

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
November 1, 2016**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 1st Day of November, 2016. Commissioner Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Parker led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

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 4 – Jeff Overstreet
District 5 – Carolyn Parker
District 6 – Tim Choate

Absent: Larry V. Payne – District 3

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Brad Hicks with ABS Office Solutions thanked the Commissioners for their continued business with his company (copiers) and said he appreciated their continued support of the smaller, local businesses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

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, November 5, 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

Commission Meeting Schedule Change:

The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th, 2016, will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, 2016, as required by the rules that govern the election of the commissioners. There will be no work session or meeting held on Tuesday, the 15th.

The meeting scheduled for December 6th will be held on December 13th, due to the ACCA Legislative Conference and the New Commissioner Orientation, which begins on December 6th in Montgomery.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: Commissioner Choate presented a Proclamation and Plaque to recognize Commissioner Lewis Fuller on his term as Commission President and recognized the accomplishments of the Commission during his term. Commissioner Fuller said he appreciated the Governor giving him the opportunity to serve and it had been an honor. He thanked everyone.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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 items on the Consent Agenda were approved as presented:

- A. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Etowah County Commission dated October 18th, 2016, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for November 1st, 2016.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 extension of the loan on the Drug Enforcement Unit Building with River Bank and Trust from October 20, 2016 to December 25, 2016. A copy of the Keystone (River Bank & Trust) loan that was extended has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 28.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 refinancing of the loan on the Drug Enforcement Unit Building with River Bank & Trust and authorizing the CAO to execute the document. The loan is approximately \$763,217.42 with a 10 year term at a 2.5% annual interest rate and a 15 year amortization. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 29.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, 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 of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award a 3 year lease on the copiers/printers to ABS Business Systems, utilizing the U. S. Communities Contract.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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:

The American Correctional Association Reaccreditation Contract for the Etowah County Sheriff’s Office Detention Center for a 3 year term, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 30.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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:

The Gadsden Etowah Metropolitan Planning Organization Resolution concerning the Transportation Planning Process for the Gadsden Urbanized Area and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. This Agreement is between the Etowah County Commission; the municipalities of Gadsden, Attalla, Glencoe, Rainbow City, Reece City, Hokes Bluff, and Southside; the East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission; and the State of Alabama. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 31.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fuller, 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 waive the First Reading and to have the Final Reading and Approval regarding the ABC Board Application for E S Country Corner located at 11644 Highway 278 East in Piedmont, Alabama 36272, to Susan Childers for License Type 050 – Retail Beer (off premise only) and License Type 070 – Retail Table Wine (off premise only). This is a transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for 1 or more Mortuary Refrigerators and 1 or more Stretchers (manual & hydraulic) for the Coroner.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, with all other members voting “yes”, the following item was approved:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To place the name of Trenton Hamilton in the Sheriff’s Department job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective November 2nd, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid by the General Fund, Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$13.25.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 Statum thanked Commissioner Fuller for his service. He said he had a lot of respect for him and appreciated all he has done. He also thanked Brad (with ABS –copiers) for coming to the meeting and thanking the Commissioners. He thought it was the first time we had a vendor come to the meeting to say thanks.

Commissioner Overstreet continued the sentiments. He said Commissioner Fuller had been a friend and inspiration and a lifelong servant. He said he appreciated his dedication and hard work.

Commissioner Parker said she appreciated Commissioner Fuller for his leadership, friendship, servitude, and support and said it had been an honor working with him.

Commissioner Choate said Commissioner Fuller had done an outstanding job and he appreciated all of his hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Fuller thanked everyone and welcomed Commissioner Grant. He said he wished him a lot of luck.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Choate, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

Lewis H. Fuller, President, Commissioner, District 2

Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

ABSENT

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6