

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
March 10, 2026**

Commissioner President Jeffery Washington called the Commission Meeting to order on the 10th day of March, 2026 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Craig Inzer, asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: The following 5 out of 5 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Vacant
District 2 – Johnny Grant

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

Absent – Jamie Grant, District 3

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Chris Davis with Raptors Youth Athletic Club

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shane Ellison, CAO, presented Robert Nail, County Engineer, a certificate for 20 years of service with the County.

Upon a motion of Commissioner 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:23 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:34 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

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:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following items on the Consent Agenda were approved as presented:

CONSENT AGNEDA:

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 Regula Meeting dated February 17, 2026 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for March 10, 2026.
- C. The reported financial transactions for February 2026, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-001.
- D. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Charles Campbell as Equipment Operator, effective March 16, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.54.
- E. To place the name of Sawyer Phillips in the sheriff’s Office job slot of detention deputy, effective February 25, 2026. This is a replacement and demotion to be paid from the General Fund – Jail, at an hourly rate of \$18.25.
- F. To place the name of Thomas Justin Morris in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Sergeant (Certified) – Temporary, effective March 8, 2026. This is a temporary replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$25.15.

G. To place the following name in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective March 9, 2026. These are replacements to be paid from the General Fund – Jail, at an hourly rate of \$15.36:

- Jody Spinks
- Dakota McNeff
- Amya Ross
- Kathlyn Stanton
- Layden Staton
- Michael Wilson
- Travis Farrell
- Brett Dickinson

H. To approve the Change Order and Final Summary for the northeast Alabama Regional Megasite Sewer Transmission Main Project, with Apel Machine and Supply Co., Inc, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. The contract amount will be decreased by \$201,438.92, making the final contract price \$4,736,813.85. A copy of this document will be in attachment book 16, page 16-002

I. To approve the Participation Agreement with the ACCA Liability Self insurance Fund, Inc. for a three-year period beginning January 1, 2027 thru December 31, 2029, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-003.

J. To approve the Controls Service Agreement with Comfort Systems USA for the HVAC System at the Courthouse, Judicial Building, and Detention Center for one year, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-004.

K. To approve the First Amendment to the Site Development Project Agreement for SEEDS Grant (round one), by and between the State Industrial Development Authority and the Etowah County Commission, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. This amendment will extend the deadline for expenditures of funds from March 2026 to March 2027. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-006.

L. To approve the Amendment to the Hospital Services Agreement dated February 1, 2021 between the Etowah County Commission and Gadsden Regional Medical Center, LLC, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. This amendment extends the contract time for services unless and until the contract is terminated or modified by either of the parties. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-006.

M. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, for the purchase of one 2027 T280 Spray Truck, which will replace the 2000 GMC Spray Truck. The truck will be procured through an existing Sourcewell Bid Contract, and the \$249,750 purchase price is included in the FY 2026 budget.

N. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to declare the following item as surplus:

- (1) Gray Metal Desk

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

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 have the final reading and approval for ABC License Application Type 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Type 070 – Table Wine (Off Premises Only), for applicant Yousef Yaquob, INC, under the trade name, Express Mart 57, located at 4725 Highway 179, Boaz, AL 35956 (District 4). This business is located in unincorporated Etowah County and is a transfer.

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Upon a motion of Commissioner Johnny 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 final reading and approval for ABC License Application Type 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Type 070 – Table Wine (Off Premises Only), for applicant Jawad, LLC, under the trade name Food Mart 34, located at 10291 Centre Road, Gadsden, AL 35903 (District 2). This business is located in unincorporated Etowah County and is a transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

Upon a meeting 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 for ABC License Application Type 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor, for applicant The Kitchen at Pine Crest, LLC, under the trade name The Kitchen at Pine Crest, located at 1570 Bruton Gap Road, Attalla, AL 35954 (District 3). This business is located in unincorporated Etowah County and is a new applicant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

The Commissioners all noted what a tremendous asset it is to have the ESU and what a great partnership between the Sheriff, Judge and ESU and thanked everyone involved for their service. Commissioner Inzer stated if we're not working together, it just doesn't work. Commissioner Ramsey said he is grateful and excited on the news from the City of Gadsden on the new company that will be operating at the old steel plant site. The Commissioners all congratulated the new Mental Health Officers.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a motion from Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members present voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am.

Vacant, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, President, District 5

Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6