

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
August 18th, 2020**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 18th Day of August, 2020. Commissioner Jeffery Washington called the meeting to order at 10:03 am and 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 following 6 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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 August 4th, 2020, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for August 18th, 2020.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for July 2020 is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 49.
- D. To place the name of Jennifer Barnes, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Lieutenant – Detention, effective August 14th, 2020. This is a replacement (promotion) to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.81.
- E. To place the name of Zoey Randolph, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective August 12th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- F. To place the name of Shane Hartley, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of School Resource Officer -Deputy, effective August 10th, 2020. This is a replacement (voluntary demotion) to be paid from the Sheriff’s office General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$18.26.
- G. To place the name of Derek Vaughn, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective August 24th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- H. To approve the request of Tim Graves, Etowah County Engineer, to transfer Jessica Causey to Administrative Coordinator, effective August 24th, 2020. This is a promotion to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.27.
- I. To approve the request of Tim Graves, Etowah County Engineer, to grant approval for Donald Kelley, Maintenance Supervisor, Engineering Department, to receive catastrophic sick leave donations. He has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.
- J. To approve the ‘Agreement of Purchase and Sale of Mitigation Credits’ from Westervelt Ecological Services, LLC. at Little Canoe Creek Industrial Development for \$48,717, which will be paid out of Growing Alabama Grant Fund. A Copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 53.
- K. To approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, and the Etowah County Sheriff for the 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award to be used by Gadsden to purchase ballistic shields equipment and provide NIBRS training, and to purchase a remote-controlled surveillance platform for the Etowah County Sheriff’s Office. A copy of the Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 54.
- L. To approve the request from Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Aggregate.
- M. To approve the agreement with the State of Alabama, through ALDOT, to repair an embankment on Tidmore Bend Road (County Project No. ECP 28-084-20) and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 55.

N. To approve the Agreement with The Gas Board of the City of Boaz regarding an 'Easement, Right-of-Way, and Surface Damage Settlement' and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 56.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, 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:

To have the Final Reading and Approval to reappoint Deborah Gaither to the Etowah County Communications District Board for a four year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 have the Final Reading and Approval to appoint Jonathon Horton to the Etowah County Communications District Board for a four year term to replace Wally Burns (term expires in August).

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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 Adopt the Etowah County ReBuild Alabama 2021 Transportation Plan. A copy of this document is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 50.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 authorize a 'participating user' agreement between Coosa Regional Solid Waste Disposal Authority and the Etowah County Commission pending review and approval by the County Attorney. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 51.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 "Resolution to Provide Tier I Benefits to Tier II Plan Members" and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the document is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 52.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 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 Grant said he has a copy of the agenda for the upcoming Annual Conference (ACCA) and there were several areas the Commissioners need to look at to see what items they want the ACCA to promote to the Legislators.

Commissioner Statum asked everyone to remember their Census if they have not already completed it. We only have 65% participation in the County and this percentage needs to be more.

Commissioner Ramsey said he was having a get together at West End High School with Family Success Center to help people fill out their census, register to vote, and possibly donate blood. He also discussed the landfill issue and said he appreciated all the work that had gone on behind the scenes in finalizing that agreement.

Commissioner Washington said we had reached a point on the Census where people will start going door-to-door. He said if our numbers don't increase, we may lose a seat. He said he was planning an event with Family Success on September 5th and he will have help for people to fill out their Census, voter registration, and a blood drive. This will take place on Tuscaloosa Avenue. He also thanked the staff for all they do.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, President, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6