

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
March 16, 2021**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2021 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Washington asking the Prayer leading the Pledge to the Flag.

**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 – Jamie W. Grant	District 6 – Craig Inzer

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:10 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order after the recess at 9:30 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2021**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None.

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

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATION, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 March 2, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for March 16, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, Wire Transfers, and Credit Card Purchases for February 2021 has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 096.
- D. To place the name of Trent Potapowicz in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective March 22nd, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- E. To place the name of Eric Johns in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Temporary Part-time Deputy Sheriff (certified), effective March 2nd, 2021. This is a temporary part-time replacement (up to 29 hours) to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.92.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award **Bid No. FY 2020-2021-11 Hydraulic Elevator Upgrade/Modernization** to Bagby Elevator in the amount of \$59,992, the only bidder.
- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Dispatch Software for Rural Transportation.
- H. To renew the hunting lease with Wesson Lake Hunting Club for an additional year, to April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2021.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 have the First Reading to appoint Kenny Goss to the West Etowah County Water Authority to complete the unexpired term of Steve Jennings, who resigned effective March 9, 2021. This term will expire on March 1, 2023.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2021.**

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 adopt the "Resolution and Order" to engage Frazer Lanier as underwriter and Bradley Arrant as bond counsel to the county for Series 2021 Warrants and to authorize and direct the President of the Commission or the Chief Administrative Officer of the County to execute a Purchase Contract between the County and Frazier Lanier with respect to the sale and delivery by the County of the Series 2021 Warrants. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 097.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 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 authorizing a contract with Community Consultants, Inc., to provide consulting services for CDBG-CV grants and to authorize the Commission President or the Chief Administrative Officer to execute all documents.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2021.**

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:

A contract with B. Craig Lipscomb for architectural services for no more than \$68,500 for services regarding renovations to the new Etowah County Board of Education Administration Building located at 401 Broad Street in Gadsden, Alabama, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer of Etowah County to execute all documents. A copy of this contract has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 098.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2021.**

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:

The request from Sheriff Jonathon Horton to declare the items listed on the Attachment Sheet as surplus and to give the Sheriff and Chief Administrative Officer consent to redistribute, if needed, any equipment to local Governmental Agencies; then surplus the remaining equipment, at a reserve set by the Sheriff, at the scheduled Auction by Chad Curvin Auction Solutions on April 10, 2021 at the Anniston Regional Airport grounds. A list of the surplus items has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 099.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked the Sheriff for the consideration given to the local Governmental Agencies.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 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 thanked Michael Wilson (from the Free Clinic) for coming out.

Commissioner Ramsey discussed the legislature report and the bills that were going through. They RSA Board changes Bill went through. He said he hoped they could help do something about the radios in Gallant (Volunteer Fire Dept) because they are not

able to communicate and may need a tower. He thanked Michael, from the free clinic, for coming and said he planned to give money and hoped the other Commissioners did as well. He met with Kenny Goss about some of the West Etowah Water Authority issues and felt he would be a good addition. He also thanked Roger for his 18 years of Service. He thanked the representative from Waste Management for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said they supported the free clinic last year and he was glad everyone was on board this year as well.

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said the Sheriff was working on a lot of things – some behind the scenes. He felt like everyone needed to get on board with the GSCC President and the program they are trying to get the grant money to do.

**A Letter of Support was signed on March 9, 2021 in support of a BUILD grant application for the construction of a northbound bridge on Alabama Highway 77 crossing the Coosa River and sent to U S Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg. A copy of this letter has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 102.**

**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 9:50 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, Commissioner, District 5

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Jamie W. Grant, President, Commissioner, District 3

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Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6