

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
July 21st, 2020**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 21st Day of July, 2020. Commissioner Jeffery Washington called the meeting to order at 10:15 am and Shane Ellison, CAO, 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 5 out of 6 Commission members responded to their names and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
	District 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Larry V. Payne - District 3

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Advanced Disposal** will have open top containers at four locations between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm for residential cleanup of household trash on **Saturday, August 1st, 2020.** 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

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting dated June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for July 21st, 2020.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Online Transfers and Cash Disbursements for June, 2020, and a copy of the Visa Credit Card purchases from May 20, 2020 through June 17, 2020 have been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 039.
- D. To extend the terms of the Central Etowah County Solid Waste Disposal Authority Directors: Ted Johnson, Wayne Rowe, and Lewis Fuller, until April 6, 2022. This will be a three year reappointment.
- E. To approve the ‘Coosa Valley RC&D Council Cooperative Agreement – Project CD202047’, which will provide a grant of \$10,000 in for the “Keep Etowah Clean” Project, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document and serve as the Project Director. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 040.
- F. To approve the reappointment of Tim Ramsey as Etowah County’s nominee for the 2020-2021 ACCA Legislative Committee Representative.
- G. To approve the reappointment of Johnny Grant as Etowah County’s nominee for the 2020- 2021 ACCA Board of Directors for District 3.
- H. To place the name of Bobby Lemley, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 27th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- I. To place the name of Justin Satterfield, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 27th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.

- J. To place the name of Zachary Tanner, in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 13th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- K. To place the name of Chase Autwell, in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 13th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- L. To place the name of Jacob Parrish, in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 13th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60. (Jacob Parrish worked one day).
- M. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commission, to hire Addison Robinson as a Revenue Tag & Title Clerk, effective July 21st, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$10.87. (Susan Bowen was on the July 7<sup>th</sup> agenda but rescinded the acceptance).
- N. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2019-2020-16 HVAC Improvements for Etowah County Jail, to P&M Mechanical, Inc., the lowest, responsible bidder.
- O. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No. FY 2017-2018-16(A) & (B) – Lawn Maintenance – County Buildings for an additional year with current vendor (Addison Lawn Care) as provided for in the original bid. This is the third and final renewal.
- P. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No. FY 2017-2018-17 Garbage Service – County Buildings for an additional year with current vendor (Republic Services) as provided for in the original bid. This is the third and final renewal.
- Q. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Rodent, Pest, Bird, & Termite Services – County Buildings.
- R. To approve a resolution authorizing issuance of the \$7,420,000 General Obligation Warrants, Series 2020, dated July 27, 2020, to redeem and retire the County's Series 2014 Warrants and pay for jail and other public capital improvements for the County. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 041.
- S. To approve the "Coosa Regional Solid Waste Disposal Authority Participating User Agreement" and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. (Subject to review by the Etowah County Attorney.) A copy of the document will be filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 042.
- T. To have the First Reading to reappoint Nanda Patel to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Board of Directors for a two year term.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendment for the gasoline tax fund (for equipment encumbered in FY 2019, but paid for in FY 2020):

(Asphalt Tank - \$71,447.77; Boom Mower - \$170,307; (2) 6110M Tractors - \$150,328)

Increase: 111.53100-561 - Construction Equipment \$392,083

Decrease: 111.35900 - Fund Balance \$392,083

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Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny 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 approve the renewal of the Agreement with *Insyteful LLC.*, for a one year term, and to authorize the CAO to execute the agreement. This is for Website Maintenance, Hosting, and Domain Registration of the Little Canoe Creek Megasite. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 043.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 Sheriff Jonathon Horton for Hazard Duty Pay to the Deputies (including Road Deputies & Detention Deputies), Certified Officers, Dispatchers, and DEU Agents. A copy of the Resolution is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 044.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020.**

**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 Johnny Grant discussed the ‘hazard pay’ that was voted on today. He described a recent incident involving a missing young man and about all of the volunteers that came out to help locate him. It was very hot out and they looked for a long time in less than ideal conditions. He said we owe a debt of gratitude to first responders for what they do and they need our thanks.

Commissioner Joey Statum reminded everyone about the importance of the Census for 2020. He also thanked the deputies for putting their life on the line and basically thanking all first responders. In making a decision regarding the hazard pay, there is just a process the Commission has to go through in making financial decisions due to limited money and having to maintain the budget.  
He wished Shane a Happy Birthday and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Tim Ramsey thanked Lee (with Frasier Lanier) for what all his company did in helping get the Bond Issue handled. He said Etowah County would not have been able to buy equipment (for the Road Dept) which will improve the roads in the county if it had not been for the savings they made when the bond was reissued. He said he appreciated this body of men that disagree, then agree, and come to a decision and the best answer as a group. He encouraged everyone to turn in their Census and to support the Family Success Center with the program they plan to have on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Center from 12 – 3. It will include help with Census, a blood drive, and a change for voter registration. He said he also plans to have a program in his District to encourage filling out the Census (in the Walnut Grove area). He thanked the Engineering Department for meeting with him when there were road issues in his District and also thanked them for all they have been working on, trying to clean up the debris.

Commissioner Craig Inzer said regarding the hazard pay, he agreed with everyone. It is a large amount of money and they Commissioners have to look on down the road at how to cover the added cost if they are not able to get reimbursed from the State or Federal Government. He also talked about how proud he was of their work with the Bond Issue and how the lower rate allowed them to be able to purchase updated equipment for the road dept.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming out and for wearing their masks. He stressed the importance of the Census and how beneficial it is to the people of the State and Etowah County that our numbers be a correct representation of the number of people that live here. He said regarding the hazard pay, he wanted to help out the Sheriff’s Office employees but the Commission has to be fair and look at all employees. He thanked them for what they have done and thanked them for speaking up. Everyone may not be happy but with the decisions they make but they do what needs to be done.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Tim Ramsey, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

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Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

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Jeffery Washington, President, Commissioner, District 5

**ABSENT**  
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Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

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Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6