

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
September 5, 2017**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 5th Day of September, 2017. Commissioner Choate called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Commissioner Parker 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 and quorum was present:

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

District 5 – Carolyn Parker  
District 6 – Tim Choate

Absent: Jeff Overstreet – District 4

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:** Commissioner Choate presented a Proclamation to Deborah Gaither, Gadsden/Etowah EMA Director, to recognize September, 2017, as National Preparedness Month. He thanked Ms Gaither for all they do for the County and the Commission.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Statum seconded by Commissioner Payne, 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 August 15th, 2017, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for September 5, 2017.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to Award Bid No. FY-2016-2017-14 for Rodent, Pest, Bird, and Termite Services –County Buildings – 3 Year Contract to Morris Pest Control.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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 Aggregate.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 Todd Entrekin, Etowah County Sheriff, to declare the following 2 vehicles as surplus:

2016 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 P/U Truck – VIN# 3GCUKREC2GG223259  
2016 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 P/U Truck – VIN# 3GCUKRECXGG223543

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

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 Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to declare the following vehicle as surplus:

2009 Ford F-150 Crew Cab Pickup Truck – VIN# 1FTPW14V79FA20300

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 Final Reading and Approval to reappoint Tim Crow to the E911 Etowah County Communications District Board, with the term expiring on August 31, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

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 Final Reading and Approval to reappoint Michael Barton to the E911 Etowah County Communications District Board, with the term expiring on August 31, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**Regarding the Item to have the ‘Final Reading and Approval to reappoint Phillip Smith to the E911 Etowah County Communications District Board, with the term expiring on August 31, 2021 - After the Commission President called for a motion, there was no motion made. This item died for lack of a motion.**

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:

To waive the First Reading and have the Final Reading and Approval to appoint La Gray to the E911 Etowah County Communications District Board, with the term expiring on August 31, 2021. During the Discussion on this item, Commissioner Parker requested the effective date for La Gray to take over the appointment be October 1, 2017, so it the Budget could be adopted with the current board members.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

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 ‘First Amendment to Inmate Communication Services Agreement’ with NCIC Inmate Phone Service concerning the use of electronic and text messaging through a pilot company and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 11.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

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:

To approve the ‘Resolution Authorizing Local Matching Funds – Section 5311 Rural Area Public Transportation’ with the Etowah County Commission agreeing to a local non-federal match of \$165,103 for operations, administration, planning and capital expenditures, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 12.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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:

To have the Final Reading and Approval for the ABC Board Application for License Type 050-Retail Beer (Off Premise Only), for applicant J AND C GRANT LLC (Jamie Wayne Grant), under the trade name Lil Burton, located at 4725 Highway 179, Boaz, AL 35956.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 ‘Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract FY 2017-2018’ with the Alabama Department of Youth Services, to approve the Coosa Valley Detention Center to receive the funds, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 13.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, 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 ‘Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, and the Etowah County Sheriff’ concerning the 2017 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 14.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, 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 Place the name of Coley McGowen in the Sheriff’s Department job slot of Deputy Sheriff, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entekin, effective August 23, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.91.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 Jeff Little, Personnel Director, to hire Emily Helms as Chief Clerk- Personnel/Payroll (Unclassified), effective September 7, 2017. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Personnel, at an hourly rate of \$16.83.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

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 London Pearce, Coroner, to hire Joe Horton as Deputy Coroner, effective September 6, 2017. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Coroner’s Office, at a rate of \$50 per month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

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 Jamie Thompson, Animal Control Director, to hire Nicholas Clanton as Animal Control Officer, effective September 6, 2017. This is a replacement to be paid from the Animal Control Fund, at a rate of \$11.99 per hour.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

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 request of Jamie Thompson, Animal Control Director, to hire Destiny Ray as Kennel Tech Part-time, effective September 6, 2017. This is a part-time replacement to be paid from the Animal Control Fund, at a rate of \$10.87 per hour.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

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 items were combined and approved in one motion:

- a. The request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Glenda Justus as Temporary Revenue Assessing Clerk, effective October 2, 2017. This is a temporary position to be paid from the General Fund, Revenue Department, at a rate of \$10.87 per hour.

- b. The request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Bonnie Yarnell as Temporary Revenue Collections Clerk, effective October 2, 2017. This is a temporary position to be paid from the General Fund, Revenue Department, at a rate of \$10.87 per hour.
- c. The request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Sandy Murphee as Temporary Revenue Collections Clerk, effective October 2, 2017. This is a temporary position to be paid from the General Fund, Revenue Department, at a rate of \$10.87 per hour.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 Agreement with Smart Communications Holding, Inc., pending review and approval by the County Attorney, which will initiate the Smart Kiosk System including the Mail guard System at no cost to Etowah County; Also, to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 15.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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 accept the resignation of Barney Vinyard from the Highland Water Authority, effective August 17, 2017 and to approve the First Reading to appoint J. Courtney Cole to complete his term (ending on March 1, 2019). Mr. Vinyard moved out of the Highland Water District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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:

To authorize an Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. District 1- yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 5 – yes; District 6 – yes. The following attended the meeting - Commissioners Statum, Grant, Payne, Parker, and Choate; Jim Turnbach, County Attorney; David Akins, Interim CAO; and Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO. The Commissioners dismissed for the Executive Session at 10:20 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

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:

To reconvene from Executive Session at 10:35 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:**  
**Chief Administrative Officer:**  
**County Engineer:** No Report.  
**County Attorney:**  
**Other:** No Report.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Choate said that Sherrie Kelley would be missed. She has been very supportive of him and he thanked her for her service.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 am.

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

