

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
January 20, 2026**

Commissioner Tim Ramsey called the Commission Meeting to order on the 20TH day of January, 2026 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 3 out of 5 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Vacant	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 3 – Jamie Grant	District 6 – Craig Inzer Jr.
Absent – Johnny Grant, District 4; Jeffery Washington, District 5	

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

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, February 7, 2026**. The do **not** accept tires, batteries, appliances or hazardous waste.

Locations 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 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:08 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:24 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 January 6, 2026 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for January 20, 2026
- C. The reported financial transactions for December 2025, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursement, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-131
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Residential Solid Collection and Disposal. The current Bid No. FY 2023-07 will expire on March 31, 2026.

- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Printing – Letterhead, Envelopes, Forms. The current Bid No. FY 2023-13 will expire on March 10, 2026. The current vendor has used all available renewals allowed by law.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No. FY 2025-07 Mattresses with Pillow – Jail, with the current vendor, Victory Supply, Inc. for a second year as provided for in the original bid.
- G. To place the name of Nafleata Exford in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Assistant Chief – Corrections, effective January 8, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Jail, at an hourly rate of \$31.43.
- H. To place the name of Erin Woodcock in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective January 12, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- I. To approve the request of Gracie Griggs, Animal Shelter Manager, to hire Rachel Stinson as Animal Control Officer, effective January 26, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Animal Control/Animal Shelter, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- J. To approve the request of Gracie Griggs, Animal Shelter Manager, to promote Morganna Lee from Kennel Technician to Adoption Coordinator, effective January 26, 2026. This is a replacement and promotion to be paid from the General Fund – Animal Control/Animal Shelter, at an hourly rate of \$15.74.
- K. To approve the request of Shane Ellison, Chief Administrative Officer, to grant approval for Candace Watson, Building Service Worker, an employee in the Maintenance Department to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.
- L. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to grant approval for Kim Jones, Real Property Appraisal, an employee in the Revenue Commissioner’s Office to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.
- M. To approve the request of Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to declare the following items as surplus:
- Dell Desktop computer S/N#9NSPR3
 - HP Laptop 316BNGW S/N#CND75038HY
 - Acer Laptop N1702 S/N#NXGNTAA008750084BZ7600
 - HP Laptop 14-BS1530D S/N# 1KU71UA#ABA
 - HP Laptop 14-BS1530D S/N# SCD75117K2
 - Thinkpad JVHFC1 S/N#SL10W47275
 - Dell Service Code 15191635393 S/N#6Z8PGW1
 - HP Laptop 14-CF10200D S/N#5CG923618G
 - Dell Inspiron 15 Laptop S/N 82NNXB2
 - HP Laptop 14CF1020D S/N#5CG9225600L
 - HP Laptop 15AY062NR S/N#CND6520NXV
 - HP Laptop S/N#5CD75116TQ
 - Dell Inspiron 15 Laptop S/N#2C4K682
 - Dell Inspiron 15 Laptop S/N#4XCV82
 - HP Laptop 316GNGN S/N#CND7503939
- N. To approve the TEK84 Annual Service Agreement for the Intercept Whole Body Scanner, S/N#20120018, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in Attachment book 15, page 15-132
- O. To approve the Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of 30 acres from William C. Lucas. This property is immediately south of and adjacent to the NEAR Megasite and will bring the total acreage to approximate 1,280 acres. The purchase agreement includes a provision authorizing a one-year lease to Mr. Lucas. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-133
- P. At the request of Jim Slick, EMA Director, to approve the following:
- Etowah County Emergency Management Agency Basic Emergency Operations Plan
 - Division F Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Etowah County THIRA - Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- Q. To authorize the CAO to execute the Addendum to the Combined Public Communication contract entitled Facility Cost Recovery Attestation and Authorization. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-134
- R. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendment for the Sheriff’s Office. This is to account for one 2024 Chevrolet Silverado and one 2024 Ford Explorer that were deemed total losses.

Sheriff’s Office

Increase

001.52100-551 Motor Vehicles

\$73,381

Revenue
Increase
001.51210-000 Sale of Capital Assets \$73,381

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

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

To authorize an Executive Session to discuss business and commerce, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. The need for this executive session has been certified by the County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, as following the meeting requirements. Those included in the meeting: Commissioners – Jamie Grant, Tim Ramsey, and Craig Inzer; also, Shane Ellison, David Hooks, and Jim Turnbach. Vote: District 1 – Vacant; District 2 – Absent; District 3 – yes; District 4 – Yes, District 5 – Absent; District 6 – Yes.

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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 reconvene from the Executive Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

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 Inzer, with all other members present voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Vacant

Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Absent

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Absent

Jeffery Washington, President, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6