

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
February 2, 2016**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 2nd Day of February, 2016. Commissioner Lewis Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:22 am. Commissioner Larry Payne led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS:** None.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** Karen Bates, County Clerk, called the roll to establish a quorum. The following 5 out of 6 Commission members answered to their names and accordingly a quorum was found to be present:

District 1 – Joey Statum  
District 2 – Lewis Fuller  
District 3 – Larry Payne

District 5 – Carolyn Parker  
District 6 – Tim Choate

Absent: District 4 – Jeff Overstreet

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Advanced Disposal will have open top containers at four locations between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm for residential clean up of household trash on **Saturday, February 6, 2016**. 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

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Choate, 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:

- A. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Etowah County Commission dated January 19th, 2016, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for February 2nd, 2016.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Payne, 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 accept the resignation of Steve Blackwell from the Highland Water Authority, effective August 20, 2015, and to have the First Reading to appoint Alvin Ashley to complete his term, ending March 1, 2017.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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:

The request from Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. FY 2015-2016-02 Pump Replacement for Elevator “C” in the Detention Center to Bagby Elevator, the only bidder.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, 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 approve the request from Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. FY 2015-2016-01 Printing-Letterhead, Envelopes, Forms to Cornerstone Media (formerly American Solutions for Business) for one year with the option to renew, with vendor's approval.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Choate, 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:

The request of Lee Taylor, Chief of Administrations for the Sheriff's Office, to make the following budget increases:

Increase: Motor Vehicles (001.52100-551) \$8,740

Increase: Donations (001.40000.4700-000) \$8,740

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Parker, 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:

The request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Kodi Snead as a Tags and Titles Clerk, effective February 15, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid from the Revenue Department, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Payne, 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:

The request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Tiffany Laughlin as a Real Property Appraiser, effective February 15, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Parker, 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:

The request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Jessica Humphries, Business Property Clerk, effective February 22, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Parker, 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:

The resignation of John Blair from the Tillison Bend Water Authority, effective March 1, 2016, and to have the First Reading to appoint Frank Tillison to complete his term, ending March 1, 2019.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Choate, 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:

The Fee Schedule for Burial of Livestock as of February 1, 2016. This is the first fee increase since November of 2009. A copy of the new Fee Schedule has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 71.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, 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:

The Resolution # 02022016-01 to Authorize Etowah County Rural Transportation to enter into Third Party Agreements. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 72.

During the discussion of this item, Commissioner Parker clarified that any future agreements would have to be discussed with the Commission. As stated in the Resolution, any agreements made with Rural Transportation would be executed in the name of Commission, with the Commission President authorized to sign on their behalf.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Parker, 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:

The request to purchase a large warehouse located on Thomas Drive with over 5.28 acres of land owned by J & B Properties LLC., for \$862,500, subject to financing and satisfactory title examination. This is to be used for storage for the Sheriff’s Office with the understanding the County Commission will use 25% for storage and will have access to a chert pit being used by the Reserve Deputies.

During the discussion of this item, Commissioner Parker commented that she supported this purchase but still felt like we needed to improve courthouse security by reducing the number of entrances and using metal detectors. She feels like if we can afford to purchase the warehouse, we can afford to make the County Courthouse more secure. Commissioner Choate agreed with Commissioner Parker.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 approve financing with River Bank and Trust to purchase the building and property on Thomas Driver.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:**

- Chief Administrative Officer:** No Report.
- County Engineer:** No Report.
- County Attorney:** No Report.
- Other:** No Report.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Parker said she agreed with Commissioner Payne that we needed to stay optimistic and she wants the courthouse to be more secure and raises for the employees.

Commissioner Choate said he had received the Resolution from Steele about their opposition to 4-laning Hwy 11 and he would like to say, first of all, we cannot go to another county and tell them what to do. If we get a ‘bird in hand’ regarding the Little Canoe Creek Industrial Park, he feels the State will come in and build an interstate exit. If we get the industry we hope to get, the counties that surround Etowah County will also benefit from the jobs it will bring to the area.

Commissioners Statum and Payne did not have any comments today.

Commissioner Fuller said Black Creek area had received a higher ISO rating which should help with their insurance rates.

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

<hr/> Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1	<b>ABSENT</b> <hr/> Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4
<hr/> Lewis H. Fuller, President, Commissioner, District 2	<hr/> Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5
<hr/> Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3	<hr/> Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6