

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
March 15, 2016**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Commission Fuller called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00 am regarding the FEMA Floodplain Resolution and the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, which will be adopted at the Etowah County Commission Meeting today.

The notice of this meeting was posted and the information concerning this Resolution has been made available to the public. (Copies of the ordinance were available at the County Engineer's Office and at the County Commission Office.)

There were no questions asked at the meeting. The Public Hearing was concluded at 10:05 am.

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 15th Day of March, 2016. Commissioner Lewis Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Commissioner Larry Payne led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** George Iliff made some comments concerning the Etowah County Animal Shelter. He was a volunteer at the shelter. He had several facts concerning the number of animals that have been euthanized and complained about the lack of help at the shelter.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS:** Revenue Commissioner Linda Barrett-Vaughan recognized Harold Carpenter with the Job Corp. Mr. Carpenter thanked the Commissioners for all they do.

**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 2 – Lewis Fuller	District 4 – Jeff Overstreet
District 3 – Larry Payne	District 5 – Carolyn Parker
	District 6 – Tim Choate
Absent: Joey Statum – District 1	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, 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 March 1, 2016, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for March 15, 2016.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for February, 2016 are filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 82.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, 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 apply to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the 2016 Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) Grant, which is a renewal of the domestic violence grant we have received for many years, and to authorize the Etowah County Chief Administrative Officer to execute the document.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, 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 renewal of an agreement between Etowah County and ADEM for cost reimbursement for the removal of abandoned tires off the county ROW and to authorize the Commission President or the County Engineer to execute the documents. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 77.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 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:

To have the First Reading to approve the renewal of Jean Foster to the Board of the Etowah County Department of Human Resources for a six-year term. The term will end on February 16, 2022.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 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 First Reading to approve the renewal of Ila Mae Wright to the Board of the Etowah County Department of Human Resources for a six-year term. The term will end on January 20, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, 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 place the name of Chris Smith in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy, effective March 15, 2016. This is a transfer to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.91.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, 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:

To place the name of Tara Bates in the Sheriff's Office job slot of DEU Agent, effective March 15, 2016. This is a promotion to be paid by the DEU Fund, at an hourly rate of \$19.20.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 from Sherrie Kelley, CAO, to transfer Allison Green to Kennel Technician for Animal Control, effective March 15, 2016. This is a replacement to be paid from the Animal Control, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.14.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, 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 Tim Graves, County Engineer, to hire Clayton Zahorscak as an Engineering Technician, effective March 16, 2016. This is a new hire replacement to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund, at an annual rate of \$30,402.01.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 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 Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to extend Bid No. FY 2014-2015-16 INMATE UNIFORMS for one year to the current vendor, Bob Barker Company, Inc. This extension is provided for in the original bid and will expire on April 6, 2017.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, 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 Randall Johnson, Commander of DEU, to declare the following vehicles as surplus:

2009 – Chevrolet Tahoe - Vin# 1GNFK23029R156262  
2009 – Chevrolet Tahoe – Vin# 1GNFK230X9R157255

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 Tim Graves, County Engineer, to adopt the FEMA Floodplain Resolution and the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 78.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, 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 adopt the County Levies for Alcoholic Beverages for 2016-2017, and to authorize the Etowah County CAO to execute the document. A copy of the document has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 79.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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:

To enter into a ten year lease agreement with GSA for office space in the Judicial Building for the Local Federal Probation Office and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 80.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, 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 creation of the Solid Waste Authority made up of the following members: Ted Johnson, Wayne Rowe, and Lewis Fuller. The Commission also approved the acceptance of their application. A copy of the application has been filed in Attachment Book 7, Page 81. Commissioner Overstreet commented that he was voting yes with reservations due to how quickly this had all taken place.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 adopt a Resolution supporting the naming of the Southside Bridge and Noccalula Road from Highway 431 to I-59 to honor the Vietnam Veterans.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, 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 Spencer Gray, Facility Maintenance Supervisor, to hire Kyle Gilson as a Temporary Building Service Worker, effective March 16, 2016. This is a temporary position to fill in for an associate on medical leave and will be paid from the Maintenance Department, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$9.85.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, 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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss threatened or pending litigation after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. District 1- absent; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; District 6 – yes. County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, certified the reason for the meeting was acceptable by the laws and statutes governing an executive session. Those attending the session include: Jim Turnbach, County Attorney; Commissioners Fuller, Payne, Overstreet, Parker, and Choate; Robert Nail, Assistant County Engineer; Sherrie Kelley, CAO; Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO; Cody Robinson, Steve French and Steve Whitmir. The Commission dismissed for Executive Session at 10:17 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, 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:

To reconvene from the Executive Session at 11:30 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 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:**

No Comments.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

**ABSENT**

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

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Lewis H. Fuller, President, Commissioner, District 2

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Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

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Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

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Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6