MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
JULY 28, 2026

Commission President Jeffery Washington called the meeting to order on the 28th day of July, 2026 at 9:00 am and Shane Ellison, CAO, 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 – Mike Powell	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Jamie Grant	District 6 – Craig Inzer Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Richard Rybka- gave a report from Coosa Riverkeepers and information on Data Centers.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Judge Hassell introduced Megan Duncan. She is the county guardian and handles many roles including guardianship and making medical decisions on behalf of individuals.

- Eric – Extension Office. This Friday will be 4H-day at the Challenger Center.

- **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, August 1, 2026**. They 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 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:14 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:21 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 July 7, 2026 and the Emergency Called Meeting dated July 9, 2026 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
B. The proposed Agenda for July 28, 2026.

C. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Valarie Gaston as Revenue Tag/Title Clerk, effective July 28, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Revenue, at an hourly rate of $13.24

D. To approve the request of Kacy Wiemann, Animal Shelter Director, to hire Autumn Waller as Kennel Technician – Clinical Specialist, effective July 30, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Animal Control/Animal Shelter, at an hourly rate of $15.36.

E. To approve the request of Scottie Hardy, Maintenance Director, to hire Grant Noah Morgan as Maintenance Technician, effective July 30, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Maintenance, at an hourly rate of $16.95.

F. To place the name of Randi Thomas in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective July 13, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff's Office, at an hourly rate of $15.36.

G. To place the name of Scarlett West in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Part-Time Deputy Sheriff – Judicial Security, effective July 20, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff's Office, at an hourly rate of $17.36.

H. To place the name of Jerry Tuck in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 13, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Jail, at an hourly rate of $15.36.

I. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to grant approval for Courtney Freeman, Mapper/GIS Technician II, an employee in the Revenue Commissioner's Office to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

J. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to grant approval for Madelyn Polk, Administrative Assistant in the Engineering Department to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

K. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a 2026 or 2027 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD (or comparable) for the Engineering Department.

L. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a 2026 or 2027 Ford F-250 4WD (or comparable) for the Maintenance Department.

M. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for the Jail – Camera Server Equipment:

Expenditures	
Jail	
Increase	
001.52200-549 Other Equipment	$181,895
Revenue	
Increase	
001.40000.47905-000 Insurance Claims	$156,895
Fund Balance	
Decrease	
001.35900 Fund Balance	$ 25,000

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

EMA	
Increase	
001.52300-471 Equipment < Threshold	$ 3,958
001.52300-549 Other Equipment	$ 86,543
Increase	
001.40000.44715-820 Homeland Security Grant	$114,519
Increase	
001.35900 Fund Balance	$ 24,018

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 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 IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To approve the Contract and Agreement between Etowah County Commission and the Town of Sardis City regarding the maintenance of Mountainboro Road, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-041.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 2026.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Everyone thanked Megan for all she does, she has a very meaningful job and a heart for service that impacts lives daily. Commissioner Inzer commented Eric always has something going on. Commissioner Ramsey said he will try to make it to the Challenger Center on Friday and he is grateful for the information on the data centers. Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for being here today, and noted that it is the people of Etowah County who take the time out of their lives to help others, that makes this a great place to live.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a 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 9:32 am.

Mike Powell, Commissioner, District 1	Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4
Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2	Jeffery Washington, President, Commissioner, District 5
Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3	Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6