

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
January 5th, 2021**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 5th Day of January, 2021 at 10:00 am with the Acting President Joey Statum calling the meeting to order. He then recognized Jamie Grant as the 2021 President and passed the gavel to him. Jamie Grant asked the Prayer and the Pledge and continued the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

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:

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

Absent: Jeffery Washington, District 5

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. The Proposed Agenda for January 5th, 2021.
- B. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Credit Card Purchasing Report from October-November, 2020, the Online Transfers, and Cash Disbursements from November, 2020.
- C. To place the name of Horace Burks, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 6, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- D. To place the name of Christopher Timmons, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Lieutenant (temporary), effective December 20, 2020. This is a temporary replacement due to an associate being out on leave, to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.54.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew **Bid No FY 2018-2019-02 Finished Traffic Signs**, with the current vendor, Traffic Signs, Inc., for the third and final year as provided for in the original bid.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for **Metal & Side Drain Pipe**.
- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew **Bid No. FY 2019-2020-09 Janitorial Services – Fleet Maintenance Building** with the current vendor, Alabama Rent-A-Maid, as provided for in the original bid.
- H. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for **In Place Plant Mix (Bid No. FY 2020-2021-04); Bituminous Surface Treatment (Bid No. FY 2020-2021-05), and Traffic Striping (Bid No. FY 2020-2021-06)**. These are Rebuild Alabama Bids for Etowah County Engineering.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

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:

The First Reading for ABC License Application Type 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Type 070-Retail Table Wind (Off Premise Only) for applicant **Jason Reynolds** under the trade name, **COUNTY LINE BEVERAGES**, located at 9454 US Hwy 11 N, Attalla, AL 35954. This is a license transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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:

The Maintenance Contract on the Access Control System and CCTV Camera System installed by Schneider Electric at the Etowah County Jail Facility with Alabama Controls, Inc. (DBA Albireo Energy, LLC) and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 089.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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:

The request of Robert Nail, Assistant County Engineer, to review and accept the annual report for “Rebuild Alabama FY2020”. A copy of the Annual Report for ‘Rebuild Alabama FY 2020’ has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 090.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: Shane Ellison, CAO, said they had been giving priority to the CARES ACT money and making sure the County was reimbursed for the eligible charges. Congress voted to extend the deadline and the counties are waiting on the state to honor the extension. They have also set up screens with cameras and microphones in the Chamber to make it easier to do a combination Zoom/In Person meeting and they are also continuing to work on the ICE numbers. County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, checked in prior to the meeting but was unable to attend today.

County Engineer: No Report.
County Attorney: No Report.
Other: No Report.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Jamie Grant called on visitor Mike Mitchell with Waste Management and he was just there to give out a few business cards and to let the Commissioners know that they were continuing with their purchase/merger of Advanced Disposal and to let him know if there were any issues.

Commissioner Johnny Grant asked how we were on State inmate reimbursements and he and Kevin Dollar discussed some of those numbers. Kevin has also filed for some reimbursements that we haven’t received yet. They have received close to \$2 million between CARES ACT and FEMA.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Kevin for all of his work on the budget and also welcomed Jamie Grant as new Commission President. He commended Sheriff Horton on surviving the year with the way it has been.

Commissioner Inzer thanked Kevin and said a lot of the budget information was over his head and a lot of numbers but he thanked Kevin for his explanations and help with understanding. He said he knew it was hard to plan with the ICE issues but they need to stay on top of everything. He also thanked Robert Nail and the Road Department for all they do.

Commissioner Statum commended Commissioner Washington on the great job he did in 2020 as Commission President. He said Commissioner Washington would be recognized with he is able to meet. He thanked all of the Commissioners for their hard work because it takes a team. They each have different personalities and bring something to the group. He also commended Jamie Grant and thanked Kevin Dollar for all he does. He congratulated Shane on getting through his first year as CAO. He said to keep everyone in their prayers during these tough times because there were a lot of people sick or with sick family members and a lot of people that are losing family members during this time. He said he was looking forward to 2021 and had a new grandson.

Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked everyone. He said Commissioner Washington was a great friend and thanked him for all of his help. He also thanked Robert Nail for the truthful answers concerning road issues (even if it’s not what anyone wants to hear). He said he believed the County was moving in the right direction and thanked everyone.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, President, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6