

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
November 11, 2020**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 11th Day of November, 2020. Commissioner Washington called the meeting to order at 9:10 am and Shane Ellison, CAO, led in the Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag.

(Due to this meeting being the 'organizational meeting' required by the State after the election, this meeting was held on Veteran's Day and was scheduled for 9:00 am).

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: Scott Hassell welcomed the new Commissioner. (Jamie Grant was elected as the District 3 Commissioner and Johnny Grant was re-elected as the District 2 Commissioner.)

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: The following 5 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum	
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Jamie W. Grant	District 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Tim Ramsey – District 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 October 20th, 2020, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for November 11th, 2020.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the Etowah County Meeting Schedule for 2021. A copy of the Schedule has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 71.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 approve the request of Shane Ellison, CAO, for Hazard Duty Pay to the County Employees that did not previously receive Hazard Duty Pay in July, 2020. This includes employees in the Departments of Engineering, Revenue, Probate, and Commission and any other employees as determined to meet the criteria that did not previously receive the one-time Hazard Duty Pay in 2020. Qualified Full-time employees will receive a one-time Hazard Duty Pay of \$750 and qualified part-time employees will receive a one-time Hazard Duty Pay of \$375. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 72.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Joey Statum, 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 Shane Ellison, CAO, to execute a buy-back offer of up to 40 hours of a combination of sick, vacation, paid-time-off (PTO), an d/or comp time to eligible county employees to be used in November, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

To authorize an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 5 –yes; and District 6 - yes. County Attorney Jim Turnbach certified the reason for the executive session met the criteria and those attending the meeting include: CAO, Shane Ellison; CFO, Kevin Dollar; all Commissioners present; and County Attorney. The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 9:20 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 11:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

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:

Commissioner Statum wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day! He congratulated Jamie Grant and said he looked forward to working with him.

Commissioner Inzer thanked the Engineering/Road Department for all their hard work getting up trees after the last hurricane came through. He also commended Judge Hassell for the great job they did on the election. He said the high school kids were great and a lot of help and he hoped they would be able to continue that program. He also said he thanked all of the Veterans today.

Robert Nail said they had a lot of roads blocked by trees from Zeta coming through but they worked and got them all up by Thursday.

Marilyn Lott updated everyone on the grading project at the industrial site.

Commissioner Washington also wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day and welcomed Jamie.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he was glad to be here and also thanked the Commissioner for allowing him to attend the meetings over the last year so he would be ready to get started after the election.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he was proud to have Jamie on board and believes he will do a good job as Commissioner. He is retired from the military.

Commissioner Washington said he didn’t know where we would be without our Veterans and thanked them. He also thanked Probate Judge Hassell for what a great job they did with the election. He said he prays the Commission continues to move forward.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

ABSENT

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, President, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6