

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
January 7, 2025**

Commissioner Tim Ramsey called the Commission Meeting to order on the 7th Day of January, 2025 at 9:00 am and Scott Hassell, Probate Judge, 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

After roll call the gavel was passed to Commissioner Joey Statum, the 2025 Commission President, to conduct the rest of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sonny Brasfield and Lauren Hodge with ACCA is here to present a plaque of appreciation to Representative Mack Butler for his sponsorship of Act 2024-391, which revised the sales tax exemption process for durable medical equipment. The county had to pay a large tax refund which we were not prepared for.

Shane Ellison, CAO, presented Tim Ramsey a proclamation highlighting the achievements of the commission under his leadership as president in 2024.

Tim Ramsey thanked everyone, it has been a great year to work with this group and they have accomplished a lot of positive things for our county and excited to be here getting ready for the upcoming year. It has been an honor to sit as president.

Joey Statum thanked Tim for his service and a lot was accomplished and we're going to keep it going thru the next year. This is his 3rd term being president and this will be his last term and he is honored; 3rd time a charm. They've accomplished a lot since 2010.

Representative Mack Butler said he honored to be here today and thanked the commission for all they do.

Judge Hassell, 2024 incredible year for the probate office; Such respect for Mr. Ramsey for your dedication on a local and state level for mental health; the election in Etowah County went smooth thanks to the commission support of student poll workers.

Eric Schavey with the extension office, if you are seeing something in the community that needs to be addressed that they can help with do not hesitate to give them a call.

Ceandra James, Marketing Director with Blue Print University, wanted to introduce herself and company. They are a one stop shop for entrepreneurs and are excited to work with the commission in the upcoming years.

Robert Nail, County Engineer, they are preparing for the anticipated winter weather on Friday. Will keep an eye on the weather and will stage equipment on Thursday if it is necessary. Jamie asked about pretreating roads but we do not have the ability to pretreat roads. Rebuild Alabama plan we were able to address issues on 24 roads and was under budget. One road still needs stripping. Pleasant Valley Road still needs to be let and will be a p.o. project thru the state. Collections will be a little bit higher than expected. This year, the price for tar and gravel went down a little bit and asphalt stayed the same. They were able to start on the 2025 plan, started 7 of the roads in Oct and Nov. The Sunset Estates subdivision in Sardis, 6 lot minor subdivision, all adjoining owners were notified via mail with no response. So there appears to be no opposition from the community.

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:20 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:32 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of 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 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 December 17, 2024, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for January 7, 2025.
- C. The reported financial transactions for December 2024, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document will be in Attachment book 14, Page 120
- D. To place the name of John Phillip Doster in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective December 30, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.
- E. To place the name of Stacy Harper in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Sergeant, effective December 16, 2024. This is a replacement and promotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$23.95.
- F. To place the name of Kaitlyn Lusk Mason in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Sergeant, effective December 16, 2024. This is a replacement and promotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$19.66.
- G. To place the name of Jeremy Dodd in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Sergeant, effective December 16, 2024. This is a replacement and promotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.95.
- H. To place the following names in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 6, 2025. These are replacements to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
 - Aliyah Russell
 - Robert Phillips
 - Grace “Darlene” Whitlock
 - Donald Lee Webb
- I. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Kelly McCormick to Tag and Title Clerk, effective December 30, 2024. This is a replacement (voluntary demotion) to be paid from the General Fund – Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$16.54.
- J. To approve the request of Jeff Little, Personnel Director, to hire Denice Samples as Personnel Assistant, effective January 8, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Personnel, at an hourly rate of \$13.91.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 item was approved:

To approve the ‘FY 2024 County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report’. A copy of the report is filed in attachment book 14, page 118.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 item was approved:

To have the first reading to reappoint Mr. J Courtney Cole to the Highland Water Authority. This appointment will be effective March 1, 2025, and the term will expire on February 28, 2031

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 item was approved by the majority present at the meeting:

To approve the proposal from Albireo Energy for a 3-year contract to provide for renewal of 228 camera licenses. Also, to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in Attachment book 14, page 119.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

Upon the motion of 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 item was approved:

To declare the following computer and related equipment as surplus:

- Property ID Numbers
 - 10081
 - 10117
 - 10274
 - 10277
 - 10120
 - 10122
 - 10774
 - 09916
 - 10139
 - 10121
 - 09769
 - 09766
- Service Tag Numbers
 - BWXJS32
 - 84QSM22
 - 84OVM22
 - 879VM22
 - DV1CMF2
- HP Printer 09645
- Various Monitors and Cables

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Upon the motion of 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 item was approved:

To accept the plat for Sunset Estates Subdivision to be recorded, as recommended by County Engineer Robert Nail.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Sonny and Lauren for all they do and to make the trip here to honor our legislator. The Sheriff and Terri Vosbury were supposed to be in Washington D.C. this week to participate in the building bridges program for mental health, but was cancelled because of the weather. We are one in nine counties in the nation to be apart of this program. Thanked Judge Hassell for the kind words and for the work he, the Sheriff and Terri Vosbury for the initiative that they pushed for mental health. It is going to help our people, the people in the jail. Congratulations on Judge Clay’s retirement.

Commission Johnny Grant thanked Representative Bulter for everything he does and thanks to Narcotics. They are out there everyday keeping our kids straight and our parent on their toes. And good luck to Joey for the upcoming year

Commissioner Jamie Grant – We’ve got a pretty good position with this board that focuses on the people and on our future and where we are going. Also, thanked Sonny and Lauren for their leadership and the future is looking well. This board cares about the County and doesn’t take things personal, it’s all about the people and he appreciates everyone for being here.

Commissioner Washington said six years ago he had one goal, to bring our county and community together and it takes everyone to be great. The Commission pulls together for our county for any issue. Mr. Washington has learned a lot from Mr. Brassfield, one being, do what we need to do to be great. 2025 is a year of completion.

Commission Inzer said it has been a great year for mental health. It takes everyone to get together to make it happen. What an honor it is to be one of nine counties in the nation for mental health. Working on NEAR Megasite with David, so far, we’re up to \$14.5m in grant money including SEEDS and Growing Alabama and soon we will finish the interstate exchange and utilities underground, we have the right people (Mike Rogers and staff). We’re going to have a good year and thanked Mack for all that he does.

Sheriff Horton appreciates Tim and everyone for all the commission does and thanks Mack for being a strong supporter for the sheriff’s office.

Commissioner Statum said Mack pushed him to run for commissioner. He said 2025 is for new beginnings and a year of completion.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am.

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