

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
March 12th, 2019**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 12th Day of March, 2019. Commissioner Statum called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Commissioner Inzer led in the Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: Karen Bates, County Clerk, called the roll to establish a quorum. The following 6 out of 6 Commission members answered to their names and accordingly and quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Larry V. Payne	District 6 – Craig Inzer

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: Sheriff Horton presented a plaque to Phillip Stone to commend him for 30 years with the Sheriff's Office. He was hired in February of 1989 and the Sheriff said that Captain Stone (at that time) was the one that trained him.

The Sheriff also recognized several Correctional Deputies that were assigned to a Special Operations Detail including Steven Argo, Dylan Gregory and Brandon Hare along with Lt. Brittney Page, and Correctional Deputies Jordan Garrison and Carlton White. After receiving information of an unknown package outside the kitchen area, they responded and found the package (which contained Suboxone Strips, Ice Methamphetamine, Synthetic Marijuana, and several packages of smoking tobacco) was connected with a rope to one of the jail cells. A hole was discovered in the window of this cell which was made by batteries, baby oil, and a blade. Deputies Christopher Thornton and Robin Brown assisted in locating and securing the items that were used to make the hole. These actions prevented a large amount of narcotics from entering the facility which would have caused a multitude of issues. The Sheriff commended the Deputies for carrying out their duties in a manner that brings pride to themselves as well as the Etowah County Detention Center.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Payne, with all other members present voting "yes", the following resolution was passed and adopted:

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 February 19th, 2019, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for March 12th, 2019.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Online Transfers and Cash Disbursements for February 2019 has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 033.
- D. To place the name of Dale Hyatt in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 25th, 2019. This is an involuntary demotion to be paid by the ICE Fund at an hourly rate of \$14.26.
- E. To place the name of Kristopher Camp Yancey in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Investigator, effective February 25th, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of 15.36.
- F. To place the name of Andrew Greer in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy effective February 25th, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- G. To place the name of Marcus Smith in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy effective February 25th, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid from the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- H. To place the name of Christopher Timmons in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Sergeant - Detention effective March 11th, 2019. This is a promotion to be paid from the ICE Fund at an hourly rate of \$13.91.
- I. To place the name of Emily Troxtel in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy effective March 15th, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid from the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- J. To place the name of Ja'Michael Edwards in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy effective March 15th, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid from the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.

- K. To approve the Resolution 'Expressing Support for an Increase in Alabama's Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Taxes to Fund Critical County Road and Bridge Repairs and Renovations'. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 036.
- L. To designate that the Attalla Jr./Norris High Foundation Museum serves a public service and is qualified to receive public funds. A copy of this document has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 035.
- M. To Approve the County Levies for Alcohol Licensing for FY 2019-2020 and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. There are no changes on the levies. A copy of the County Levies has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 034.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To have the Final Reading and Approval to reappoint James Golden to the West Etowah County Water Authority. This is for a six year term ending the last day of February 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members 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 J. Courtney Cole to the Highland Water Authority. This will be for a six year term ending the last day of February 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer seconded by Commissioner Ramsey with all other members 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 Mike Carter to the Whorton Bend Water Authority. This will be for a six year term ending the last day of February 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To authorize an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. This session was authorized by the County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, as meeting the qualifications. Those attending included Sheriff Horton, Kevin Dollar, David Akins, Jim Turnbach, and the six Commissioners. The Commission dismissed for the session at 10:17 am. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; District 6 – yes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey with all other members voting "yes", the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To reconvene from Executive Session at 10:50 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2019

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: No Report.

County Engineer: No Report.

County Attorney: No Report.

Other: No Report.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS: None.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.

Joey Statum, President, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6