

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
December 13, 2016**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 13th Day of December, 2016. Commissioner Grant called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Bruce Word led the Prayer and Commissioner Payne led the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: Bobby Junkins, Probate Judge, commented that they received a clean audit. He said we had about 44,000 get out to vote in the last election and praised everyone for doing such a good job.

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

District 1 – Joey Statum
District 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3- Larry V. Payne

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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. That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated November 1st, 2016, and the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting dated November 16th, 2016, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for December 13th, 2016.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. This includes the Cash Disbursements and On-line Transfers for October, 2016, and November, 2016; and the Visa Credit Card Purchases. A copy of these reports has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 32.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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 Renewal Amendment for the ‘Grant Agreement for Services for the Elderly’ for Rural Transportation and to designate Lora Weaver, Rural Transportation Director as the Fiscal Administrator; Also, to authorize the Commission President to execute the documents. These nutrition programs are for elderly aide in the operations of the Nutrition Centers at Lookout Mountain and Northeast Etowah, as well as, the homebound meal program. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 33.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 award Bid No. FY 2016-2017-03 Janitorial Services – Fleet Maintenance Building – Engineering Division (1 Year Contract) to Alabama Rent A Maid Janitorial Service. This was the only bidder.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

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:

The request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. FY 2016-2017-01 (1) 2017 Fleet / Non-Retail Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4 WD Crew Cab (or approved equal) Drug Enforcement Unit to Donohoo Chevrolet, LLC.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for office supplies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 following Budget Amendments as of September 30, 2016:

General Fund:

Increase – Operating Transfer Out- Domestic Violence Grant Fund (001.62000-284)	\$25,561
Increase – Operating Transfer Out –DEU Fund (001.62000-288)	\$35,000

Domestic Violence Grant Fund:

Increase – Operating Transfer In – General Fund (284.61000-001)	\$25,561
Increase – Donations (284.40000.47700-000)	\$25,561

DEU Fund:

Increase - Operating Transfer In (288.61000-001) – General Fund -	\$35,000
Increase – Operating Transfer In (288.61000-278) – Drug Forfeiture Fund -	\$31,231

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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 First Reading regarding the ABC Board Application for License Type 050 – Retail Beer (off premise only) and License Type 070 – Retail Table Wine (off premise only) for applicant, Mansour LLC, under the trade name of Ball Play Grocery, located at 10291 Centre Road, Gadsden, AL 35903.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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:

The First Reading for the ABC Board Application License Type 050-Retail Beer (Off Premise Only) for applicant, Burtons Supermarket, Inc., under the trade name of Lil Burtons, located at 4725 Highway 179, Boaz, Al 35906.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

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

The following Agreements with the Etowah County Commission for District 5 for funding support from the District 5 Discretionary Fund Accounts: (Copies of the Agreements have been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 34).

- a. The Family Success Center
- b. The Boys and Girls Club

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

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

The Agreement with Whitaker Contracting Corporation on the parking lot improvements at the Etowah County Courthouse and to authorize the CAO to execute any documents. This agreement includes seal coating, crack sealing, and striping for cost of \$47,800. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 35.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Choate, 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 Gregory Walker in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Part-time Sheriff Trainee, effective December 13, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.25.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 Jeremy Lasseter in the Sheriff's Department job slot of DEU Agent, effective December 13, 2016. This is a promotion to be paid by the DEU Fund, at an hourly rate of \$19.20.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 Stephen McGlathery in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Investigator, effective December 13, 2016. This is a promotion to be paid by the Domestic Violence Grant Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Statum, 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 Jacob Bradley in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Part-time Sheriff Trainee, effective December 13, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.25.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, 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 approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to promote Bret James to Mapper/GIS Technician 1, effective December 13, 2016. This is a promotion to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.60. The Mapping Clerk position he transferred from has been dissolved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Grant, with all other members voting "no", the following item was **not** approved:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was **not** approved:

Option a: To authorize the CAO to execute a one-time buy-back offer of up to 40 hours of a combination of sick, vacation, and /or comp time to eligible county employees.

Commissioner Overstreet commented that we passed the budget in September and considered the absorption of 4% insurance increase and 2 ½ % raise for the employees. They discussed the buy-back at that time and said if these other things took place, we could not support a buy-back. He said he had a responsibility to the taxpayers and they cannot continue to go into the reserves as they have been doing.

This item did not pass.

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with Commissioner Overstreet voting 'no' and all other members voting "yes", the following item was approved:

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

Option b: To authorize the CAO to execute a one-time buy-back offer of up to 20 hours of a combination of sick, vacation, and/or comp time to eligible county employees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 Choate said he was glad to have a full room and wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Commissioner Parker recognized some of the former Commissioners and other elected officials at the meeting. She said they needed to stick around for the celebration (of the 150th Anniversary of the County's Birthday). Former Commissioner Brown, Revenue Commissioner Linda Vaughan, Circuit Clerk Sam Johnson, Judge Clay, Judge Nabors, former Commissioner Moseley, and Councilman Reed to name a few.

Commissioner Overstreet did not have anything to add today.

Commissioner Statum did not have anything today.

Commissioner Payne said they would take a 5 minute break and then begin the 150th Anniversary Celebration Program.

Commissioner Grant thanked everyone for coming.

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.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, President, Commissioner, District 2

Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6