

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
June 15, 2021**

Commissioner Jamie Grant called the meeting to order on the 15th Day of June, 2021 at 9:00 am with Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate, asking the Prayer and the Commissioner leading 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:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lora Weaver, Rural Transportation Director, introduced Garry Havron, Research Director at the Office of Public Transportation, UAH, to the Commission. Mr. Havron was very complimentary on how well Etowah County's Rural Transportation Department was being run and on what a great job Lora Weaver was doing.

Eric Wright with the Extension Office introduced Michael Dillon, Etowah County 4-H Foundation Regional Agent and David Ramey, Parent/Coach of the Archery Team and stressed what a great archery program they have. Also at the meeting were Christopher Ramey (Sardis High), who finished 5th Place Individual, and Colby Ramey (Sardis High), who finished 4th Place Individual, in the State Tournament.

Upon motion of Commissioner 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:07 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order after the recess at 10:05 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2021

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 Meetings dated June 1, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for June 15, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for May 2021; and a copy of the Purchasing Charges for April 23, 2021 through May 11, 2021 have been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 122.
- D. To place the name of Kenneth Ragan in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective June 8, 2021. This is a voluntary demotion and a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.96.

- E. To place the name of Chelsea Davis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Security Specialist-SOD, effective June 4, 2021. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.27.
- F. To place the name of Dakota Lee in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Security Specialist-SOD, effective June 4, 2021. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.27.
- G. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Courtney Freeman to Revenue Mapping Clerk, effective June 21, 2021. This is a voluntary demotion and a replacement to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.92.
- H. To approve the request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to transfer Bradley Berry to Sign Shop Supervisor, effective June 15, 2021. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund at an hourly rate of \$14.27.
- I. To approve the request of Stephanie Downey, Chief Probate Clerk, to transfer Janetta Gunter to a Full-Time Probate Clerk, effective June 15, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Probate Judge, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.70.
- J. To approve the request of Lora Weaver, Rural Transportation Director, to authorize the following Applications and Resolutions. (A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 123):
- a. The Alabama Department of Transportation / Federal Transit Administration '**5311 CARES Act Rural Transit Program Application**' for \$319,600 for operating expenses (covered at 100%) and '**Section 5311 (Rural) Transit Program Application**' for \$221,880 in administration assistance and \$4,320 in capital expenses (covered at 80%).
 - b. **Resolution # 06152021-01 - 'Exhibit 11- Authorizing Resolution (CARES Act Section 5311) and Resolution 06152021-03 'Exhibit 16 – Section 5311 Authorizing Resolution'** which both state that Etowah County meets all requirements to apply for these federal funds and authorizes the Commission President to execute all documents.
 - c. **Resolution #06152021-02 – '5311 Resolution Authorizing Local Matching Funds'** which states the Etowah County Commission commits the amount of the 20% local match of \$56,550.
- K. To approve the '**Proposal for Professional Services Contract**' with Engineering Service Associates, Inc., for the development of the **2021 Etowah County Solid Waste Management Plan Update**, for a cost of \$17,500. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 124.
- L. To approve the designation that the following organization serves a public purpose and is eligible to receive public funds:
- a. Boy Scouts
 - b. Boys & Girls Club
- M. To Adopt the Resolution for '**Imposition of Administrative Late Payment Penalty on County Ad Valorem Tax to be in Accordance with Act 2021-395 of the Legislature of Alabama**'. A copy of the Resolution is attached with the penalty amount and the distribution of the proceeds. A copy of this Resolution is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 125.
- N. To accept the letter of retirement from the Etowah County Engineer, Tim Graves, effective September 1, 2021.
- O. To approve the following Line Item Transfers from the Sheriff's Office:
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| Increase: Insurance – Motor Vehicles (001.52100-272) | \$9,665 |
| Vehicles' License Plates (001.52100-409) | \$18 |
| Decrease: Fuel & Lubricants (001.52100-212) | \$2,243 |
| Cell Phones (001.52100-255) | \$2,200 |
| Interest on GLTD (001.52100-632) | \$5,240 |
| Increase: Repairs & Maintenance – Motor Vehicles 9001.52100-234) | \$16,000 |
| Decrease: Cellular Service (001.52100-255) | \$16,000 |
- P. To approve the following Line Item Transfers & Budget Amendments from RSVP:
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| Increase: Membership Dues & Fees (176.56230-171) | \$305 |
| Postage (176.56230-252) | \$714 |
| Cellular Service (176.56230-255) | \$660 |
| Insurance – Surety Bonds (176.56230-273) | \$83 |
| Equipment<Threshold (176.56230-471) | \$5,000 |
| Insurance – Motor Vehicles (176.56231-272) | \$535 |
| Insurance – Other (176.56231.279) | \$17 |
| Miscellaneous (176.56231-499) | \$2,414 |
| Miscellaneous (176.56235-499) | \$423 |

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| Decrease: Fuel (176.56231-212) | \$535 |
| Office Supplies (176.56231-211) | \$119 |
| Insurance – Building (176.56231-271) | \$17 |

Increase: (Revenue)

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| Assistance to Aging Grant (176.40000.44740-860) | \$5,000 |
| Donations (176.40000.47700-000) | \$1,374 |
| Other Revenue (176.4000.47900-000) | \$2,719 |
| State Share Grant –General (176.4000.44360-810) | \$387 |

Q. To approve the following Budget Amendment for the Elections Budget for 34 Express Voting Machines & Training to be supplied by the Secretary of State's Office:

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| Increase: Contract Services (001.51910-185) | \$4,913 |
| Equipment<Threshold (001.51910-471) | \$80,087 |

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| Increase (Revenue): HAVA Grant (001.40000.44765-810) | \$85,000 |
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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss 'Safety and Security', after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. This is certified by the County Attorney as falling under the guidelines for an approved executive session. Those attending the session include Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate; Sheriff Horton; Deputy Lanny Handy; Kevin Dollar; Jim Turnbach; Jody Willoughby, District Attorney; Shane Ellison; All Commissioners; and Chief Deputy Hill. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:20 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 11:05 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: No Report.
County Engineer: No Report.
County Attorney: No Report.
Other: No Report.

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Inzer said he was glad they got the funding for the Mountainboro VFD Crossover. He said they had looked at 3 different funding sources. Representatives Isbel, Representative Nordgren, Shane, Robert Nail, and others met with the ALDOT Director to get suggestions on how they could get funding for this project.

Commissioner Washington thanked Lora Weaver for all she does for the Rural Transportation Department and also thanked the Sheriff's Office for all they do.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Lora Weaver and said he appreciated her being recognized state-wide. He also thanked Eric Wright and all he does through the Extension Office to help with projects like the Archery Group winning State. He discussed how good the Megasite was for the county and thanked Advanced Disposal (Waste Management) for coming to the meeting to answer any questions.

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked everyone and said they all did a great job.

Commissioner Statum thanked Gary and also Lora. He said the 4-H group did an awesome job. He thanked Jody Willoughby (District Attorney) and the Sheriff for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Jamie Grant agreed with the other Commissioners and also thanked everyone.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 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