MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
May 18, 2021

Commissioner Jamie Grant called the meeting to order on the 18th Day of May, 2021 at 9:00 am with Probate Judge Scott Hassell asking the Prayer and the Commissioner 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 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant
District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 – Craig Inzer

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shane Ellison, CAO, presented Sherri Starr with a Certificate and pin for 10 years of Service with Etowah County.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:05 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF MAY, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner 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 9:50 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF MAY, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 May 4, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.

B. The Proposed Agenda for May 18, 2021.

C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Purchasing Charges from March 18, 2021 through April 19, 2021; and of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for April 2021 have been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 118.

D. To place the name of Matthew Robertson in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective May 6, 2021. This is an involuntary demotion and a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of $14.98.

E. To place the name of Patrick Meeks-Baker in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective May 10, 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 Horace Burks in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective May 10, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of $12.60.

G. To approve the request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to promote William Joe Patterson to Maintenance Supervisor effective May 18, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of $23.26.

H. To approve the request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to promote Bruce Grainger to Maintenance Supervisor effective May 18, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund at an hourly rate of $23.26.

I. To approve the request of Jerry Entrekin, Constable, to transfer Richella Bradford to Deputy Constable effective May 20, 2021. This is a Voluntary Demotion and a replacement to be paid from the Constable, General Fund at an hourly rate of $12.92.

J. To approve the request from Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2020-2021-14 Fire Alarm Upgrade- Jail to Central Station, Inc., the only bidder, for a final bid price of $61,321.68.

K. To approve the request from Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Hot Plant Mix Paving Material – FOB Plant.

L. To declare the following Auto Marks machines, which are the electronic ballot marking machines, as surplus:

Auto Marks Serial Numbers: AM0206445789, AM0206446040, AM02064455868, AM0206445768, AM0206445890, AM0206441742, AM0206445897, AM0206445821, AM0206445804, AM0206445784, AM0206445889, AM0206445847, AM0206441571, AM0206446016, AM0206441456, AM0206445801, AM0206445732, AM0206445865, AM0206446047, AM0206445887, AM0206446046, AM0206446024, AM0206445745, AM0206445752, AM0206445928, AM0206446027, AM0206446010, AM0206446077, AM0206446001, AM0206445866, AM0206445905, AM0206446033, AM0206445838, AM0206445725, AM0206446018, AM0206446032, AM0206445737, AM0206445734, AM0206446035, AM0206446021, AM0206442204, AM0206446020, AM0206445841, AM0206445729, AM0206446039, AM0206445746, AM0206441610, AM0206445774, AM0206446007, AM0206446021.

M. To approve the request from Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate, to upgrade the electronic ballot marking machines to Express Vote at an estimated cost of $85,000. The funds to pay for this upgrade will be provided by the Alabama Secretary of State's Office with the understanding Etowah County will cover the costs of the Annual Post-Warranty License and Maintenance and Support Fees at a current annual cost of $5,525. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 119.

N. To approve the designation that the following organization serves a public purpose and is eligible to receive public funds:
   a. Liberty Learning Foundation

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OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Washington, 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 Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to authorize the 2022 Update of the Orthophotography and planimetric mapping of the 296 sq miles in the Southern area of Etowah County (Under Task Order #007) at a cost not to exceed $98,731 and to authorize the CAO to execute the documents. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 117.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF MAY, 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 discussed the funeral service for the Fire Chief of Whorton Bend Volunteer Fire Dept, Bruce Free, and thanked everyone that helped make it happen. It was a great tribute with a lot of other First Responders participating. The Sheriff's Office helped out with the intersections as the funeral procession went through. He also talked about the 'Touch a Truck' event and how good it was for the community.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Robert Nail and the Road Department for all they do and said he knows there's a lot of work going on right now. He would like to see the roads in better shape. He said he was surprised at how many people were at the Touch a Truck event and said they had a lot of big equipment there. It was a hug event. He congratulated Sherri Starr for her service and said he would like to participate in the Leadership Etowah County Chamber group whenever he had the opportunity.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said the Law Enforcement Memorial went well and thankfully there were no new names to add this year. They had the 21 gun salute and everyone did an outstanding job.

Commissioner Statum encouraged everyone to stay positive and think on good things. He said there was a lot of good and a lot to be thankful for.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said they had a great turnout today and the county needs industry and growth. He thanked everyone for the positive things they do to promote the county. The Commissioners also commended Shane Ellison on being elected to the Board of Director's for the County Administrators.

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

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1	Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4
Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2	Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5
Jamie W. Grant, President, Commissioner, District 3	Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6