

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
May 19, 2026**

Commission President Jeffery Washington called the Commission Meeting to order on the 19th day of May, 2026 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 1 – Mike Powell
District 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 – Craig Inzer, Jr.

Absent – Tim Ramsey, District 4

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Johnny Cook signed in to speak on the issues he is having in the Gallant Community with Meridian Waste. Jerry Jackson signed in to speak on the Ponderosa Road Bridge.

Dave Jenson – Patriots Association Memorial Day celebration will be held May 25, 2026, 10am at the Ola Lee Mize Memorial, everyone is invited.

Member with Leadership Etowah attended the meeting today.

Anna Lindsey-Brown has been hired as the new Executive Director of Greater Gadsden Area Tourism.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No motion was made, the following resolution failed:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: To recess in order to have a Work Session.

THIS ITEM FAILED, for lack of a motion

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:

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 Regular Meeting dated May 5, 2026 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for May 19, 2026.
- C. The reported financial transactions for April 2026, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-016.
- D. To place the name of Alexis Paige Sauls in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Dispatcher, effective May 26, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$14.98. Costs for this position will be reimbursed by the City of Gadsden, as stated in City of Gadsden Resolution No. R-589-25.
- E. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to declare the following equipment as surplus:

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| • Rotary Cutter – ST180 Bush Wacker 15” | 13ST180-1331-31004 |
| • Rotary Cutter – ST8410 Bush Wacker 7” | 13ST8410-1331-31001 |
| • 1995 Ford Tractor 7740 (4CY) | BEO1777 |
| • 1994 Ford Tractor 7740 | BEO1770 |
| • 1995 Ford Tractor 7740 (6CY) | BEO1814 |
| • 2006 Ford F-150 | 1FTRF12256KD97986 |
| • 1988 Ford Tractor 7610 | BB45249 |
| • Betterbuilt Utility Trailer | 1B9DP2320L1118707 |
| • 1995 Ford Tractor 3430 w/ Rotary Cutter 305 | 028077B |
| • 2002 Ford-New Holland LB75B Backhoe | 31035613 |
| • 2005 Betterbuilt Utility Trailer PH2522DT | 4MNDP252451000147 |
| • 2009 Betterbuilt Utility Trailer PH2522DT-A | 4MNDP252X91000708 |

- 2003 International Dump Truck

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F. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for the Detention Center:

Capital Improvement Fund

Detention Center

Increase

116.51997-182 Professional Services \$4,908

116.51997-231 Repairs and Maintenance – Buildings,
Land, and Improvements \$55,468

Decrease

116.35900 Fund Balance \$60,376

G. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for the Judicial Building:

General Fund

Judicial Building

Increase

001.51998-231 Repairs and Maintenance – Buildings,
Land and Improvements \$17,757

Increase

001.40000.47100-025 Interest Income \$17,757

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon a motion of Commissioner Powell, 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 Section 5311 Rural Area Public Transportation Agreement, authorizing a local match of \$23,055.00 for the FY 2027 ALDOT Grant, and to authorize the Commission President to execute any and all documents related to the grant. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 017.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance Program, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 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 approve the use of Opioid Funds, in the amount of \$57,040, for supplies for the Sheriff’s Office Emergency Services Unit.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Powell, 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 an Agreement between the James M. Barrie Center and the Etowah County Commission to provide coordinated, trauma-informed services and education in our community and to be paid from various Etowah County Commissioners’ Discretionary Funds. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, pages 16-019 thru 16-021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

**Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer**

County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Jamie Grant encouraged everyone to go vote, and let the audience know we are working on the issues with Meridian. Craig Inzer congratulated Anna Lindsey-Brown on her new position as the Tourism Director. He encouraged everyone to be bigger advocates of our county and the overall attractions in our county, we need to promote but also teach others what there is to do here in Etowah County. Jeffery Washington thanked everyone for being here today and encouraged everyone to go vote.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a 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 9:41 am.

Mike Powell, Commissioner, District 1

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Absent

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Jeffery Washington, President, District 5

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6