

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
November 13, 2024**

Prior to the meeting, Jonathon Horton gave the ‘Oath of Office’ to Johnny Grant for 4 more years as the District 2 Commissioner and Scott Hassell gave the ‘Oath of Office’ to Jamie Grant for 4 more years as the District 3 Commissioner.

Commissioner Tim Ramsey, called the Commission Meeting to order on the 13th Day of November, 2024 at 9:00 am and Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate, 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 2 – Johnny Grant	
District 3 – Jamie Grant	District 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Jeffery Washington – District 5

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 9:25 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:35 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 October 8, 2024, and October 29, 2024, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for November 13, 2024.
- C. The Credit Card Purchasing Charges, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers for October, 2024, are filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 97.
- D. To place the name of Austin Elder in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Trainee, effective November 4, 2024. This is replacement and a transfer to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.74.

- E. To place the name of Jonathan Works in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy, effective November 4, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.
- F. To place the name of Lureesa Hollis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Lieutenant Detention, effective October 28, 2024. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$18.71.
- G. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to promote Allison Smith to Mapper I, effective November 13, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.96.
- H. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Lisa Alfred to Appraiser Clerk, effective November 13, 2024. This is a replacement and a promotion to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62. (This position is due to 2 part-time jobs being combined).

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 have the Final Reading and Approval to reappoint Jonathon Horton, Etowah County Sheriff, to the 911 Communications Board for a four-year term. (His term is from August 19, 2024 through August 18, 2028).

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 have the Final Reading and Approval to appoint Wayne Keener to the 911 Communications Board for a four-year term. (He will replace Deborah Gaither and her term has expired). Mr. Keener's term will end on August 18, 2028.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 reimbursement from the Opioid Fund in the amount of \$7,431.11 to the Sheriff's Office for the purchase of DARE supplies for the schools. Copies of the invoices showing the items purchased are filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 98.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie 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 by the majority present at the meeting:

To approve the "Resolution authorizing an exemption from sales and use tax on agricultural livestock fencing materials, in accordance with State of Alabama Act 2024-169". A copy of the Resolution is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 99.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 2025 meeting schedule for the Etowah County Commission. A copy of the meeting schedule is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 100.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 declare 42 computers and 2 printers as surplus. A list of the Asset# or ID# is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 101.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 request of Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to grant approval for Greg Harwood, 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 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Statum welcomed Stephanie Franklin and joked with her about being the lowest level maintenance of all the Commissioners. He thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the department heads for all they do.

Commissioner Johnny Grant joked with Stephanie about he and Jamie Grant and welcomed her to the staff.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he was glad the election issues were resolved and is glad we knew the outcome on election night. He said he attended the Legislative Conference and will have that information for everyone at the next meeting. He said next year will be an exciting year and he was looking forward to it.

Commissioner Inzer welcomed Will Reed to the meeting and also thanked Mr. Brodeur for being here. He said the Sheriff and Mr. Keener will be good members for the 911 Board and he knows they will do a good job. He talked about an economic development opportunity in Mobile that will be good for the State. There will be Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 manufacturing facilities as a result and hopefully some of the suppliers will be interested in this area of the State. He let them know about the NEAR Megasite and also the former Goodyear location. He also said there's a lot of grant money available.

Commissioner Ramsey welcomed Stephanie and said he was glad to have Will Reed as the 911 Director. He talked about some of the Mental Health meetings he attended last week and said there's a lot happening in Alabama. They are receiving funding from the State to help with the Mental Health programs. He also said he plans to run for re-election to help with the Mental Health Program. Community Thanksgiving is coming up. He said he will not be at the November 19th meeting.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, President, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

ABSENT

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6