

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
December 1st, 2020**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 1st Day of December, 2020. Commissioner Washington called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Commissioner Joey Statum, 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: The following 6 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Jamie W. Grant	District 6 – Craig Inzer

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 November 17th, 2020, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for December 1st, 2020.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. The Visa Card Purchases that were made in August, September, and October of 2020. A copy of these purchases has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 079.
- D. To approve all SAFE program banks in Etowah County eligible to be designated as a county depository for the next calendar year.
- E. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to promote Heather Chilton to Mapper/GIS Technician I effective December 1st, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.92.
- F. To approve the request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to promote Spencer Williams to Road Superintendent (unclassified) effective December 1st, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$32.00.
- G. To place the name of Chad Knight, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 30th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- H. To place the name of Letyah Bufford, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 23rd, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- I. To place the name of Cody Eubanks, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff (certified), effective November 17th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.92.
- J. To place the name of Cynthia Chrisman, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 17th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- K. To place the name of Allyson Terrell, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Administrative Technician, effective November 17th, 2020. This is a replacement (demotion) to be paid from the Sheriff Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.92.
- L. To place the name of Robin Griffin, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 30th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- M. To place the name of Graciela Guzman Rios, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 30, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.

- N. To approve the “Agency Agreement” with Alabama Secretary of State’s Office for ‘voter file maintenance’ as required under the National Voter Registration Act and Alabama State Law and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document; and to authorize the “Resolution” regarding the payment of the postage fees. A Copy of this Agreement and Resolution is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 080.
- O. To approve the Resolution Authorizing the Etowah County Rural Transportation to enter into third party agreements; to approve the Agreements with Legacy Trust Advisors and Smeltzer Center; and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of these Agreements is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 081.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, 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 purchase of the property described in Deed Document #D-2002-3110 from Jayne K. Davis and Patricia K. Steed (Trustees of the S. W. Kelley Jr. Family Trust) for \$800,000 and to authorize the Commission President to execute the documents. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 083.

The Etowah County Board of Education will be moving from the Old Farmers Market to this location. Dr. Cosby, President of the Etowah County Board of Education, came to the meeting and expressed their gratitude for the Commission making this purchase. He said they had outgrown their space and were using portable trailers at their current location. They will be bringing 60 employees downtown. There were also a few of the Board Members at the meeting including: Danny Golden, Tim Langdale, Jay Freeman, and Scarlet Farley.

Commissioner Washington said all of the Commissioners were in support of the purchase and they were all excited about this opportunity for the Etowah County Board of Education to be able to move to bigger and more updated facilities.

The County Commission will retain the rights for the drive-through window in case there’s a future need for a County Department to use it.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 approve a loan with River Bank & Trust as outlined on the attached ‘Term Sheet’ and to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 085.

(An RFP was sent to all local banks and they received 3 submittals).

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

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

- A. To approve the following Budget Amendment for Buyback of Accrued Comp Time, Vacation, Sick Leave & PTO paid on November 25th, 2020 (effective November 30th, 2020):

General Fund

Increase:

	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>		<u>FICA</u>	
Commission	(001.51100.113) \$3,592		(001.51100.124)	\$275
Probate Office	(001.51300.113) \$5,918		(001.51300.124)	\$453
Rev. Commissioner’s Office	(001.51600.113) \$4,276		(001.51600.124)	\$327
Personnel	(001.51962-113) \$3,638		(001.51962-124)	\$278
License Inspector	(001.51980-113) \$808		(001.51980-124)	\$62
Maintenance	(001.51995-113) \$8,413		(001.51995-124)	\$644
Sheriff’s Office	(001.52100-113) \$25,111		(001.52100-124)	\$2,380
Jail	(001.52200-113) \$28,407		(001.52200-124)	\$2,173
Animal Control/Shelter	(001.55400-113) \$725		(001.55400-124)	\$55

Decrease:

Fund Balance (001.35900) \$87,535

Gasoline Tax Fund

Increase:

Salaries & Wages (111.53100-113) \$17,651

FICA (111.53100-124)	\$1,350
State Share / Highways / Roads (111.40000.44222-830)	\$19,001

RSVP

Increase:

Salaries & Wages (176.56230-113)	\$710
FICA (176.56230-124)	\$54

Decrease:

Fund Balance (176.35900)	\$764
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Rural Transportation Fund

Increase:

Salaries & Wages (271.56210-113)	\$517
FICA (271.56210-124)	\$40
Salaries & Wages (271.56211-113)	\$1,749
FICA (271.56211-124)	\$134

Decrease:

Fund Balance (271.35900)	\$2,440
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DEU Fund

Increase:

Salaries & Wages (288.52970-113)	\$4,525
FICA (288.52970-124)	\$346

Decrease:

Fund Balance (288.35900)	\$4,871
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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 approve the Agreement with Burr & Forman LLP and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 084.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, 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 grant Right of Way Easement and approve the sale of property to Alabama Power Company at the Little Canoe Creek Megasite for the construction and relocation of power transmission facilities and lines; and to authorize the Commission President to execute all related documents. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 082.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 Inzer was glad the purchase worked out for the Etowah County Board of Education to give them a better location and updated building, plus more room. He also thanked Kevin Dollar for doing well with the County finances and especially compared to other counties during these times. He said there were concerns about all of the additional purchases that had to be made during the pandemic. He thanked Kevin and Shane and all the Commissioners for making good choices and thanked Spencer with Alabama Power for getting utilities to the Mega Site.

Commissioner Statum thanked Dr. Cosby and his team. He thanked the CAO saying he had good support people behind him. He thanked Spencer with Alabama Power for working with Etowah County thanked everyone behind the scenes that made the Alabama Power Agreement happen. It’s a good development for Little Canoe Creek Megasite and allows for future needs. He also thanked Kevin Dollar for doing an outstanding job with passing the audits.

Commissioner Washington said Etowah County was moving in the right direction and they were working together and moving forward together. He thought the purchase of the old bank location for Etowah County Board of Education was a great opportunity and will allow the Board to move downtown. Also moving the power lines from the middle to the edge of the Mega Site will help with the future of Little Canoe Creek Industrial Development. He also thanked Danny Golden, saying he had been a mentor to him when he was growing up and help to keep him on the right path.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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