

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
August 16, 2022**

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 16th Day of August, 2022 at 9:02 am with Commissioner Washington asking the Prayer and leading the Pledge to the Flag.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** The following 5 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 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Jamie Grant - District 3

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

Bryan Pittman with ICE held the 278(g) Steering Committee Meeting which included Sheriff Horton, Officers Scott Dillard, Randy Luker, and Captain O’Bryant with the focus of the meeting to increase community awareness and receive feedback on the U. S. Immigration & Customs (ICE) 287(g) Program. There were several other representatives there from Homeland Security and Officer Pittman stated that the jail inspections in Etowah County were flawless and no deficiencies were found. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this program has been honored with the plaque for the great job they do in Etowah County. Commissioner Inzer asked what happens now with these inmates and Agent Pittman said now if someone is arrested locally, the local charges are resolved first and then if they are identified as being in this country illegally, they are moved to Pickens County Jail. Officer Pittman said he missed the close relationship with Etowah County they experienced in the past.

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

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Etowah County Commission will not meet on August 23, 2022 due to the ACCA Annual meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 9:12 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery 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 9:35 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer seconded by Commissioner Statum, 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 July 19, 2022 of the Etowah County Commission will be approved on the September 6, 2022 meeting.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for August 16, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, and Online and Wire Transfers from July, 2022, has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 112.

- D. To place the name of Josh Morgan in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Public Information Officer (Unclassified), effective August 15, 2022. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Discretionary Fund, at an hourly rate of \$31.25.
- E. To place the name of Dwight Fuller in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Sergeant, effective August 17, 2022. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$20.15.
- F. To place the name of Anderson Dixon in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective August 22, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- G. To approve a change order for the Contract with Hudak Construction Company for the renovations to the Etowah County Board Of Education Building located at 401 Broad Street in the amount of \$36,540.09, making the total contract amount \$1,181,471.48. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 113.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 approve the First Reading to appoint Kenny Coffman to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Board of Directors from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2024.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 approve the First Reading to reappoint Shane Ellison to the Communications Board (911) for another four year term.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 First Reading to appoint Robert Nail to the Communications Board (911) for a four year term. This will be to replace Tim Graves.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract for the Alabama Department of Youth Services with Coosa Valley Detention Center receiving the funds. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 114.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 FY 2023 County Transportation Plan for Etowah County. A copy of the Plan is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 115.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 approve the request of Sheriff Jonathon Horton to convert a current Captain of Patrol (Certified) slot into the new position of Assistant Chief Deputy of Patrol (Certified) as approved by the Etowah County Sheriff's Office Personnel Board on July 27, 2022. The pay rate is the same as a Certified Captain with additional supplemental pay available through the 1% sales tax incentive provision as determined by the Sheriff.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

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:

To declare the following organization as serving a public purpose:

Community Development Project 2000

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

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:

To approve the Resolution authorizing an amendment to Health Services Agreement with Doctor’s Care Physicians P. C., effective September 1, 2022, and to authorize the CAO and the Sheriff to execute the Resolution. In accordance with Article 6.2(c) of the Agreement, the loss of the Federal ICE Detainees triggered the renegotiation of compensation. The term of this agreement shall not be extended. This Amendment is subject to final review by the County Attorney. A copy of this agreement is filed in the Attachment Book 12, Page 116.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 congratulated the Sheriff’s Office and commended them on the promotion. He knows the situation with medical is hard and he thanked everyone involved. He said the election is next Tuesday for Gadsden.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for being here and thanked the Sheriff for their award they received from DHS. He would like for the public to hear more about the good things the Sheriff’s Office does. He also wanted to point out to everyone that the County Election and the problems some people had in trying to vote, has nothing to do with the City elections and he encouraged everyone to go vote.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked the Sheriff’s Office and commended them for promotions and awards. The Community needs to know more about the positive. He thanked everyone for their work on the medical contract. He said he knew there were a lot of moving parts and it was very complex. He thanked Robert and the road crew for all they do. He asked Robert if the Road Plan was part of Rebuild Alabama. He said more money was needed for the roads in the budget. He thanked Commissioner Washington for his support of the Community 2000 Program.

Commissioner Statum thanked the Sheriff for the good job they do and said he hated to lose ICE because of the revenue stream it brought in when we had a greater number of ICE inmates. He thanked everyone for making the needed compromise to get a contract renegotiated for the inmate medical. He said the answer in the future will be the Megasite and sale/revenue cover a multitude of sins. When money is tight, small things stand out. He said he was excited about the future of the Megasite. He encourages everyone to think positive and hopefully there will soon be a great opportunity.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he was proud & appreciative of the employees and the Sheriff. He also wished Commissioner Jamie Grant a happy birthday for yesterday.

**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 9:50 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

**ABSENT**

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Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

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Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6