

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
July 20, 2021**

Commissioner Jamie Grant called the meeting to order on the 20th Day of July, 2021 at 9:00 am with Shane Ellison, CAO, asking the Prayer and Commissioner Jamie Grant 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:

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: Ruth Moffatt, Executive Director of the United Way of Etowah County, introduced herself to the Commission. She discussed some of the upcoming events of the United Way of Etowah County. They were trying to invest funds toward the homelessness situation and also have an upcoming ribbon cutting for an Inspiring Growth Now which allows a place for reading and tutoring. August 11th at 418 North 6th Street at 10:00 am and they would like to replicate this program in other areas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Jamie Grant read the announcements and reviewed the locations of the open-top containers for Advanced Disposal.

Advanced Disposal will have open top containers at four locations between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm for residential cleanup of household trash on **Saturday, August 7, 2021**. They do not accept tires, batteries, appliances or hazardous waste.

Locations of containers:

Leeth Gap and Sardis Road – across from old County Shop
Intersection of Hwy 278 & Hwy 132
Whorton Bend Volunteer Fire Department
Gaston High School at Hwy 411 North

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:06 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order after the recess at 10:00 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2021

OLD BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with a roll call vote on all members as follows: District 1 – No; District 2 – Yes; District 3 – Yes; District 4 – Yes; District 5 – Yes; and District 6 – Yes. – The following resolution was passed and adopted:

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

During the discussion concerning this item, Commissioner Statum wanted it noted that he was 100% against closing any doors to the Courthouse because it is a Public Building. He thinks it does a disservice to the taxpayers to limit access to ‘their’ building. He also pointed out that the 2 doors that are being closed are the ones that are the closest to the Commissioners Offices. He requested a roll call vote on the motion.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said this is an issue they have been dealing with for years and even had US Marshals come in to evaluate. He said even though no building is 100% safe, we have the responsibility to the employees to give them confidence that we are doing all we can to make them safe. He believes we need to go back and look at it and see if we can make it more secure and that we need to go further with it.

A. The closing of the following two entrances at the Courthouse, which will be changed to 'Exit Only' - (None of the doors being closed are handicap accessible):

- a. The entrance on the 9th Street side of building (1st floor only) – This is the door to the right of the handicapped entrance if you are facing the building.
- b. The single entrance at the rear of the building near the chillers – which if you are facing the main back entrance, this door would be on the left side of the building.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2021

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 Meetings dated July 6, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written. (These Minutes will be approved in the August 3rd, 2021 meeting).
- B. The Proposed Agenda for July 20, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To place the name of Charlie Means in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 26, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- E. To place the name of Elayna Shafer in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Administrative Technician/Dispatch, effective July 12, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- F. To place the name of Jordan Garrison in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective July 26, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.25.
- G. To place the name of Tanya Stanley in the Sheriff's Office job slot of School Resource Officer, effective July 20, 2021. This is a transfer and a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- H. To place the name of Dakota Hammett in the Sheriff's Office job slot of School Resource Officer, effective August 2, 2021. This is a voluntary demotion and a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.14.
- I. To place the name of Benjamin Mason in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 22, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- J. To approve the request of Tim Graves, Etowah County Engineer, to promote Stanley Parks to Mechanic, effective July 20, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund at an hourly rate of \$13.25.
- K. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to promote Leonta Dillon to Redemption Clerk, effective July 20, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the General – Revenue Fund at an hourly rate of \$13.57.
- L. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Plastic Roadway Pipe.
- M. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2020-2021-17 Hot Plant Mix Paving Mat'l – FOB Plant, to Wiregrass, the lowest responsible bidder.
- N. To approve the request of Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to declare the following as surplus:

Computer # 10714, serial # 1TJS9Z2 and the monitor
- O. To approve the 'Established County Levies for New ABC License Types' as shown on 'Attachment A'. A copy has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 134.
- P. To authorize the CAO to execute Change Order #1 in the amount of \$254,000 to Waites Construction Co, Inc. Change Order #1 adds 100 calendar days to the contract time, making the completion date August 8, 2021, and increases the total contract price to \$1,998,713. The cost increased due to 11 acres being added to the project,

making the total pad size approximately 73 acres. The time increased because of the additional work and wet weather conditions. A copy of the Change Order has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 135.

- Q. To approve the new classification of a Kennel Technician Level 2 in the Animal Control and Shelter Department. This would create an additional option for the already existing Kennel Tech position and does not increase the number of jobs available. This has been reviewed and was approved by the Personnel Board at the June 16, 2021 meeting. A copy of this job description has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 136.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie 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 have the Final Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 160-Special Retail- More than 30 Days, for applicant **HATON AZIZA LLC (Chana Meirav Bader)** under the trade name, **CREEK SIDE GOLF, located at 216 Country Club Drive, Attalla, AL 35954.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

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 have the Final Reading and Approval to appoint Ruth Moffatt to the Etowah County Department of Human Resources Board to complete the term of Jerry Bone (who resigned effective April 22, 2021). There are four years left on his term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner 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 have the Final Reading and Approval to appoint Todd Hindsman to the Etowah County Department of Human Resources Board to replace Ila Mae Wright (whose term has ended). This will be for a six year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner 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 ‘Resolution HB 07-13-21a Adopting a Joint Service Agreement with Etowah County to provide an SRO Officer to Hokes Bluff Elementary School for 24 Months’. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 137.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny 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 approve the request of Shane Ellison, CAO, to declare the following as surplus from the Animal Shelter:

20’ x 83” Trailer – Serial #5WUBU20219F

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 authorize two Executive Sessions with one to discuss ‘Safety & Security’ and a second one to discuss ‘Pending Litigation’ after a roll call vote with the majority approving the sessions.

Both of these sessions were approved by the County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, as meeting the requirements to authorize an Executive Session. Those attending the first Executive Session include Jim Turnbach, Karen Bates, Kevin Dollar, Shane Ellison, Bob Guyton, Todd Polk, Chad Sizemore, Scott Hassell, Linda Barrett-Vaughan, and all Commissioners – Tim Ramsey, Jamie Grant, Johnny Grant, Joey Statum, Jeffery Washington, and Craig Inzer. The second Executive Session included Jim Turnbach, Karen Bates, Kevin Dollar, Shane Ellison, and all Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner 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 reconvene from Executive Session at 11:24 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 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 thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked Ms. Moffatt for her work with the United Way. He said he will try to help with the Thanksgiving Unity lunch with getting a better price on the items they are trying to order. He also said that he felt by closing two of the Courthouse doors it would just show the employees that they do care and they are trying to minimize issues and help with security.

Commissioner Washington agreed with Johnny Grant, saying it’s our responsibility to make things safe and help the employees know they are safe. They did not know about some incidences and wishes they knew more but he said at one time there was an incident in one area and now that area is secure. He said he would give \$1,000 to help with the Thanksgiving Unity Lunch and challenged the other Commissioners to do the same.

Commissioner Tim Ramsey thanked Ms. Moffatt for stepping up and taking the roll as United Way Director. He thanked them for all they do and would like to attend the upcoming ribbon cutting she had discussed. He also thanked her and Mr. Hindsman for agreeing to serve on the Department of Human Resource Board. He said he plans to check on the Extension Office Tomator Testing contest and that he plans to also give \$1,000 for the Thanksgiving Committee Lunch. He also said he volunteered to help serve. He thanked Spencer for all he does to help save the county money with County Risk Services requirements that will allow us an insurance discount. He thanked Judge Hassell for his work on getting the Commission to set up a Mental Health Committee to look at ways to improve how that type of issue is handled. He said there were a lot of things happening and he appreciated everyone stepping up.

Commissioner Statum said he would give \$2,000 to help with the Thanksgiving Unity lunch and challenged the other Commissioners to do the same. He congratulated Katie Bohannon with the Messenger for the Award she received and also thanked Ms. Moffatt for stepping up as Director of the United Way.

Commissioner Grant said he appreciated all everyone does and talked about their Thanksgiving Dinner with his family.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 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