

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**

Commission President Jeffery Washington called the meeting to order on the 15th day of September, 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 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:

Shane Ellison, CAO, presented a proclamation honoring former Commissioner Choate.
Senator Andrew Jones, also presented a proclamation honoring former Commissioner Choate.

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:30 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 10:12 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 September 1, 2026 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for September 15, 2026.
- C. The reported financial transactions for August 2026, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-064.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Scan Server – Revenue (GISAPPSVR2). The current server is approaching end of life.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Login Server – Reappraisal (ECCDCSVR2). The current server is approaching end of life.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a 2026 / 2026 Ford F-150XL 4D Super Crew 4WD/AWD (or comparable) for the Coroner.

- G. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Deborah L. Carden to Revenue Collection Clerk, effective September 15, 2026. This is a transfer and replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- H. To approve the request of Shane Ellison, CAO, to hire Jobe Statum as RSVP Admin Clerk – part time, effective September 16, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the RSVP Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- I. To place the name of Stephen Rodgers in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective August 31, 2026. This is a voluntary demotion and replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$21.70.
- J. To place the name of Koal Garrett in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective September 8, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$17.37
- K. To place the name of Karron Mandujano in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Building Service Worker, effective September 17, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- L. To approve the request of Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to grant approval for Seth Williamson, Deputy Sheriff, in the Office of the Sheriff to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.
- M. To approve the Memorandum of Agreements between the Etowah County Emergency Management Agency and the following municipalities: Altoona, Attalla, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff, Rainbow City, Reece City, Sardis City, Southside, and Walnut Grove. A copy of these document is in attachment book 16, pages 65-73.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, to approve all items on the agenda as discussed in the work session.

BE IS RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following resolutions were passed and adopted:

- A. To have the final reading and approval to reappoint Shane Ellison to the Etowah County Communications Board of Directors. This will be a four-year term.
- B. To have the final reading and approval to reappoint Robert Nail to the Etowah County Communications Board of Directors. This will be a four-year term.
- C. To have the first reading to reappoint Tony Smith to the Etowah County Personnel Board. This term will expire on September 30, 2027.
- D. To adopt the Resolution to declare the week of September 20th through September 26th, 2026, as “Water Quality Awareness Week”. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-075.
- E. To adopt the Resolution to renew participation in the ACCA Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurers Fund through September 30, 2030. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-076.
- F. To approve the new classified job position of Communication Maintenance Technician, as previously approved by the Etowah County Personnel board on August 26, 2026. This change will be funded by using an existing position, the total number of full-time positions will not increase. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-077.
- G. To approve the Etowah County Rural Transportation Transit Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness Plan, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-078.
- H. To approve the request of Shane Ellison, CAO, to adopt the FY 2027 Budgets. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-074.

• General Fund	\$37,377,234
• Pistol Permit Loss Revenue Fund	\$ 122,177
• Opioid Settlement Fund	\$ 270,000

• Gasoline Tax Fund	\$10,640,008
• Public Building, Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 5,029,991
• Public Highway Fund	\$ 279,520
• Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 1,321,204
• RRR Gasoline Tax Fund – 4 Cent	\$ 1,187,500
• RRR Gasoline Tax Fund – 5 Cent	\$ 380,000
• Severed Mineral Tax Fund	\$ 90,000
• Reappraisal Fund	\$ 2,037,735
• RSVP Fund	\$ 272,021
• County Rebuild Alabama Fund	\$ 2,000,000
• Federal Exchange Fund	\$ 800,000
• Rural Transportation Fund	\$ 512,611
• Domestic Violence Fund	\$ 239,199
• Drug Enforcement Unit Fund	\$ 893,074
• Coronavirus Rescue Act Fund (ARPA Fund)	\$ 250,000
• Growing Alabama Fund	\$ 866,904
• 2018-A G.O. Wts Debt Service Fund	\$ 416,425
• 2018-B G.O. Wts Debt Service Fund	\$ 723,938
• 2020 G.O. Wts Debt Service Fund	\$ 591,500

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Inzer thanked everyone for showing up for Mr. Choate and his family. He recalled Mr. Choate being very instrumental with the Megasite. In regards to the budget, this budget is the largest we’ve had in his 8 years. There are a lot of increases but not a lot of decreases. We need to be conscious of our budget.

Commissioner Ramsey said Tim Choate was recognized at the ACCA level as one of the leaders and bright spots there. He discussed his work on the Workers’ Comp board.

Commissioner Jamie Grant noted how Mr. Choate was always very optimistic and challenged the Commission to continue on with the Megasite.

Commissioner Johnny Grant spoke about the SRO’s being one of the most important things we have for our kids and we need to get our legislature on board for SRO funding.

Commissioner Powell also stressed the need to have the SRO’s in the schools, since the pistol permit funding is no longer there, it is imperative to find another source of funding.

Commissioner Washington noted that there is a lot of concern in this room and it shows the heart, care, and love we have for our county and citizens. We want all citizens safe and how can we serve our citizens better?

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a motion from Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Powell, with all other members present voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 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