County Engineer, Robert Nail, certifying that all of the criteria has been met. A copy of this resolution is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 68.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Interagency Cooperative Agreement with ADEM for remediation of scrap tires along the right-of-way within Etowah County, Alabama, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the documents. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 69.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 following Budget Amendments due to new computers being purchased for the Windows 11 upgrade:

Revenue Commissioner’s Office		
Increase: Equipment <Threshold (001.51600-471)	\$18,000	
Revenue		
Increase: Revenue Commissioner’s Fees & Commissions (001.40000.45235-710)	\$18,000	
Courthouse Security		
Increase: Equipment<Threshold (001.51110-471)	\$750	
Revenue		
Increase: Interest Revenue (001.40000.47100-025)	\$750	

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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 following budget amendment for a generator for the Coroner:

Coroner’s Office		
Increase: Other Equipment (001.52400-549)	\$9,964	
Increase:		
State Simplified Sellers Use Tax (001.40000.44145-023)	\$9,964	

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery 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 following budget amendments for the Sheriff's Office: (The proceeds from selling vehicles used to offset vehicles purchased for the SROs)

Sheriff's Office		
Increase: Motor Vehicles (001.52100-551)		\$62,500
Revenue:		
Increase: Other Revenue (001.47900-000)		\$22,500
Increase: Sale of Capital Assets (001.61210-000)		\$40,000

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery 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 make the following budget amendment for the funding of the Challenger Center:

Community Services		
Increase: Direct Support – Education (001.56910-297)		\$75,000
Revenue:		
Increase: Ad Valorem Taxes, Real Property (001.40000.4111-001)		\$75,000

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

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

To approve the request of Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to grant approval for an employee in the Office of the Sheriff to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

#### **REPORTS FROM THE STAFF**

**Chief Administrative Officer** – Shane reminded the Commissioners of the One East kick-off in Talladega on Thursday and asked for the ones that planned to go to let him know.

**County Engineer**  
**County Attorney**  
**Other**

#### **DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone that came out for the plates at Sam Boutwell Honda, which were provided for the First Responders on 9 / 11 to show them appreciation for what they do. He said they had representatives from everyone including most of the municipalities as well.

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked them for the appreciation meal.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said they has a lot going on at the schools with people calling in threats and while some were real, a lot of the calls were just a hoax. He said they would make sure the SROs were all funded. He said some of the cities want to pull back on SRO funding and then act like they are the ones paying but he said the SROs will be there to check on all of the threats.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming. He said they have financial literacy class offered to the public to help with business owners on Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Commissioner Inzer reminded everyone the open top containers will be out the first Saturday in November (which is November 2<sup>nd</sup>). He said there was a fire in Whorton Bend that is being investigated. He talked about the good day they had at Sam Boutwell Honda feeding the First Responders on September 11<sup>th</sup>. He provided some barbeque meat for the lunch.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Commissioners Statum and Inzer for providing the meal for the First Responders. He thanked the Extension Office for all they do and for the garden on October 9<sup>th</sup>, which will start at 8:30 am. He said he was excited about Rainbow City and the Challenger groundbreaking today at 10:00 am.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

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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

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Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6

**CORRECTION TO THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 MINUTES - This request was approved but omitted from the minutes and should have been included:**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny 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 the request of Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to declare the printers and toners listed in “Attachment A” as surplus. A copy of Attachment A is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 69a.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**