

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

Commission President Joey Statum called the Commission Meeting to order on the 7th Day of October, 2025 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 – Craig Inzer Jr

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Angie Spark with Liberty Learning Foundation – They serve all three school systems in the county by teaching students to be productive and engaging citizens.

Mr. Walls and Ms. Mackey signed in to discuss the Polling Location changes.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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, November 1, 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 Washington, with all others members present 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 9:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:59 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 September 16, 2025 and the Special Called Meeting dated September 25, 2025, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for October 7, 2025.
- C. The reported Financial Transactions for September 2025, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-087.

- D. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Deborah Carden as Revenue Tag and Title Clerk/Real Property Clerk floater, effective October 8, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- E. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Morgan Feltman as Revenue Tag and Title Clerk, effective October 7, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$13.24
- F. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Lonnie Argo Jr. as Equipment Operator, effective October 2, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.54
- G. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire John Money as Equipment Operator, effective October 13, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.54
- H. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Caleb Anderson as Equipment Operator, effective October 16, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.54.
- I. To place the name of Jeremy Dodd in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Lieutenant, effective October 2, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Jail, at an hourly rate of \$18.72.
- J. To place the name of Joshua Queen in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Lieutenant, effective October 2, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Jail, at an hourly rate of \$20.15
- K. To place the name of Lureesa Hollis in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Lieutenant, effective October 2, 2025. This is an internal transfer from the General Fund – Jail to General Fund – Federal Inmates, at an hourly rate of \$19.18
- L. To place the following names in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 6, 2025. These are a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Jail, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
 - Emily Penland • Lauren Gaskins
 - Alexis Bearden • Alston Stevens
 - Slade Garnett • Jennifer Payne
 - Shalon Weston
- M. To approve the following request from Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner:
 - To designate all SAFE Program Banks in Etowah County as eligible to be the depository for the operating funds of the Revenue Commissioner’s Office: Tags and Titles for the year beginning October 1, 2025. This also includes the satellite offices located in Hokes Bluff, Sardis and Rainbow City.
 - To designate all SAFE Program Banks in Etowah County as eligible to be the depository for the operating funds of the Revenue Commissioner’s Office: Collections beginning October 1, 2025. This includes the collections of all real and business personal property, mobile homes, and redemptions.
- N. To approve all SAFE Program Banks in Etowah County as eligible to be designated as a county depository for the next calendar year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, to consolidate and approve all New Business items on the agenda as discussed in the work session in one motion.

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

- A. To have the first reading to appoint Mark Campbell to the Highland Water Authority Board of Directors. Mr. Campbell will complete the term of Steve Blackwell, who resigned November 11, 2024. The term will expire on March 1, 2029.
- B. To approve the Addendum to CPC Agreement JIJ700 between Etowah County Commission and RJ Young Company, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-088
- C. To approve the request of Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate, to accept the petition of Victoria L. Mullins, 4352 Fairview Road, Gadsden, AL 35904, (District 2) to establish a private cemetery.
- D. To approve the Contract and Agreement Concerning Gadsden City Warrants, between Etowah County Commission and City of Gadsden, for a term of three years with an optional one-year extension, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-089

- E. To approve the Inmate Housing Agreements with the following municipalities: Attalla, Altoona, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff, Rainbow City, and Southside; and to authorize the CAO to execute all documents. Copies of these documents are in attachment book 15, pages 15-090 thru 15-095.
- F. To approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement, and to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-096.
- G. To approve the Agreements between Etowah County Commission and Smeltzer Center relative to Transportation Services for FY 2026, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page15-097.
- H. To call a Special Election for County Commission District 1 Seat, in accordance with and subject to Commissioner Statum’s resignation letter dated October 3, 2025 and effective November 2, 2025. The preliminary election schedule is as follows:
 - Primary Election – February 10, 2026
 - Runoff Election – March 10, 2026
 - General Election (If necessary) – TBD
- I. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to declare the following Maintenance Department equipment as surplus:
 - 2007 Yale Forklift S/N # A910V09953E Asset # 10392
- J. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to declare the following Animal Shelter equipment as surplus:
 - 2009 John Deere Tractor S/N # LC520H506078
 - 2009 John Deere 200CX CP Loader S/N # WO200CX0044728
 - 2009 John Deere 62” Mower S/N M02562A022863
 - 2009 Frontier AP12F Fixed Pallet Fork S/N
 - 2009 Frontier RC20 Standard Rotary Cutter S/N # XFRC20X005787
- K. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for the Sheriff’s Office, with an effective date of September 30, 2025. This is to reimburse the Opioid Settlement fund for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 annual contract for the flock safety cameras, and for the Professional Liability Insurance for the Etowah County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Services Unit.

Expenditures

Sheriff’s Office

Increase

001.52100-229 Operating Leases – Other	\$42,267
001.52100-274 Insurance – General Liability	\$16,536

Revenue

001.40000.41111-001 Ad-Valorem Taxes – Real Property	\$49,110
001.40000.47100-025 Interest Revenue	\$ 9,693

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 Washington, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.

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