

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
APRIL 19, 2022**

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 19th Day of April, 2022 at 9:02 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: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: Brittany Studdard was there from the Family Success Center to promote their annual fundraiser, “Talk Derby to Me’ and she thanked the Commissioners for their continued support. She said they had in-house as well outside programs.

Dr. Cosby, Etowah County Superintendent was at the meeting to talk about the upcoming Robotics World Competition in Dallas, Texas. He had several teachers & students, from the program, with him at the meeting from the Etowah County School System.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 9:20 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:35 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 15, 2022 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written. (The Minutes for the meeting on April 5, 2022 will be approved in the meeting on May 3, 2022).
- B. The Proposed Agenda for April 19, 2022.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Hygiene Products – Jail.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award **Bid No FY 2021-2022-13 Election Advertising – Probate to *The Messenger***, the lowest, responsible bidder.
- F. To approve the designation that the following organizations serve a public purpose and are eligible to receive public funds:

- a. Maximizing Mental Health
 - b. Way of the Cross Ministries
- G. To approve the request of Shane Ellison, CAO, to hire Dorothea Kurdziel as Rural Transportation Director (Unclassified), effective May 2, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Rural Transportation Fund - Administration, at an hourly rate of \$24.04.
- H. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Darin Long as an Equipment Operator, effective April 19, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- I. To approve the Change Order & Final Pay Application HVAC Improvements to Etowah County Jail Project with Whorton Engineering for an additional \$8,964.44. A copy of this Change Order has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 76.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner 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:

To have the First Reading for ABC License Application Type 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Type 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for applicant **DOLGENCORP LLC (Steven Grant Sunderland, CEO)** under the trade name, **DOLLAR GENERAL STORES 23434, located at 235 Satterfield Lane, Gadsden, AL 35901.** This property is located in the County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner 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:

To approve the Personnel Policy update, "Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment", dated April 19, 2022. This has been approved by the Personnel Board and a copy has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 77.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

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 approve the agreement between Etowah County and ALDOT for (LRSI) Local Road Safety Initiative Program Funding of the Pleasant Hill Road guardrail project and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 78.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 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:

To approve the renewal of the "Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement – Business License Discovery/Recovery Administration" and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 79.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 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:

In accordance with the Resolution entitled "Expense Account for Etowah County Sheriff", adopted July 23, 2019 by the Etowah County Commission, the Sheriff received "annual compensation of \$30,000 for housing and related responsibilities of the increased staff management and duties for Federal Inmates". On March 25, 2022, the Commission received notification from U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement that "the population of ICE non-citizens at Etowah County will be reduced to zero on or before April 30, 2022". In light of the elimination of the Federal Inmates and the related responsibilities and as outlines in the July 23, 2019 Resolution, the Sheriff's Expense Allowance is hereby reduced in the amount of \$30,000 annually, or \$2,500 per month, effective May 1, 2022. A copy of the notification from ICE has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 80.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 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 Statum thanked the students for investing their time in the Robotics Program and said it was very worthwhile - and more are needed. He said the future is now and everyone needs to get prepared jobs that will come to this area. He thanked everyone for their investment and said he appreciated the close relationship the Commission has with Dr. Cosby. He also thanked the staff and Revenue Commissioner Nordgren for all they do.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said Joey had already said it all but he agreed the Robotics Students are on the right path and they are the future. He thanked Harvey for the Easter Egg hunt and for doing things that involve and support the Community.

Commissioner Ramsey said he had a booth set up for the Egg hunt (a fishing game) that the kids really enjoyed. He said there were 7,000 eggs give away at the hunt and the kids had a ball. It was a great Community event. He said he appreciates all Harvey does for the Community and he also thanked the kids for coming to represent the Robotics Program. He congratulated them on going to the World Competition in Dallas, Texas and agreed that the future is now and programs like these will move the State forward. He thanked the grandparents & grandparents for all they do to make it possible for the kids to participate in these programs. He said he appreciates the Board of Education working so well with the Commission and they are all moving in the right direction. He said he ran on idea of 'better together'.

Jeffery Washington thanked everyone for being at the meeting and thanked the kids, 'they are the future! Go out and win the World!'

Commissioner Inzer said he wished he had listened in school like these Robotics Students were doing and couldn't believe they had accomplished so much by the 6th grade. He told them to keep up the hard work and also reminded everyone about the RAM Program happening this weekend. He also felt encouraged about the direction and opportunities at GSCC and their recent announcement to bring back Girls' Softball and the Baseball programs. He said this will give more opportunities for students, through scholarships. He also commended GSCC on making it work to allow these programs to come back and for moving in the right direction.

Commissioner Johnny Grant agrees with all that was said and appreciated everyone working together. He said he knew the students would do well in Dallas and wished them much success. Harvey Martin asked to comment and just said he wanted to thank the Commissioner (Washington) for donating money to Attalla to get the road repaired and paved. He said he knew Commissioner Washington donated \$100,000 and wanted to make sure he got credit for helping the City. Commissioner Johnny Grant didn't have anything else to add.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 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