

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
January 18, 2022**

Prior to the meeting, Robert Nail, Etowah County Engineer, conducted a **Public Hearing** concerning the vacation of a portion of Kershaw Quarters. There were no comments from the attendees and no objections.

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 18th Day of January, 2022 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Washington asking the Prayer and leading the Pledge to the Flag.

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 2 - Johnny Grant	District 4 - Tim Ramsey
District 3 - Jamie Grant	District 5 - Jeffery Washington
	District 6 - Craig Inzer

Absent: Joey Statum - District 1

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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:

To recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:07 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:25 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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 January 4, 2022, and the Special Called Meeting dated January 11, 2022, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for January 18, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To place the name of Eric Doran in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Specialist Sheriff/FTO, effective January 3, 2022. This is a replacement and a promotion to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.
- E. To place the name of Jerry Hall in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 10, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.

- F. To place the name of Scott Dillard in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Sergeant, effective January 11, 2022. This is a replacement and a promotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$21.70.
- G. To place the name of Chellsea Davis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Sergeant, effective January 11, 2022. This is a replacement and a promotion to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.81.
- H. To place the name of Nathan Kykendall in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 18, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- I. To place the name of Genna Lewis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 18, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- J. To place the name of Dakota Strickland in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 10, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- K. To place the name of Charlie Means in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 18, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- L. To place the name of Chad Harden in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 10, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- M. To approve the request of Kevin Hassell, Drug Enforcement Unit, to hire Dakota Hammett as a Drug Enforcement Unit Agent (Unclassified), effective January 19, 2022. This is a transfer and a replacement to be paid from the DEU Fund, at an hourly rate of \$19.30.
- N. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Bobby Driskill as an Equipment Operator, effective January 18, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- O. To approve the request of Jerry Entrekin, Constable, to hire Michael Bolton, Part-time Deputy Constable, effective January 20, 2022. This is a replacement and a Part-time position up to 29 hours, to be paid from the Constable Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- P. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendments, for the ICE Fund and the Domestic Violence Grant Fund, to be effective September 30, 2021:

ICE Fund

Increase: Operating Transfer In – General Fund (195.61000-001) \$1,916,323
 Increase: Fund Balance (195.35900) \$1,916,323

General Fund

Increase: Operating Transfer Out – ICE Fund (001.62000-195) \$1,916,323
 Decrease: Fund Balance (001.35900) \$1,916,323

Domestic Violence Grant Fund

Increase: Operating Transfer In- General Fund (284.61000-001) \$100,000
 Increase: Fund Balance (284.35900) \$100,000

General Fund

Increase: Operating Transfer Out- Domestic Violence Grant Fund \$100,000
 (001.62000-284)
 Decrease: Fund Balance (001.35900) \$100,000

- Q. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendments for the Probate Judge's Office for probate court software, effective January 18, 2022:

Probate Office

Increase: Other Equipment (001.51300-549) \$65,000
 Decrease: Fund Balance (001.35900) \$65,000

- R. To approve the Agreement with Nitorco for the Assurance Probate Court Software and training as outlined in the agreement and to authorize the CAO to execute all related documents. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 47.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Jamie 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 for Engineering Services' with Goodwyn, Mills, Cawood, LLC., for professional engineering services and consultation performed relative to the preparation of plans and specifications for construction of Water and Sewer Utilities to serve Little Canoe Creek Megasite; To authorize the Commission President to execute all documents; and To authorize the expenditure of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funds for the payment of associated contract fees. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 48.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Tim Ramsey, with all other members voting "yes", (except Johnny Grant who abstained), the following resolution was adopted:

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

To approve the 'Resolution of Assent' to Vacate a portion of Kershaw Quarters Road, as recommended by the County Engineer, Robert Nail, certifying that all of the criteria have been met. (Commissioner Johnny Grant abstained because he is one of the property owners). A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 49.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 adopt the Resolution to install Guardrail and End Anchors for the culvert spanning Black Creek on Pleasant Hill Road. This is being funded through the Local Road Safety Initiative Grant received by Etowah County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie 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 approve Change Order #3 for the Little Canoe Creek Mass Grading Project removing lime treatment for roadbed stabilization and replacing it with additional chert; Also, to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 50.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: No Report.

County Engineer: Robert Nail said Etowah County missed the worst of the winter weather with just a few trees down.

County Attorney: No Report.

Other: No Report.

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Shane said the Commissioner Statum apologized for not being at the meeting today and missing the vote on the Megasite Project for Engineering Services with Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood, LLC, because he greatly supports continuing investment in the Megasite.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he was glad we are moving in the right directions and moving fast. He thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Commissioner Inzer thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also thanked Will Farley with Sheriff's Office for coming to his District update and discussed the crime in the county and thanked Robert Nail for discussing the road issues. He said he reviewed the Commission accomplishments as a whole over the last year (plus many others). He said Representative Lipscomb and he were in talks with Whorton Bend Fire Department about trying to find a vacant area to put a Community Park because this is the only District that doesn't have one. There would still be room for the Fire Dept to expand if needed. He said everyone was able to ask questions. He also thanked GMC for all they have done at the Megasite and was hoping they would be able to recover some funds from Montgomery to use on other projects. The surrounding counties will also benefit from the Megasite.

Commissioner Ramsey said he was planning to have meetings in Montgomery to get more help from the State. Also, they may get Rainbow City involved as well. He discussed some ideas he had regarding a funding source to go toward paving road because we are not able to keep up with the Road work right now. Eventually, the Megasite will increase our tax-base but it will take a while. He would like to do a resolution to earmark more money for paving roads.

Shane reminded everyone the Chamber meeting will be Friday and Congressman Aderholt plans to speak. He also said he has received word from Waste Management that the billing issues have been corrected.

Commissioner Washington said he was excited about the great things happening and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said there have been several things happening in the last couple of weeks. He believes everyone is aware of what we have here and we have to go through a process but will stay focused on the goal.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

ABSENT

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, President, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6