MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Commission President Jeffery Washington called the meeting to order on the 1st day of September, 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 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 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:08 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie 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 9:38 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 August 25, 2026 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
B. The proposed Agenda for September 1, 2026.
C. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2026-14 2026/2027 Chevy Silverado 1500 4wd – Engineering, at the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to Buster Miles Chevrolet.
D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2026-13 Ford F-250 4WD to Ronnie Watkins Ford, the lowest, responsible bidder.
E. To disqualify Peregrine Services, 504 North 17th Street, Monroe, Louisiana, from future bid lettings due to recurring issues with the timeliness of the service. Problems have documented by the Revenue Commissioner's Office and are on file with the Purchasing Accountant.
F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Full-Service Printing and Mailing – Revenue. The current bid will expire on September 16, 2026. Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, has elected not to renew with the current vendor.

G. To approve the request of Kacy Wiemann, Animal Shelter Manager, to hire Nicholle Storm Caraway as Kennel Technician – Clinical Specialist, effective September 3, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Animal Control/Animal Shelter, at an hourly rate of $15.36.
H. To approve the Gadsden-Etowah MS4 Watershed Monitoring and Reporting Cooperative Agreement, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-052.
I. To approve the Business Service Agreement with Sparklight Business for a three-year term. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-053.
J. To approve the Professional Services Agreement between Etowah County Commission and Skipper Consulting, Inc., and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-054.
K. To approve the Dispatch Services Contract between Etowah County Commission and Etowah County Communications District, beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-055.
L. To approve the Inmate Housing Agreements with the following municipalities: Attalla, Altoona, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff, Rainbow City, and Southside, for a two-year term and to authorize the CAO to execute all documents. A copy of these documents is in attachment book 16 pages 56-61.
M. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for (5) 2026 Ford Explorer Interceptors for the Sheriff's Office that will be purchased in FY 2026 utilizing funds that would have been budgeted for FY 2027.

Sheriff's Office

Increase	
001.2100-551 Motor Vehicles	$221,930
Decrease	
001.35900 Fund Balance	$221,930

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

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 authorize the acquisition of approximately 0.5 acres on Pleasant Valley Road at Steele Station Road (northern intersection), Parcel ID 6-08-33-0-000-007.000, to be used for an intermediate sewer lift station to serve the NEAR Megasite. The purchase price is $20,000. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-062

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Agreement between Etowah County Commission and Smeltzer Center relative to Transportation Services for FY 2027, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-063.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 approve the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) FY 2026 Cooperative Agreement, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-064.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 have the first reading to reappoint Shane Ellison to the Etowah County Communications Board of Directors. This will be for a four-year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie 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 have the first reading to reappoint Robert Nail to the Etowah County Communications Board of Directors. This will be for a four-year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked Scottie for completing the jail camera project, noting that having all the cameras fully operational heavily benefits jail security. He also expressed support for the flock cameras, stating they are a great benefit to law enforcement and should not be banned.

Commissioner Jamie Grant stated that the Commission is pro-law enforcement but emphasized the need for transparency and data security. Data access must be restricted to unauthorized people can not simply look through it.

Commissioner Ramsey attended the celebration of life for Jason Wilson; it was a fitting farewell to a dedicated public servant and a big loss to the community. He also noted that he and Commission Grant need to coordinate to suggest a representative to Douglas Water.

Commissioner Inzer thanked Shane for work on the lift station and announced that plans for the RBC bridge should be out any day, with letting set for September 26th (noting this will cause traffic changes for three years). He added that the 759-project letting will happen in early November. These two projects will ultimately improve traffic conditions county wide. Also, a proclamation honoring former Commission Choate will take place on September 15th.

Commissioner Powell followed up on the flock cameras, stating he is eager to see how the Lexipol policy reads. He wants the Commission to be able to answer any questions the public may have. He also thanked everyone for being here and to all the employees for what they do.

Commissioner Washington praised the commission for being proactive, noting that their ability to solve problems before they escalate ensures community safety and helps local communities thrive.

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 9:56 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