

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

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2022 at 9:00 am and the meeting was opened with the Judge Hassell, 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:** James Collins complained about the roads at his house. He said he had an ongoing issue he has been trying to get resolved for 16 years and that after the county worked on the road, it created the issues all over again. Also, right now there are log trucks coming on the road and tearing it up. Robert Nail said they would repair the damage from the log trucks after they finished. Mr. Collins said the county had installed a pipe incorrectly and Robert said he would need to get more information on the issue with the pipe.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS:** None.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Revenue Commissioner Becky Nordgren presented Service Certificates to Leonta Dillon and Pam Washington. She thanked them for their service.

Shane Ellison, CAO, presented a 20 year Service Award to Marion Dodd, Maintenance Manager, and thanked him for his service.

Representatives from the VFW Post 8600 presented a Public Service Award to Sheriff Horton and thanked him for having such high ideals in law enforcement. He has been a big supporter of the VFW and also the Fire Association and helped with some training.

Commissioner Grant read the following notice about the open top containers that will be available on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

**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 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 9:35 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF JULY, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:45 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF JULY, 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.

- A. That the Minutes of the Regular Meetings dated June 21, 2022 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for July 19, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Garbage Service – County Buildings. Due to the rising fuel costs, the current bidder (Republic) cannot renew at current pricing.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew the Lawn Maintenance – County Buildings bid for a second year with the current vendor, Addison Lawn Care, as provided for in the original bid.
- F. To place the name of Miranda McDaniel in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 19, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- G. To place the name of Jeffrey Riggs in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Investigator, effective July 18, 2022. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.95.
- H. To place the name of Joseph Hutchins in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Drug Enforcement Unit Agent (Unclassified), effective July 25, 2022. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the DEU Fund, at an hourly rate of \$19.30.
- I. To approve the request of Kevin Hassell, DEU Commander, to declare the following as surplus:
  - 1 – 2013 Chevrolet Silverado Black VIN# 3GCPKPEA3DG217546

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th 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 request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to authorize the agreement with Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC., for the OPEB Valuation for the 9/30/2022 financial reporting with a cost of less than \$10,000, and to authorize Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to execute the documents. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 107.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th 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 approve the Resolution and Agreements between the Etowah County Commission and the State of Alabama relative to the pass through of federal funds for the Rural Transportation Project for Etowah County and to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents. A copy of these document is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 108.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JULY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 authorize an Executive Session, to discuss potential and threatened pending litigation, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. The County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, has certified the reason for the Session meets the criteria. Those present include: Shane Ellison, Jim Turnbach, Kevin Dollar, Sheriff Horton. District 1 – abstained; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6; yes.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JULY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 reconvene from Executive Session.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JULY, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with Commissioner Statum abstaining and Commissioner Inzer voting 'no', and with Commissioners Johnny Grant, Jamie Grant, Jeffery Washington, and Tim Ramsey voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

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

To approve a contract for the purchase of 712 Forrest Avenue (formerly Baker Tire Company) and to authorize either the Commission President or the CAO to execute any related documents. The purchase is contingent upon the sale of the warehouse located at 141 Thomas Drive. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 109.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JULY, 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 the employees for their service and said they appreciated the ones that are here that help make it all go around.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He thanked the Sheriff for all he does in the communities and thanked the employees for all they do. He also thanked Revenue Commissioner Nordgren for coming.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked everyone for coming and thanked Dorothea for stepping into the role of Rural Transportation Director and the work she is doing. He thanked the Sheriff and said the county is all together and moving forward. He thanked Dr. Cosby for coming to the meeting and thanked Judge Hassell.

Commissioner Jamie Grant congratulated the employees for their service. He said he doesn't know if everyone realizes how safe we are here because he was recently in Atlanta at a Chic-fil-A and the people in the restaurant were unable to leave for an hour and 15 minutes due to a man with a gun in the parking lot (literally holding everyone hostage that was inside). There were 25 people inside and it took that long for a deputy to show up after 911 was called. He said there would have been a big turnout of law enforcement had that happened here. The gunman destroyed a car and was literally pointing the gun at everyone.

Commissioner Statum thanked the ladies for their service. He thanked Becky Nordgren for her help yesterday, saying she went above and beyond. He congratulated the Sheriff and said he appreciated him and all he does. He thanked Dr. Cosby and said we were one step closer to having an SRO at a Glencoe School. He said he wanted to set up a time with the media for a picture and article to thank him for his donation.

Dr. Cosby said they would be moving some stuff to the new building soon.  
The Extension Office will be moving to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.  
Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked everyone for being here and congratulated the Sheriff.

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

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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

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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