

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
March 11, 2025**

Commissioner Joey Statum called the Commission Meeting to order on the 11th Day of March, 2025 at 9:00 am and Shane Ellison, CAO, asked the Prayer and led 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 Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Isha Bothwell with Carver Wildcats Academy was at the meeting today, to ask for donations from the Commissioners for their annual Flashback Weekend fundraising event. The Wildcat Academy has been operating for 19 years and provides guidance and structure for youths in our community. They offer educational and nutritional services and back to school drives. Flashback Weekend is the academy’s largest annual fundraiser to help support their endeavors in continuing to serve the youth in our schools and community. Flashback Weekend will be April 18-20th and this will bring several sources of revenue (hotels, restaurants, shopping) from thousands of out-of-town guests, alumni and their families. They are asking for \$3,000 to help with expenses.

Eric, Torie, and Christina with the Extension Office came to speak to the Commissioners today. March and April are MOVE AL months, encouraging everyone to engage in physical activity. Eric also spoke about Etowah being one in five counties to receive the Thriving Communities Grant. This grant helps with several projects. As in, this week they will be conducting a walk-ability study at Stiplin Elementary School to try to make it a more comfortable, safer environment for kids walking to and from school. Torie and Christina spoke about their SNAP-Ed Program. It teaches nutritional education and physical activity for the community. They are in several elementary and middle schools and food pantry’s, to help make the healthy choice the easy choice. Their pop-up challenge event is called Healthy Hoops at the East Gadsden Community Center is March 28th from 1:00 to 3:00. This event aims at getting children excited about playing, moving and being active.

Emma Clapp and Katie Bohannon with Family Success came to the meeting today to update the Commissioners about Family Success and their upcoming annual fundraising event – Talk Derby to Me. This fundraising event helps make possible that Family Success continues to provide over 40 diverse programs geared towards the success of families in our communities. In 2023-2024 they provided over 270,000 units of service to our community. They have programs in every school in Etowah County and 57% of cases are from county residents. All funds raised from this event ensures these programs, plus 5 new programs in 2025, remain available for our community. The Derby event will be held May 3rd, 2025. Documentation provided.

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:24 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:46 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was passed and adopted:

CONSENT AGENDA:

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(s) dated February 18, 2025 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for March 11, 2025.
- C. The reported Financial Transactions for February 2025, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document is in Attachment Book 15, page 011
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2023-13 Printing – Letterhead, Envelopes, Forms with the current vendor, Patterson Printing, for the third and final year, as provided for in the original bid.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Inmate Uniforms. The current bid (FY 2021-2022-10) will expire on March 14, 2025
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2025-07 Mattresses with Pillows - Jail, to Victory Supply, the lowest, responsible bidder.
- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2025-08 Finished Traffic Signs, on the recommendation of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to Traffic Signs, Inc., the lowest bidder.
- H. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2025-09 Unfinished Traffic Signs, on the recommendation of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to Traffic Signs, Inc., the lowest bidder.
- I. To place the name of Jacob Lee Bell in the Sheriff's Office Job Slot of Deputy Sheriff Certified, effective March 10, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office General Fund, and an hourly rate of \$17.36.
- J. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Christopher Mclemore as Equipment Operator, effective March 17, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.74.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 resolutions were passed and adopted:

To have the first reading to reappoint Jim Tillison to the Tillison Bend Water Authority. This appointment will be effective March 1, 2025, and the term will expire on March 1, 2031

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

A motion was made by 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 resolutions were passed and adopted:

To have the first reading to reappoint Tim Ramsey to the CED Mental Health Board. This appointment will be effective April 1, 2025, and the term will expire on April 1, 2031.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 resolutions were passed and adopted:

To declare the following Road Department equipment as surplus:

- 2003 Freightliner Rosco 300 Vin#1FVAB4BV03DL04493
- 2024 Kenworth T880 Vin# 1NKZX4TX1RJ366414
- 2024 Kenworth T880 Vin# 1NKZX4TX3RJ366415
- 2024 Kenworth T880 Vin# 1NKZX4TX5RJ366416
- 2024 Kenworth T880 Vin# 1NKZX4TX9RJ366418
- 2024 Kenworth T880 Vin# 1NKZX4TX7RJ366417
- 2024 Kenworth T880 Vin# 1NKZX4TX0RJ366419

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A motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 resolutions were passed and adopted:

To declare the following organizations as serving a public purpose:

- Etowah County Youth Livestock Association, Inc
- Alabama Council On Crime and Delinquency, Inc
- First Church, Rainbow City (Food Pantry)

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A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsey, 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 resolutions were passed and adopted:

To approve the use of Opioid Funds for the annual lease of the Flock Camera System at \$27,500, for the period of 12/28/2024 thru 12/27/2025

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Inzer, 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 resolutions were passed and adopted:

To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendment for the auto body repair on the 2020 Dodge Durango (VIN#1C4SDJFT6LC443261)

Sheriff’s Office

Increase:	Repairs & Maintenance – Motor Vehicles (001.52100-234)	\$10,056
Decrease:	Fund Balance (001.35900)	\$10,056

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A motion was made by 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 resolutions were passed and adopted:

To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to grant approval for Alexis Bonds, Redemption Clerk in the Revenue Commissioner’s Office, to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Johnny 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 resolutions were passed and adopted:

To approve the Amendment to the Commercial Property Sale Agreement Between Etowah County and Griffin Holding, LLC regarding the former Baker Tire property, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in Attachment Book 15, page 15-012

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsey, 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 resolutions were passed and adopted:

To approve the Region Two Alabama Works Local Elected Officials (LEO) Consortium Interlocal Agreement, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the agreement. In accordance with the Agreement, the Region Two LEO Consortium shall consist of the County Commission Chairperson from each of the seven member counties (Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Etowah, Randolph, and Talladega).

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following resolutions were passed and adopted:

At the recommendation of Thomas M. McElrath, Architect, to award the negotiated Bid for A New Feline Intake Facility at the Etowah County Animal Shelter to Greer Building Contractors in the amount of \$197,000.00, with \$115,000 available from Petco grant funds, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the contract documents. A copy of this document is in Attachment Book 15, page 15-013

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REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Inzer thanked everyone for coming out. He was happy to hear from each member who came to talk. There are always a lot of good community events in the Spring. He will try to make all that he can

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone who participated today.

Commissioner Ramsey commented on how this shows how vibrant of a community we have in Etowah County and he appreciates everyone for being here.

Commissioner Jamie Grant spoke on the good turnout in Washington DC last week for the legislative conference and how extremely informative it was. SB67 turned out fine in the end and if you ever need to contact your Legislator about issues that affects your county, do it.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he’s really proud of Jamie for standing up for SB 67, he and a lot of others, made a difference.

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion from Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am.

<hr/> Joey Statum, President, Commissioner, District 1	<hr/> Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4
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