

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
July 6, 2021**

Commissioner Jamie Grant called the meeting to order on the 6th Day of July, 2021 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Joey Statum asking the Prayer and leading the Pledge to the Flag.

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 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington

Absent: Craig Inzer – District 6

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shane Ellison, CAO, presented Jeff Little, Personnel Director, his 5 year Certificate.

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, August 7, 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

Representative from Family Success Center were here to make the Commission aware of their programs to target abuse in homes over the summer. They have a program called 'Paint the Town Blue' to make everyone aware to try to catch the abuse early. They try to have school programs to work with children from Kindergarten to 10th grade because many children do not realize their life is not 'normal'. They would just like to encourage citizens to support the blue ribbon program.

Eric Wright with the Extension Office said they were giving out gardening kits at the office. He also went over a couple of upcoming events with a Tomato Face-Off at the Farmers Market on the 24th to discover the best tasting tomato in the county and also to showcase some dishes that can be made with tomatoes. Also, on the 28th, there's a lunch meeting to discuss with Commissioners the programs they would like to see through the Extension Office.

Burt Hankins with Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood was at the meeting with letters and pictures from Waites Construction to give an update on the Little Canoe Creek mass grading project. He said when that property gets wet, it takes 3 or 4 days to dry out. They have been moving equipment in for the last 2 weeks to prepare for starting back. They are going to start on the part close to the railroad and they still have to put in a culvert. This culvert has an arch so the bottom can stay natural and then they will complete the railroad crossing. This will allow Alabama Power to be able to get started on their substation and will also allow Tim Ramsey to get the road repair that everyone has been using for a detour. (Canoe Creek North). Mr. Hankins said the culvert installation will be more like a 30-day process (when asked by Tim Ramsey to give an estimate). Shane said they requested the change order date to be revised but will have to get a new date from the contractor. Tim Ramsey wants to leave the date like it is and they can extend it at that time. (It will give them a closer estimate as to when they will finish). The change order will be on the next agenda.

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:25 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim 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 9:40 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 June 15, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for July 6, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursement and Online Transfers for June, 2021; and a copy of Purchasing Charges for May 7, 2021 through June 4, 2021 have been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 128.
- D. To place the name of Charles Jason Argo in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Sergeant, effective June 27, 2021. This is a promotion and a certified replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$23.96.
- E. To place the name of Randy Luker in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Center Court Liaison, effective July 6, 2021. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.75.
- F. To place the name of Lynne Holliday in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective June 28, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- G. To place the name of Tanner Humphrey in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective June 28, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- H. To place the name of Kayla Brothers in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Sergeant, effective June 29, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.92.
- I. To place the name of Twalisha Williams in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Sergeant, effective June 29, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.92.
- J. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a RAA Grant – US 431 at Mountainboro VFD Crossover.
- K. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Lawn Maintenance – County Buildings.
- L. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Garbage Service – County Buildings.
- M. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award *Bid No. FY 2020-2021-15 Demand Response Software System – Rural Transportation* to TripMaster, the lowest responsible bidder. Also, to approve the Agreement with Foxster Opco, LLC., d/b/a CTS Software for the TripMaster Program and to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents. This is for a 3 year term. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 129.
- N. To approve the following Budget Amendments for the Road Department to purchase equipment:

General Fund

Decrease:	Operating Transfers In (001.61000-112)	
	Public Bldg, Road & Bridge Fund	\$400,000
	Fund Balance (001.35900)	\$400,000

Gasoline Tax Fund

Increase:	Capital Outlay – Construction Equipment	\$400,000
	(111.53100-561)	
	Operating Transfer In – Public Bldg,	
	Road & Bridge Fund (111.61000-112)	

Public Building, Road & Bridge Fund

Increase:	Operating Transfer Out- Gas Tax Fund	\$400,000
	(112.62000-111)	
Decrease:	Operating Transfer Out – General Fund	\$400,000
	(112.62000-001)	

O. To declare the following as surplus:

Road Department Equipment:

Asset# 4968	1989 Chevy-Dump Truck	VIN# 1GBM7D1F8KV112241
Asset# 7666	2001 Dodge Ram	VIN# 1B7HC16Y31S257138
Asset# 9415	2003 Ford F450	VIN# 1FDXW46P03ED09060
Asset#9882	2003 Rosco 300	VIN# 1FVAB4BV03DL04493
Asset#9910	2008 Ford F450	VIN# 1FDXW46R68EA54634

Rural Transportation Equipment: (all of these items are in poor condition)

Apple iPad Mini, #97551592, Purchased 12-2010

APX 4000 Portable Radios -

#9829, Purchased 4-2013	#9830, Purchased 4-2013
#9831, Purchased 7-2013	#9835, Purchased 7-2013
#9836, Purchased 7-2013	#9837, Purchased 7-2013

P. To approve the renewal of the Chem-Aqua Water Treatment Program for the Etowah County Courthouse, effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022, at an annual cost of \$5,482.56. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 130.

Q. To designate Shane Ellison, CAO, as the Signatory Authority for ADEM documents as detailed in the ‘Delegation of Signatory Authority’ Agreement and to authorize the Commission President to execute the Agreement. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 131.

R. To accept the Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Program Agreement Number CV-NC-20-015 for \$500,000 through ADECA and to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents.

S. To appoint Jamie Grant as the representative from the Etowah County Commission to serve on the 2021-2022 ACCA Legislative Committee.

T. To approve the ‘Resolution Authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to Approve Certain Budget Line Item Transfers’. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 132.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 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 for ABC License Application Type 160-Special Retail- More than 30 Days, for applicant **HATON AZIZA LLC (Chana Meirav Bader)** under the trade name, **CREEK SIDE GOLF, located at 216 Country Club Drive, Attalla, AL 35954.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jeffery Washington, 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 the Commission President to execute the ‘Easement, Right-of-Way and Surface Damage Settlement’ with The Gas Board of the City of Boaz regarding pipeline relocation at the Little Canoe Creek Megasite. A copy of this Easement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 133.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

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 Ruth Moffatt to the Etowah County Department of Human Resources Board to complete the term of Jerry Bone (who resigned effective April 22, 2021). There are four years left on his term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 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:

To have the First Reading to appoint Todd Hindsman to the Etowah County Department of Human Resources Board to replace Ila Mae Wright (whose term has ended). This will be for a six year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: No Report.
County Engineer: No Report.
County Attorney: No Report.
Other: No Report.

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for being at the meeting and also thanked the Family Success Center for all they do. He thanked Jeff Little for his years of service and discussed his appreciation for the 4-H Program through the Extension Office. He also thanked Robert Nail and Marion Dodd for what they do.

Commissioner Johnny Grant asked Eric Wright about some of the Extension Agency Programs.

Commissioner Ramsey congratulated Jeff Little on his service and thanked the Family Success Center for what all they do. He plans to push the ‘Blue Ribbon’ program at the Fire Department. He also thanked Eric Wright for keeping them informed and thanked Robert Nail for taking care of the road problems.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said the golf tournament (fund raiser) was a success and discussed the programs that were helped with the proceeds. He said he was excited about what all was happening with the county and believes we are moving in the right direction.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said they had discussed the Courthouse Security and closing a couple of doors that are not used as much for added security.

Shane Ellison reminded everyone that we would not meet on July 13th, 2021, due to most of the Commissioners being at a NACo Meeting.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

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