

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
AUGUST 11, 2026**

Commission President Jeffery Washington called the meeting to order on the 11th day of August, 2026 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Mike Powell, 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 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:11 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:25 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Powell, 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 28, 2026 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for August 11, 2026.
- C. The reported financial transactions for July 2026, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document in in attachment book 16, page
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No. FY 2025-19 Garbage Service – County Buildings, with Meridian Waste for an additional year as provided for in the original bid.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No. FY 2025-18 Plastic Roadway Pipe with ADCO Pipe and Supply for an additional year as provided for in the original bid.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew bid No. FY 2024-14 (A) & (B) Lawn Maintenance – County Buildings with Addison Lawn Care for a 3rd and final year as provided for in the original bid.
- G. To place the name of Miranda Gaskin in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Accounting Technician, effective August 10, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$14.62. This is a temporary position.

- H. To place the name of Everett Grizzard in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective August 3, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.
- I. To place the name of Dustin Watkins in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff – PT, effective August 10, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$17.36
- J. To place the name of Anthony Roberson in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Sergeant – Detention (Kitchen), effective July 31, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Jail, at an hourly rate of \$16.95.
- K. To place the following names in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective August 10, 2026. These are replacements to be paid from the General Fund – Jail, at an hourly rate of \$15.36:
- Brandon Nichols
 - Justin Taylor Morris
 - Tammy Garney
- L. To approve the County Levies for New ABC License Types created in the 2026 Alabama Legislative Session. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-043.
- Small Craft Distillery
 - Small Craft Winery
 - Hybrid Craft Alcoholic Beverage Complex
 - Tasting Room Extension
- M. To approve the Funding Agreement between the Etowah County Commission and New Centurions (New Life for Women), to be paid from various Etowah County Commissioners’ Discretionary Funds. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-044
- N. To approve the Alabama Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract with Coosa Valley Detention Center at the Detention Center to receive funds, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-045.
- O. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for the General Fund, effective July 31, 2026:

**General Fund
Revenue**

Increase	
001.40000.41118-002 Ad Valorem Taxes – Revenue Commissioner	\$ 543
001.40000.41310-020 Mortgage/Deed Filing Tax	\$ 80,000
001.40000.43100-710 Business Privilege Tax – General Fund	\$ 4,832
001.40000.43101-710 Additional County P/L	\$ 10,000
001.40000.45210-710 Judge of Probate Fees & Commissions	\$ 35,000
001.40000.45286-710 Motor Vehicle Late Registration Fee	\$ 1,020
001.40000.45287-710 MV Suspended Registration Reinstatement Fee	\$ 4,440
001.40000.45680-710 Charges for Services – General Government	\$ 3,999
001.40000.45680-750 Charges for Services – Health	\$ 525
001.40000.47100-025 Interest Revenue	\$ 56,620
001.40000.45831-720 Wages Reimbursement – Federal Prisoners	\$ 24,785
Decrease	
001.40000.41111-001 Ad Valorem Taxes – Real Property	\$ 60,000
001.40000.41230-014 County Beer Tax	\$ 15,000
001.40000.41240-016 County Tobacco Tax	\$ 15,000
001.40000.45235-710 Revenue Commissioner Fees and Commissions	\$ 12,000
001.40000.45293-710 MH Registration, Delinquencies, and Penalties	\$ 1,735
001.40000.45295-710 Late Payment Penalties – Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 11,800
001.40000.45610-710 Transport Network Co Assessment Fee	\$ 4,450
001.40000.45682-720 Pay Phone Commission – Detention Center	\$ 41,700
001.40000.47900-000 Other Revenue	\$ 47,144
001.40000.47907-000 Bond Forfeiture – State of Alabama	\$ 5,950

Expenditures

Probate Office	
Increase	
001.51300-471 Equipment<Threshold	\$ 5,366
Jail	
Increase	
001.52200-157 Medical and Dental Services - Outside Medical Services	\$250,000
001.52200-158 Medical and Dental for Inmates and Detainees	\$ 74,354

Jail – Federal Inmates	
001.52210-158 Medical and Dental Services for	
Inmates and Detainees	\$ 24,785
Fund Balance	
Decrease	
001.35900 Fund Balance	\$347,520

P. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments, effective July 31, 2026:

Public Building, Road and Bridge Fund	
Revenue	
Decrease	
112.40000.41123-002 Ad Valorem Taxes – Real Property	\$ 27,500
Fund Balance	
Decrease	
112.35900 Fund Balance	\$ 27,500

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 authorize a resolution certifying local match fund availability for SEEDS grant funding from the State of Alabama to be used for the assessment of a 190-acre addition to the NEAR Megasite. The total amount of the proposal is \$219,645, with a local match of \$94,009. A copy of the resolution is in attachment book 16, page 16-046.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

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 approve the Service Agreement between Etowah County Commission and Southern Data Automation, Inc. for a term of one year with the option to renew, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the document is in attachment book 16, page 16-047.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

During the meeting, the Etowah County Commission celebrated Sardis City becoming a recognized Purple Heart city, announcing a portion of Sardis Road as a Purple Heart Trail and an upcoming ceremony at Sardis High School this Friday at 9:00 AM. Commissioners praised the current Emergency Management Agency (EMA) for actively addressing local issues like oil spills. Additionally, the commission highlighted the county's strong state partnerships with EDPA, EDAA, and Commerce, discussing an invitation to apply for the SEEDS grant—which dropped from \$30 million to \$7 million this year. The session concluded with leaders thanking the Sardis City Council for attending and emphasizing that county-wide collaboration makes the area 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 9:40 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