

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
MARCH 1, 2022**

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 1st Day of March, 2022 at 9:00 am with Shane Ellison asking the Prayer and 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 2 - Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 - Craig Inzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Harvey Martin said he enjoys the way Johnny Grant is running things and thinks he is doing a good job.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: Eric Wright reminded everyone about the upcoming diabetes classes.

Scott Hassell gave an update on the Mental Health Program and said they were waiting to get approval from the insurance but should hear something back soon.

Traci Pondick updated everyone on the tax returns program and let everyone know about a fundraiser plan said they have and they will get \$5 per plant. They are also helping establish a free tax site in Ft Payne.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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 9:05 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant 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 February 22, 2022, of the Etowah County Commission will be ready for approval at the meeting on March 15, 2022.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for March 1, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2021-2022-07 Office Supplies to Observer Supply Inc., the lowest, responsible bidder.

- E. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to promote Glenn Herbert to a Real Property Appraiser II, effective March 1, 2022. This is a promotion due to the completion of state-mandated course work and will be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, at an hourly rate of \$18.25.
- F. To approve the request of Lori Howell, Animal Control/Shelter Director, to transfer Zoey Randolph to an Animal Control Officer, effective March 7, 2022. This is a voluntary transfer and will be paid from the General Fund, Animal Shelter, at an hourly rate of \$15.74.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2022

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 the County Levies for Alcohol Licensing for fiscal year 2021-2022. A copy of the Levies has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 63.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2022

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey 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:

The Agreement with Crown Consulting Group, L.L.C., for Temporary Management Services to handle responsibilities until a Director has been hired and trained, and to authorize the CAO to execute any necessary documents. This agreement can be terminated by Etowah County Commission at the appropriate time. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 64.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

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:

The ‘Safety, Security, & Emergency Preparedness Plan’ for Rural Transportation, pending final review by the CAO. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 65.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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:

The Agreement between the City of Attalla and Etowah County regarding miscellaneous street resurfacing with District 5 Commissioner, Jeffery Washington, using \$100,000 of his discretionary gas tax funds toward the cost and the City of Attalla paying the balance of at least \$26,580. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 66.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

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 authorize an Executive Session, to discuss business and commerce, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. This was certified by County Attorney Lance Smith as meeting the criteria that will allow an executive session. In addition to the Commissioners and the County Attorney, Kevin Dollar, Shane Ellison and Robert Nail will also attend the session. District 1- yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; District 6 – yes. The meeting was dismissed for Executive Session at 9:35 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2022

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 10:00 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

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 Lora for doing a good job in Rural Transportation. He said whenever she asked for money to fund a project or to help; she always had all of the information together whenever she brought it up.

Commissioner Washington thanked Lora and said she will be hard to replace. He wished her good luck and congratulated her on her new job. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked her for pulling Etowah County into her Region when she becomes the Regional Director. He said she did a good job presenting her ideas. He also thanked Harvey for everything he does for his community.

Commissioner Jamie Grant asked Eric if they had a lot of chickens this time and they talked about the 4-H project. He also said he appreciated Harvey making us better and he thanked Lora for all of her hard work. He asked everyone to pray for the citizens of Ukraine.

Commissioner Statum agreed that Lora does a good job and said she was going to be missed. He knows she will exceed at her new job.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he agreed with the comments from the other Commissioners and said Lora really does a good job. She will be missed. Shane said Lora was a strong advocate for her employees.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

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