

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
January 19th, 2021**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 19th Day of January, 2021 at 10:00 am with Commission President Jamie Grant calling the meeting to order. Commissioner Tim Ramsey asked the Prayer and the Pledge and continued the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS:** None.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** The following 5 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
District 3 – Jamie W. Grant	

Absent: Jeffery Washington, District 5

**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, February 6th, 2021**. 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:** Shane Ellison, CAO, presented Lora Weaver, Rural Transportation Director, with a Certificate of Service for 10 years. He also presented Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, with a Certificate of Service for 15 years.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 Meetings dated January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for January 19th, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for December, 2020, and the Purchasing Credit Card Charges for December 2020 have been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 091.
- D. To place the name of Wesley Smith, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Investigator, effective January 18, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$18.72.
- E. To place the name of Andre Lowe, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 26, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- F. To place the name of Brandon Stouder, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 19, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- G. To place the name of Mason Reaves, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 19, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- H. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2019-2020-11 Office Supplies, with the current vendor, Observer Supply, for the second year as provided for in the original bid.
- I. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Food Trays – Jail.

J. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Full Service Elevator Maintenance – 3 Year Contract.

K. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Hydraulic Elevator Upgrade/Modernization (Detention Center).

L. To approve the request of Randall Johnson, DEU Commander, to declare the following as surplus:

1- 2013 Chevrolet Silverado - Black - VIN# 3GCPKPEA0DG217536

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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:

The Final Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Type 070-Retail Table Wind (Off Premise Only) for applicant **Jason Reynolds** under the trade name, **COUNTY LINE BEVERAGES**, located at 9454 US Hwy 11 N, Attalla, AL 35954. This is a license transfer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.**

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:

The request of Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to approve two employees in the Sheriff’s Office (Detention Center) to receive catastrophic sick leave donations. Jennifer Barnes (Sergeant – Detention Center) and Cody Edmondson (Detention Deputy) have both met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.**

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:

The ‘Resolution in Support of a Late Payment Penalty on Delinquent County Ad Valorem Taxes’. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 092.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.**

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 adopt the Resolution to make changes to the meeting time of the Commission and to approve the updates to the ‘Rules of Procedures’. A copy of the revised Etowah County Commission Meeting Schedule and the updated ‘Rules of Procedures’ has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 093.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021**

**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 Inzer said they would continue to do what they could to get the money back from the State that was approved to spend on COVID needs.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked the Road Department for getting a sign put up and said the CARES reimbursement was the big topic right now.

Commissioner Johnny Grant did not have anything to add.

Commissioner Statum thanked Lora Weaver for doing such a great job as Director of Rural Transportation. He also thanked Kevin Dollar for all he does and discussed some of the issues with the way the State handled the CARES Act reimbursements. He also said if Sonny (ACCA) was not going to push the issue, it will be hard to get the State to replace the money they took from the counties & cities. He also thanked everyone that came to the meeting.

Shane added that we have been focused on getting the money for Etowah County but not really looking at it from a statewide perspective. He said you shouldn't change the rules midway through and then again at the end. They sent out a letter with a deadline for turning in reimbursements after the deadline date.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said they plan to work hard, along with the Congressmen, to see if there were any options.

**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 10:17 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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**ABSENT**

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Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

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Jamie W. Grant, President, Commissioner, District 3

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Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6