

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
July 12, 2022**

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 12th Day of July, 2022 at 9:00 am and the meeting was opened with the CAO, Shane Ellison, 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 2 - Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 – Craig Inzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 6, 2022.** 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

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:05 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF JULY, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF JULY, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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 7, 2022 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for July 12, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Purchasing Charges for June, 2022, has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 102.

- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Plastic Roadway Pipe. Due to the rising costs of materials, the current bidder does not wish to renew.
- E. To reappoint Commissioner Jamie Grant to serve on the 2022 – 2023 ACCA Legislative Committee.
- F. To approve the payment of wages to Jerry Smith for the 22 hours he worked the week of June 3 through June 7, 2022 as a Temporary Employee to fill an immediate need. This will be paid from the Board of Registrar's Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.42.
- G. To place the name of Jennifer Gattis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 11, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- H. To place the name of Justin Morris in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 11, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- I. To place the name of Bradley Conaway in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff/SRO, effective August 2, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$23.38. This is a voluntary demotion and falls under the Hokes Bluff SRO Agreement.
- J. To place the name of Jon Teusink in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff (certified) Part-time (up to 29 hours), effective July 5, 2022. This is a part-time replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- K. To approve the Contract and Agreement between the Etowah County Commission and Reece City concerning drainage pipe replacement under an Unnamed Road off of Donald Road and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. Commissioner Jamie Grant, District 3, will use discretionary funds to contribute \$3,000 toward the estimated cost of \$23,428.10 to complete the project. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 103.
- L. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to create an Equipment Operator Technician position, as approved by the County Personnel Board as a Classified Rate Group 10 position with the hourly starting pay at \$12.00. This position will not require a CDL.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF JULY, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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:

The Resolution to Adopt the AEMA Division F Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan which is in accordance with FEMA requirements 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 104.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF JULY, 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:

The Chem-Aqua agreement to provide a professional water treatment program for the Courthouse at an annual cost of \$6,172.88, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. This is an annual renewal and a copy of the Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 106.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF JULY, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 Chem-Aqua agreement to provide a professional water treatment program for the Etowah County Jail at an annual cost of \$9,898.65 for cooling Tower 1, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. This is a new agreement and it will be for one year (They have been treating the water under the installation agreement which was no cost for the first year.) A copy is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 105.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF JULY, 2022.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Johnny Grant asked for prayers for Kevin Dollar and his family on his Mother's recent passing.

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for coming and thanked Commissioner Inzer for the fireworks. He welcomed Emma as the new representative from the Gadsden Messenger.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he hoped everyone enjoyed the 4th of July celebrations and hoped the rest of the year was as great as the first half had been. He thanked Robert Nail and Jim Turnbach for all they do and gave his condolences to Kevin Dollar.

Commissioner Ramsey said he was holding his comments until next week and also expressed condolences to Kevin on the loss of his Mother.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming and said he hoped they all had a safe holiday.

Commissioner Inzer told Kevin he was sorry for his loss. He also discussed someone's house catching on fire and he had called 911. He said he hoped Waste Management comes on time and has the open-top containers in place for the entire time that is posted.

Shane thanked the Commission and Staff. He expressed his condolences to Kevin Dollar on the loss of his Mother. He said the staff handled everything with no issues while he and Kevin were both away from the office.

Commissioner Johnny Grant agreed with everyone and thanked everyone for being supportive the first half of the year.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 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