

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
MAY 17, 2022**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Robert Nail, County Engineer, conducted a Public Hearing concerning the vacation of a portion of Mallie Circle located close to Oakland Drive. There were no comments made and the Public Hearing was closed at 9:05 am.

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 17th Day of May, 2022 at 9:05 am with Judge Hassell asking the Prayer and leading the Pledge to the Flag.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** The following 4 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 2 - Johnny Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey

District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Joey Statum – District 1

Jeffery Washington – District 5

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** Mr. Moon from American Legion came by to invite everyone to a Flag Replacement and a Program at Oakhill Cemetery in Attalla.

Marie Manning stopped by to introduce herself – she’s running for State Board of Education.

Mr. Varner was at the meeting with the Chamber – Leadership Etowah Group and said the members were involved in many businesses and non-profits. He said they were coming around to see how the sausage is made. He also told his group that the Commissioners were the people you went to if you need anything or have a complaint. His group came from Alabama Power, Gadsden State Community College, Regions Bank, Southside, Love Center, and other places.

Ms. Doris Payne spoke to the Commission again concerning her grandson, expanding on the things she talked about on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and again requesting answers. Dr. McCurley spoke about Mental Health Issues, clarifying that not all mental illness comes from drug use and just expanding on the things she talked about on May 3<sup>rd</sup> concerning everything William Shepard’s parents tried to do to get him help with his substance abuse and mental disorders.

Harvey Martin also addressed the Commission and told Ms. Payne he was apologizing to her because her son got sick in jail and eventually passed away. He said they shouldn’t keep putting money into the jail.

Judge Hassell reminded everyone that May 24<sup>th</sup> is Election Day and encouraged everyone to vote. He also reminded everyone that Elliott Community Center will be closed and the votes assigned there will vote across the street at the church.

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

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:35 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer 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.

- A. That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated May 3, 2022 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for May 17, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers for April, 2022 has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 87.
- D. To approve the designation that the following organization serves a public purpose and is eligible to receive public funds:
  - a. Coosa Christian School
- E. To place the name of Anthony Franklin in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective May 10, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- F. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Jeremy Higgins as an Equipment Operator, effective May 17, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- G. To approve the request of Jerry Entekin, Constable, to hire Kristin Hill as a Deputy Constable (Part-time up to 29 hours), effective May 17, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Constable Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.00.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny 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 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 **AYA LLC (Nour Anmad Mahmoud Saeed)** under the trade name, **FOOD MART 34, located at 10291 Centre Road, Gadsden, AL 35903**. This property is located in the County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 'Resolution of Assent' to Vacate a portion of Mallie Circle as recommended by the County Engineer, Robert Nail, certifying that all of the criteria have been met. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 88.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to grant approval for Fred Carter, Equipment Operator in the Engineering and Road Department, to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 request of Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to grant approval for Jonathan Reeves, Detention Deputy, to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to grant approval for Sherri Starr, to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 approve the request of Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood, LLC to award the Base Bid for Little Canoe Creek Industrial Park Phase II (GMC Project No. CBHM210093) to Waites Construction Co., Inc. and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 89.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 authorize an Executive Session, to discuss potential pending litigation, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. County Attorney Jim Turnbach certified that the reason for the Executive Session was approved under the Open Meetings Guidelines. Those attending the meeting include the Commissioners (Jamie Grant, Johnny Grant, Tim Ramsey, and Craig Inzer), Kevin Dollar, Robert Nail, Shane Ellison, and Jim Turnbach. District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; and District 6 – yes. The Commission went into the Executive Session at 9:40 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner 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 reconvene from Executive Session.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members voting “yes”, the following resolution was **Tabled**:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following item was **Tabled**:

To adopt the ‘Resolution restricting issuance of license for non-conforming business’. **(THIS ITEM WAS TABLED)**

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

**ABSENT**

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

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Johnny Grant, President, Commissioner, District 2

**ABSENT**

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Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

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Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

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Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6