

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY  
August 5, 2025**

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the Commission Meeting to order on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Jeffery Washington asked the Prayer and led 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 2 – Johnny Grant	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 3 – Jamie Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
	District 6 – Craig Inzer Jr
Absent – Joey Statum, District 1	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Damian Healey signed in today to speak to the Commission about issues he is having with Pine Crest Lodge.

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

Upon a motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:14 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025**

Upon a 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:36 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 22, 2025 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for August 5, 2025.
- C. The reported financial transactions for July 2025, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-056
- D. To place the name of Faith Christian Mintz in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Dispatcher, effective August 4, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 updated School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding, effective August 5, 2025 for a period of three years, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-059

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

Upon a motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 approve the Revised ‘Insolvents, Errors and Taxes in Litigation for 024 and Uncollected Insolvents and Taxes in Litigation for Previous Years’, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-057

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 COMMISISON:** That the following item was approved:

To approve the request of Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate, to grant approval for Jessie Ana Stocks Parks, an employee in the Probate Office to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to grant approval for John Works, an employee in the Sheriff’s Office to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025**

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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:

Upon recommendation of the Etowah County Commission Subcommittee to Evaluate Polling Locations, to approve the relocation and consolidation as follows:

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| • Old Gadsden High School        | to | Downtown Civic Center                       |
| • Tillison Bend Water Authority  | to | East Gadsden Community Center               |
| • Reece City City Hall           | to | Kiwanis Pavilion                            |
| • New Union Fire Station         | to | Egypt Community Center                      |
| • Ivalee Fire Department         | to | Jane Phillips Community Center              |
| • Gallant Fire Department        | to | Jane Phillips Community Center              |
| • Altoona Community Center       | to | Walnut Grove Community Center               |
| • Walnut Grove Fire Department   | to | Walnut Grove Community Center               |
| • Mountainboro Fire Department   | to | Sardis City City Hall                       |
| • North Gadsden Community Center | to | NE Etowah Community Center                  |
| • Rainbow City Fire Station #2   | to | Rainbow City Community Center (Lumley Road) |
| • Wallace Hall                   | to | East Gadsden Community Center               |
| • Cave Springs Community Center  | to | Sardis City City Hall                       |
| • Walnut Park Rec Center         | to | Gadsden Senior Wellness Center              |

(at this time Whorton Bend Fire Department to Meadowbrook Church will be removed from the list)

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer (Commissioner Ramsey being a Board Member abstained from voting) 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 Memorandum of Understanding between Etowah Dekalb Cherokee Mental Health Board, Inc. aka/ CED Mental Health Center and Etowah County Commission, effective September 1, 2025 for a term of one year with optional renewals, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-058

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 have the first reading to appoint Vance Brown to the Etowah County Communications District Board of Directors, effective August 26, 2025, for a four-year term. Chief Brown will replace outgoing member Scott Reeves.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 have the first reading to appoint Tim McKee to the Etowah County Communications Board of Directors, effective August 26, 2025, for a four-year term. Chief McKee will replace outgoing member Tim Crowe.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

Upon a motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 have the first reading to reappoint Juarus Rawls to the Etowah County Communications District Board of Directors, effective August 26, 2025, for a four-year term.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 request of Commander Kevin Hassell to use \$60.029 in Opioid Funds for 50% of the Drug Enforcement Unit Commander’s Salary and Benefits.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

Upon a motion of Commission Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 50% of the DEU Commander’s salary and benefits: A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-060

**Opioid Settlement Fund**

Increase	
031.62000-288 Operating Transfer Out – DEU Fund	\$60,029
Decrease	
031.35900 Fund Balance	\$60,029

**DEU Fund**

Increase	
288.61000-031 Operating Transfer In – Opioid Settlement Fund	\$60,029
Increase	
288.35900 Fund Balance	\$60,029

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

Upon a motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for the Feline Intake Center. A portion is to be paid from two Petco Foundation Grants we received in previous years. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-061

**Animal Control Donation Fund**

Increase	
028.55400-521 Buildings	\$115,000
Decrease	
028.35900 Fund Balance	\$115,000

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator, CFO, to make the following budget amendments to transfer (1) 2023 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ VIN# 1GCUDGED2PZ316905 from the Sheriff’s Office to the Gas Tax Fund. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-062

**General Fund**

Increase	
001.61000-111 Operating Transfer In – Gas Tax Fund	\$44,000
Decrease	
001.61210-000 Sale of Capital Assets	\$44,000

**Gas Tax Fund**

Increase	
111.62000.001 Operating Transfer Out – General Fund	\$44,000
Decrease	
111.53100-551 Motor Vehicles	\$44,000

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for the ARPA Fund. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-063

**Expenditures**

**Courthouse Security**

Increase	
299.51110-116 Overtime Pay	\$1,430
299.51110-122 Health Insurance	\$8,762
Decrease	
299.51110-113 Salaries and Wages	\$21,528
299.51110-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes	\$1,586

**Sheriff’s Office**

Increase	
299.52100-111 County Official’s Pay	\$10,944
299.52100-116 Overtime Pay	\$214,307
299.52100-141 Dental Insurance	\$2,251
Decrease	
299.52100-113 Salaries and Wages	\$389,220
299.52100-122 Health Insurance	\$102,951
299.52100-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes	\$20,850
299.52100-125 Workmen’s Compensation Insurance	\$2,801

**Jail**

Increase	
299.5220-116 Overtime Pay	\$452.843
Decrease	
299.52200-113 Salaries and Wages	\$568,427
299.52200-122 Health Insurance	\$82,105
299.52200-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes	\$36,365
299.52200-125 Workmen’s Compensation Insurance	\$1,197
299.52200-141 Dental Insurance	\$5,625

**Water and Sewer**

Increase

299.54200-182 Professional Services	\$120,238
Decrease	
299.54200-579 Infrastructure – Other Capital Assets	\$3,851,540
<b>Revenue</b>	
Increase	
299.40000.44710-820 Disaster Assistance Grant	\$14,726,580
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
Increase	
299.35900 Fund Balance	\$19,000,000

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for the May 20, 2025 Special Election – School Tax. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-064

<b>Election Expenditures</b>	
Increase	
001.51910-116 Overtime Pay	\$9,976
001.51910-121 Retirement Contribution	\$1,010
001.51910-124 Social Security/Medicare Taxes	\$761
001.51910-154 Legal Services	\$184
001.51910-174 Preparation of Voter Lists	\$7,657
001.51910-175 Election Worker Fees	\$27,600
001.51910-184 Absentee Election Manager Fees	\$7,175
001.51910-211 Office Supplies	\$98
001.51910-219 Other Miscellaneous Supplies	\$38,135
001.51910-221 Operating Leases – Building and Land	\$1,015
001.51910-252 Postage	\$25
001.51910-253 Advertising	\$511
Increase	
001.40000.47900-000 Other Revenue	\$94,372

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 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 approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments - Opioid Fund. This is for evidence bags and tape purchased for the DEU and was approved during the February 4, 2024 Commission Meeting. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-065

Increase	
031.52970-219 Miscellaneous Supplies	\$2,944
Decrease	
031.35900 Fund Balance	\$2,2944

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF**

**Chief Administrative Officer**  
**County Engineer**  
**County Attorney**  
**Other**

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:**

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion from Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am.

<b>Absent</b>	
_____ Joey Statum, President, Commissioner, District 1	_____ Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4
_____ Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2	_____ Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5
_____ Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3	_____ Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6