

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
February 7, 2017**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 7th Day of February, 2017. Commissioner Choate called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Scott Hassell led the Prayer and the 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 4 out of 6 Commission members answered to their names and accordingly a quorum was found to be present:

District 2 – Johnny Grant
District 4 – Jeff Overstreet

District 5 – Carolyn Parker
District 6 – Tim Choate

Absent: Joey Statum – District 1
Larry V. Payne – District 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: Sheriff Entrekin and Scott Hassell presented Alabama Jail Training Institute certificates to Dale Hyatt and John Mashburn on behalf of the ACCA and the Etowah County Commission. Scott said they invested time and energy into training, which allows us to get a discount on our liability insurance. This also helps when we have lawsuits. Sheriff Entrekin said the ones working inside the jail day-to-day don't get the recognition and praise that some of the other officers do that are in job more visible to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Grant 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 January 17th, 2017, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for February 7th, 2017.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers for January 2017 has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 46.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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:

A Resolution to extend Etowah County's membership with the Association of County Commissions of Alabama Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc., for an additional three-year period, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. This will extend our participation in the Liability Fund from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 47.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Grant, 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 London Pearce, Etowah County Coroner, to appoint the following as uncompensated Deputy Coroners: Joe Horton, Chris Thompson, and Chris Crowe.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

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 of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. FY 2016-2017-07 Office Supplies to Observer Office Supply, the apparent low bidder.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Grant, 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 printing- letterhead, envelopes, forms, etc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

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 'Chief Local Elected Officials Agreement' regarding Local Workforce Development and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 51.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

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 items were combined and approved in one motion:

- a. To place the name of Russell Shaneyfelt in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective February 7, 2017. This is a promotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.25.
- b. To place the name of Landon Allen in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective February 7, 2017. This is a promotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.25.
- c. To place the name of Dylan Gregory in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 7, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- d. To place the name of Jesse Colvin in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Sergeant, effective February 7, 2017. This is a promotion to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.91.
- e. To place the name of Stephen Rodgers in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- f. To place the name of Charles Little, Jr., in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- g. To place the name of Lake Stowers in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- h. To place the name of Warren Jenkins in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- i. To place the name of Wilbert Howard in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- j. To place the name of Fabian Marino in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- k. To place the name of Jordan Whitmore in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- l. To place the name of George Westmoreland in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- m. To place the name of Charles Rectenwald in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- n. To place the name of Guy Harris in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- o. To place the name of Dakota Elliott in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- p. To place the name of Andrew Lang in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee (Reserve) Part-Time, effective February 7, 2017. This is a Part-time new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.25.

q. To place the name of Lanny Handy in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy Sheriff (Reserve) Part-Time, effective February 7, 2017. This is a Part-time new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.91.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Parker with all other members voting "yes", the following items were combined and adopted:

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

The Resolution concerning the TEFRA hearing and certificate, which will allow the Public Finance Authority to issue its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds with no liability to the Etowah County Commission and no assets of the County pledged to the payment of the Bonds. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 48.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

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:

The following Agreements (which are filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 49) with the Etowah County Commission for District 5 for funding support from the District 5 Discretionary Fund Account:

- a. United Way of Etowah County
- b. Gadsden-Etowah Patriots Association
- c. Sickle Cell Disease Association of America

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Grant, 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 updated 'Etowah County Travel Policy' and 'Statement of Expenses Incurred Form' which will update the travel policies for elected officials and employees using personal vehicles for travel and/or county credit card for meals and lodging. A copy of this policy and form has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 50.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, 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 East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission to administer the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (CFDA #97.039) (Storm Shelter Grant) for the 4 selected sites, pending review of the agreement by the County Attorney. Commissioner Overstreet also thanked Ms Gaither and Ms Landholm for all their work in getting these grants approved because they will help protect a lot of people on the west side of the county. A Copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 52.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Grant, 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 Master Gardeners to re-landscape the existing flower beds and shrubbery around the Etowah County Courthouse. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 53.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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:

The First Reading to appoint Gary Pruitt as a Board Member at Highland Water Authority Board. He will be replacing Alvin Ashley, whose term will expire in March, 2017. This term will be effective through March 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, 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 following budget amendment for the purchase of a morgue and stretchers for the Coroner's Department:

Increase: 001.52400-471	Equipment<Threshold	\$4,493
001.52400-549	Other Equipment	\$41,414
Decrease: 001.35900	Fund Balance	\$45,907

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Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Grant, 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 budget amendments due to the vacation & sick leave buyback in December 2016:

Budget Amendments

Buyback of up to 20 hours of Vacation/Sick Leave Time December 2016

General Fund

Increase:

County Commission

001.51100-113 Salaries & Wages 3,012

001.51100-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 230

Courthouse Security

001.51110-113 Salaries & Wages 307

001.51110-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 23

Probate Judge's Office

001.51300-113 Salaries & Wages 2,850

001.51300-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 218

Revenue Commissioner's Office

001.51600-113 Salaries & Wages 2,588

001.51600-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 198

Personnel

001.51962-113 Salaries & Wages 927

001.51962-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 71

Data Processing

001.51965-113 Salaries & Wages 317

001.51965-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 24

License Inspector

001.51980-113 Salaries & Wages 285

001.51980-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 22

Maintenance

001.51995-113 Salaries & Wages 2,980

001.51995-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 228

Sheriff's Office

001.52100-113 Salaries & Wages 13,770

001.52100-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 1,053

Jail

001.52200-113 Salaries & Wages 9,438

001.52200-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 699

Constable

001.52700-113 Salaries & Wages 258

001.52700-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 20

Animal Control

001.55400-113 Salaries & Wages 1,131

001.55400-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 87

Decrease:

001.35900 Fund Balance 40,736

Gas Tax Fund

Increase:

111.53100-113 Salaries & Wages 10,057

111.53100-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 697

Decrease:

Fund Balance

10,754

Reappraisal Fund

Increase:

120.51800-113 Salaries & Wages 1,966
120.51800-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 150

Decrease:

120.51800-170 Training/Educational Services 2,116

RSVP Fund

Increase:

176.56230-113 Salaries & Wages 314
176.56230-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 24
176.40000.47700-00 Donations (Revenue) 250

Decrease:

176.56230-271 Insurance-Building 78
176.56230-499 Miscellaneous 10

DARE Fund

Increase:

177.52100-113 Salaries & Wages 347
177.52100-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 27

Decrease:

177.52100-219 Miscellaneous Supplies 374

ICE Fund

Increase:

195.52210-113 Salaries & Wages 8,568
195.52210-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 656
195.40000.45821-720 Housing-Federal Detainees (Revenue) 9,224

Rural Transportation Fund

Increase:

271.56210-113 Salaries & Wages 424
271.56210-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 32
271.56211-113 Salaries & Wages 194
271.56211-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 15
271.40000.47900-000 Other Revenue 250

Decrease:

271.56210-271 Insurance- Building 116
271.56210-212 Fuel 299

Senior Nutrition Fund

Increase:

272.56220-113 Salaries & Wages 65
272.56220-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 5
272.61000-001 Operating Transfer In - General Fund 70
001.62000-272 Operating Transfer Out- Senior Nutrition Fund 70

Decrease

001.35900 Fund Balance 70

COPS Grant Fund

Increase:

281.52100-113 Salaries & Wages 864
281.52100-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 66
281.40000.47700-000 Donations (Revenue) 620
281.61000-001 Operating Transfer In- General Fund 310
001.62000-281 Operating Transfer Out- COPS Grant Fund 310

Decrease:

001.35900 Fund Balance 310

Domestic Violence Grant Fund

Increase:

284.52100-113 Salaries & Wages 976
284.52100-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes 75
284.40000.47700-000 Donations (Revenue) 1,051

DEU Fund

Increase:

288.52970-113	Salaries & Wages	2,163
288.52970-124	Social Security/Medicare Taxes	165
288.40000.41215-006	County Sales Tax-Law Enforcement Allocation	2,000
<u>Decrease:</u>		
288.52970-271	Insurance- Building	60
288.52970-499	Miscellaneous	268

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

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:

The Commissioners congratulated Dale Hyatt and John Mashburn for their training through the Alabama Jail Training Institute. They also thanked Deborah Gaither and Dawn Landholm for their work in helping to get the storm shelter grants.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

ABSENT

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, President, Commissioner, District 2

Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

ABSENT

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6