

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
July 22, 2025**

Commissioner Joey Statum called the Commission Meeting to order on the 22nd Day of July, 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:

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tina Morrison with Tourism handed out flyer on the upcoming Wine Festival and Heidi Darbo with YMCA spoke today about the Y's Water Safety Program.

Meridian Waste 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 2, 2025**. They do **not** accept tires, batteries, appliances or hazardous waste.

Location 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 a motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:25 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Upon a 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 9:52 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was 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 dated July 1, 2025 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for July 22, 2025.
- C. The reported financial transactions for June 2025, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-049.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2024-14 (A) and (B) – Lawn Maintenance – County Buildings, with the current vendor Addison Lawn Care, for a second year as provided for in the original bid.

- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Garbage Service – County Buildings. The current bid, Bid No FY 2021-2022-19 will expire on September 5, 2025.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Plastic Roadway Pipe. The current bid, Bid No FY 2021-2022-18 will expire on September 5, 2025.
- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2025-16 Hot Plant Mix Paving Material – FOB Plant, on the recommendation of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to Wiregrass Construction Company and Vulcan Materials, the lowest responsible bidder.
- H. To place the name of Jason Grant in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of School Resource Officer, effective August 11, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.
- I. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to promote Samantha Snow to Fleet Maintenance Coordinator, effective July 22, 2025. This is a promotion and replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$18.25
- J. To place the following names in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 28, 2025. These are replacements to be paid from the Jail General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36
 - Mike Strawn
 - James Clifton
 - Jamarion Worley

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon a motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present 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 Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO to make the following budget amendments for the APC Replacement Battery Cartridges, Smart UPS 1000s, and nine computer battery backups. A copy of the document is in attachment book 15, page 15-050.

Data Processing

Increase	
001.51965-219 Miscellaneous Supplies	\$10,875

Revenue

Increase	
001.40000.47100.025 Interest Revenue	\$ 4,205
001.40000.47900-000 Other Revenue	\$ 6,670

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members present 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:

- Coosa Riverkeeper, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

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

To authorize a revised Inmate Housing Agreement with the City of Gadsden for a period of three years, with an optional one-year renewal, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-051

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members present 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 Agreement between the Etowah County Commission and the State of Alabama Relative to a pass through of federal funds for a Rural (Nonurbanized) Area Public Transportation Project for Etowah County, and

to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents. A copy of the resolution is in attachment book 15, page 15-052

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present 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 Robert Nail, County Engineer, to grant approval for Barry Drew, Mechanic, in the Engineering Department, to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with all other members present 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 agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Office of Safety for a Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant for the Etowah County Safety Action Plan, which includes the Cities of Attalla, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff, Rainbow City, and Southside. Also, approving the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for consulting services, and authorizing the CAO to execute this grant agreement and any other associated documents. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-053

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

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

To approve the Audit Agreement between Etowah County Commission and The SpyGlass Group, LLC, to analyze telecommunications service accounts, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-054

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2025.

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

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

To approve the Professional Services Agreement between Etowah County Commission and Dr. Jeffery R. Ryan, Emergency Management Consultant, and to authorize the CAO to execute the agreement. A copy of the document is in attachment book 15, page 15-055.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members present 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 Dorothea Kurdziel, Rural Transportation Director, to declare the following vehicles as surplus:

- 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan VIN# 2C4RDGBG6HR848691
- 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan VIN# 2C4RDGBG8HR848692

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2025.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Johnny congratulated Jeffery on his installation this past weekend. He thanked everyone that was involved in the City of Gadsden contract.
Jamie said good work on the Marshalls contract. He thanked the Judge for working with them on the consolation of the polling locations. Making elections more efficient is always a positive thing.

Tim thanked the Sheriff on the work his staff put in on the new rate. He toured the medical unit and was very impressed. He also thanked Scottie for they work he is doing in the jail and this building.

Craig echoed everyone on the Marshalls rate. He thinks the new polling locations makes sense especially in his district with the lack of parking.

Jeffery is excited for everything happening in Etowah County. He said it was an honor to serve alongside the commissioners and he’s looking forward to his new journey at the church as well.

Joey congratulated Jeffery as well and also thanked the Sheriff and everyone involved in the jail contract. He appreciates the confidence we have in one another.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion from Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with all other members present voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

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