

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
November 19, 2019**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 19th Day of November, 2019. Commissioner Statum called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Commissioner Ramsey led in 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: The roll was called to establish a quorum. The following 6 out of 6 Commission members answered to their names and accordingly and quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Larry V. Payne	District 6 – Craig Inzer

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th, 2019 due to the Thanksgiving Holidays.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:

Commissioner Statum presented a Proclamation to Laura Johnson, MANNA Director, to recognize November 24th, 2019, as MANNA SUNDAY. Ms. Johnson talked about their program and thanked all of their volunteers. They deliver meals and have a waiting list of names to be added. This also allows them to do wellness checks on the homebound elderly. Riverview provides the meals and also office space for the program. They need volunteers and donations to cover the costs of the seniors that receive their meals discounted or free. Craig Scott, the Director of the Gadsden Public Library and Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, are also on the Board and support the program. Craig spoke about what a great service the program provides for the community.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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:

CONSENT AGENDA: All items designated as “Consent” are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will be permitted unless a Commissioner so requests. If so, such item(s) will revert to New Business.

- A. That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated November 5th, 2019, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for November 19th, 2019.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for October 2019 has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 099.
- D. To authorize the Acting CAO to execute a buy-back offer of up to 40 hours of a combination of sick, vacation, paid-time-off (PTO), and/or comp time to eligible county employees to be used in November, 2019.
- E. To place the name of Zachary Ross in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective November 19th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- F. To place the name of Joniqua Jackson in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective November 19th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- G. To place the name of Rickey Richard in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective November 19th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- H. To place the name of Cedric Childs in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 19th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- I. To place the name of Thomas Freeman in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective December 2nd, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- J. To place the name of Dylan Minton in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective December 9th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.

- K. To place the name of Jennifer Barnes in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Lieutenant – Detention, effective November 7th, 2019. This is a temporary promotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.81 and is due to another associate being out on leave of absence.
- L. As part of our ongoing MS4 permit requirements with ADEM, the Etowah County Commission would like to approve a Resolution to recognize "Water Quality Awareness Week" as December 1st through December 7th, 2019 and to authorize the Commission President to sign the Resolution. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 100.
- M. To approve the Agreement between Etowah County Commission and Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama E2 Program Relative to Transportation Services for October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 101.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 ABC License Application Type 050- Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Type 070- Retail Table Win (Off Premise Only) for applicant **YOUSEF YAQUOUB Inc.** (Nabil Yousef Mousa and Sameer Yousef Mousa) under the trade name, **SAMCO EXPRESS MART 34, located at 10291 Centre Road, Gadsden, AL 35903. The location of this property in in Etowah County and has County Law Enforcement.** This is a license transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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 have the Final Reading and Approval for the reappointment of the following Etowah County Department of Human Resource Board members for a six year term which will expire on September 30, 2025:

- a. Jerry Bone
- b. Pam Clough
- c. Wayne Watts

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 re-approval of the Sunset Lake Subdivision due to changes being made to the preliminary plat. These changes have been reviewed by the County Engineer and the roadway associated with the subdivision will be a private roadway. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 102.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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, Acting CAO, to grant Tracy Lewis in the Office of the Sheriff approval to receive sick leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements for the "Sick Leave Donation Program".

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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 Sessions to discuss matter of commerce or trade after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. This has been authorized by the County Attorney as meeting the requirements under the Open Meetings Act and those attending the meeting include the County Attorney, Commissioners, Acting CAO, Turner, Davis, Gambler, Mr. Payne, and Mr. Robinson. District 1- yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 5 – yes; District 6 – yes. The Commissioners dismissed at 10:12 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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 reconvene from Executive Session at 12:30 pm.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Acting CAO: No Report.

County Engineer: No Report.

County Attorney: No Report.

Other: No Report.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS: None.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Payne seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Joey Statum, President, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6