

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 1st Day of February, 2022 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Jamie Grant asking the Prayer and 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 Grant	District 6 - Craig Inzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: Eric Wright with the Extension Office reviewed the upcoming events and discussed an invasive grass that may cause concerns if it comes to this area.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jamie 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:10 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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:

To call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:30 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum seconded by Commissioner Jamie 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.

That the Minutes of the Regular Meetings dated January 18, 2022, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.

B. The Proposed Agenda for February 1, 2022

A. Reported Financial Transactions.

B. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Office Supplies.

C. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Printing – Letterhead, Envelopes, & Forms.

D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Bituminous Surface Treatment.

E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Unfinished Traffic Signs & Posts.

F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Inmate Uniforms.

- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2021-2022-03 Finished Traffic Signs to G & C Supply Company, the lowest bidder.
- H. To approve the request of Melissa Lett Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2021-2022-02 Mattresses with Pillows – Jail to ICS Jail Supplies, Inc., the lowest, responsible bidder.
- I. To place the name of Ronna Watts in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 24, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- J. To place the name of Blake Hamilton in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 18, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- K. To place the name of Erick Torres in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 31, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- L. To place the name of Anthony Davis in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Specialist/FTO, effective January 24, 2022. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.
- M. To place the name of Joshua Page in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective January 31, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- N. To approve the request of Jerry Entrekin, Constable, to hire Wesley Seth Williamson as Deputy Constable Part-time, effective February 2, 2022. This is a part-time position up to 29 hours and a replacement to be paid from the Constable Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- O. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to promote Dionca Wallace to Real Property Sales Analyst, effective February 1, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.91.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner 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 adopt the attached polling places for the upcoming 2022 Elections. The Primary Election is scheduled for May 24, 2022; the Primary Run-Off Election is June 21, 2022; and the General Election is November 8, 2022. Note: For this 2022 election cycle, Elliott Community Center (Beat 1, Box 2) is being remodeled so voters for this location will be voting at Dwight Baptist Church. A copy of this list is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 51.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 authorize the Commission President to execute a Memorandum of Understanding by and among the Etowah County Commission, the Etowah County Sheriff, the Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit Board of Directors and Kevin B. Hassell, formerly an Etowah County Sheriff’s Office employee. Kevin B. Hassell became the DEU Commander on October 1, 2021. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 52.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

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 adopt the “Information Technology Use Policy – Effective February 2022”, which supersedes the “Network Use Policy” dated March 6, 2008. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for proper use of Commission information technology resources including computers, electronic devices, hardware, software, and systems, effective February 1, 2022. A copy of this policy is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 53.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jamie 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 updated purchasing policies entitled “Purchasing Policies – Effective February 2022”. A copy of the policy is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 54.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Jamie 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:

The recommendation of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to award the proposal for the Depository Bank for the Commission to River Bank & Trust.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss business and commerce after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. The County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, determined the reason for this meeting as meeting the criteria allowed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 9:45 am. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

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 reconvene from Executive Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: No Report.

County Engineer: No Report.

County Attorney: No Report.

Other: No Report.

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Inzer thanked Eric for all he does and for keeping the Commission informed. He said he was interested in their programs and events and so are others. He thanked District 6 for letting him continue to do the work he has done as a Commissioner and he said he liked to see people run a campaign on what you did and who you are. He said if anyone bashes the entire group of Commissioners, he will have something to say about that because he wants everyone to run a good, clean campaign. No negativity - continue to move forward!

Commissioner Washington said he looks forward to 2022 and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Kevin and Shane for checking with the local banks when they did their RFP’s for the Commission depository. He said he wanted to find a way to get more money for the roads. He has some ideas he is working on but not ready to discuss them right now (until he gathers more information). He has been working with Robert Nail to find out what the cost will be to redo the roads every 15 years (what will it take annually to stay on this agenda).

Commissioner Jamie Grant said they needed to create more jobs and the Megasite investment will raise more money for the roads.

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for coming and said it was good to see Carolyn Parker. He thanked Eric Wright for all he does and also thanked Melissa Lett for picking up the slack while Sherri Starr has been out of work. He said he was looking forward to his next term in office (he is running unopposed) and it will be his last. He will have been on the Commission for 16 years and he will not run again. He would like to see more published locally about the water and sewer they are planning to get at the Megasite as they check off the last box needed to get more interest in the property. He also agrees with Commissioner Ramsey that more money is needed for road improvements. He said we have to keep things moving in the right direction.

Shane said we had received some local coverage on the Megasite and the Messenger is coming to see him this afternoon. Also the Megasite is mentioned in various publications because emails are sent to him whenever it is mentioned in an article. Sonny (from ACCA) had recently discussed inmate reimbursement and it is just of matter of correctly filling out the forms and applying. The reimbursement figures are over \$11 million.

Keith Peek said they had someone working on the paperwork to get the reimbursement on the State inmates and Shane said they were trying to simplify the application.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he was also excited about the Megasite and thanked everyone that had a hand in bringing the Little Canoe Creek Megasite to this point . He believes this group will finish it. He said they were looking for a solution to the road issues.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, President, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6