

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
October 20th, 2020**

Public Hearing

At 10:00 am, Robert Nail, Assistant Engineer for Etowah County, conducted a Public Hearing concerning the Road Vacation of a portion of Noble Hill Road located in Sections 15 and 16, Township 11 South Range 5 East, Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama with 15 feet to the left and 15 feet to the right of the centerline as described in the attached document. There were no comments or objections.

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 20th Day of October, 2020. Commissioner Washington called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Larry V. Payne

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington

Absent: Joey Statum – District 3
Craig Inzer – District 6

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, November 7th, 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 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 October 6th, 2020, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 20th, 2020.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers from September 2020 have been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 70.
- D. To approve the renewal of the “Chem-Aqua Water Treatment Program Agreement for Etowah County” effective October 1st, 2020 for one year and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 68.
- E. To place the name of Dawn Meeks, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Administrative Technician, effective October 19th, 2020. This is a new position to be paid 100% (all compensation & benefits) out of the Sheriff’s Discretionary Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- F. To place the name of Matthew Sauls, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 19th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- G. To place the name of Courtney Halvorson, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 19th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.

- H. To approve the request of Lori Howell, Animal Control Director, to hire Savannah Hill as Kennel Technician, effective October 20, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Animal Shelter, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- I. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2019-2020-20 Fleet (one or more) 2021 Chevy Silverado 1500 (or comparable) to Donohoo Chevrolet, the only bidder.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Larry Payne, 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:

The “Resolution of Assent” to vacate a portion of Noble Hill Road as described in the Resolution with all of the requirements of the “Petition to Vacate” being met. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 69.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th 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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss economic development after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; and District 5 –yes. County Attorney Jim Turnbach certified the reason for the executive session met the criteria and those attending the meeting include: CAO, Shane Ellison; CFO, Kevin Dollar; all Commissioners present; County Attorney; and Jamie Grant. The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 reconvene from Executive Session at 11:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: Before going into Executive Session, Shane Ellison (CAO) read over Commissioner Payne’s biography and recognized him for his years of service as an Etowah County Commissioner for District 3. This will be his last meeting. He attended his first meeting on March 6th, 2006. He is married to the former Greta Gunn and they have four kids and nine grand kids. Shane reviewed his work, civic, and educational accomplishments. He thanked him and said he appreciated the opportunity to work with Commissioner Payne.

County Engineer: No Report.

County Attorney: No Report.

Other: No Report.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Payne encouraged everyone to keep the positive things going. He offered advice to Jamie Grant saying there were good people in his District and they will ‘help you if you let them’. He said the good things about Etowah County needed to be promoted in the local papers. He lived here all of his life and wanted to ‘see it grow’. He said he appreciated everyone working with him and that everyone needed to work together. He is glad to see younger people serving.

Commissioner Ramsey told Commissioner Payne he would pick back up the roadside trash pickup when they were able to get it started back.

Commissioner Grant wished Commissioner Payne the best and said he had enjoyed working with him.

Jamie Grant said he had big shoes to fill and he appreciated the support and encouraging words from Commissioner Payne.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Tim Ramsey, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.

ABSENT

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

ABSENT

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6