

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
October 6th, 2020**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 6th Day of October, 2020. Commissioner Joey Statum, Acting President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 4 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 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Larry V. Payne – District 3  
Jeffery Washington – District 5

**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 September 15th, 2020, and the Special Called Meeting dated September 22nd, 2020, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 6th, 2020.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Purchasing Charges from August 7th, 2020 through August 24, 2020 has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 67.
- D. To approve the following line item transfers or budget amendments for the FY 2019-2020 Budget (effective September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020):

**Sheriff’s Office – Jail Fund**

Increase:

Repairs & Maintenance – Motor Vehicles (001.52200-234)	\$803
Insurance – General Liability (001.52210-274)	\$4,470
Insurance – Buildings (001.52200-271)	\$368

Decrease:

Workmen’s Compensation Insurance (001.52200-125)	\$4,510
Fuel (001.52200-212)	\$803
Insurance – Motor Vehicles (001.52200-272)	\$328

**Sheriff’s Office**

Increase:

Workmen’s Compensation Insurance (001.52100-125)	\$1,840
Uniforms & Clothing (001.52100-203)	\$974
Office Supplies (001.52100-211)	\$3,320
Repairs & Maintenance – DP Equipment (001.52100-235)	\$3,786
Repairs & Maintenance – Other (001.52100-242)	\$760
Insurance – General Liability (001.52100-274)	\$3,472
Vehicle License Plates (001.52100-407)	\$268

Decrease:

Retirees Insurance (001.52100-131)	\$1,840
Fuel (001.52100-212)	\$5,530
Tires & Tubes (001.52100-215)	\$5,400
Travel – Training & Registration Fees (001.52100-265)	\$1,650

**Budget Amendments for Hazardous Duty Pay (effective September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020):**

**General Fund - Sheriff's Office & Jail**

Increase:

Salaries & Wages (001.52100.113)	\$58,773
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.52100-124)	\$4,496
Salaries & Wages (001.52200.113)	\$41,545
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.52200-124)	\$3,178
Salaries & Benefits – S.O. Discretionary (001.40000.44994-720)	\$8,563
State Grant (001.40000.44360-810)	\$99,429

**ICE Fund**

Increase:

Salaries & Wages (195.52210.113)	\$25,591
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (195.52210-124)	\$1,958
State Grant (195.40000.44360-810)	\$27,549

**DEU Fund**

Increase:

Salaries & Wages (288.52970-113)	\$6,000
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (288.52970-124)	\$459
State Grant (288.40000.44360-810)	\$6,459

**Rural Transportation Fund**

Increase:

Uniforms, Clothing & Footwear (271.56210-203)	\$973
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Decrease:

Fuel (271.56210-212)	\$973
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- E. To approve the renewal of the “Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement – Revenue Administration” between Avenue Insights & Analytics, LLC (AVENU) and Etowah County for three years; and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 65.
- F. To approve the request of Randall Johnson, Drug Enforcement Unit Commander, to declare the following as surplus:
- (1) 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN# 1GNSKFKC8LR174323
- G. To approve the request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to declare the following as surplus:
- 1997 Ford F150 VIN# 1FTDF17W6VLV88609
- H. To approve the recommended change in the policy language regarding the provision of group insurance as recommended by the Etowah County Personnel Board which provides an employee insurance program for all eligible employees and eligible dependents and requires the Etowah County Commission to establish the annual premium. A copy of this policy change has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 66.
- I. To approve the request from Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2019-2020-19 Aggregate to Blount Springs Materials, the lowest bidder.
- J. To place the name of Joseph Williams, in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Security Specialist, effective September 21st, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.58.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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:

The “Proposal of Consulting & Design Services” with Stephen Ward & Associates, Inc., concerning Courthouse, Judicial Building, and Jail designs for needed repairs and upgrades to exterior and interior of buildings at a total cost of \$73,000. Also, to authorize the CAO to execute any documents. A copy of the Proposal has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 64.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 request of Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to grant approval for Dakota Lee, Detention Deputy, to receive 'catastrophic sick leave' donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 approve the request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to grant approval for Thomas Badgett, Mechanic, to receive 'catastrophic sick leave' donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 designation that the following organizations serve a public purpose and are eligible to receive public funds:

- a. Etowah Pregnancy Testing Center, Inc.
- b. Roseland Community Initiatives (donations have to be used in Etowah County)

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 appointment of Shane Ellison, CAO, as the Commission's representative to the Etowah County Community Corrections Board of Directors.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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:

An appropriation of up to \$53,325 to the District Attorney's Office for the purchase of Case Management Software effective September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and any accompanying budget amendments.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss economic development after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. This meeting will include the Commissioners, CAO, CFO, Jamie Grant, and the County Attorney. The County Attorney certified the reason for the Executive Session as meeting the criteria under the open meetings laws. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 4 – yes; and District 6 – yes. The Commissioners dismissed for the Executive Session at 10:12 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020**

Upon the 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 return from Executive Session.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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: NONE.**

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 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

**ABSENT**  
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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