

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

At 9:00 am – Robert Nail conducted a public hearing regarding the proposed vacation of a section of Bynum Road (located in District 4). There were no questions or comments made during the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Jamie Grant called the meeting to order on the 5th Day of October, 2021 at 9:07 am with Probate Judge Scott Hassell 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: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:11 am.

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

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order after the recess at 9:35 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 September 7, 2021 and September 21st, and the Special Called Meeting dated September 14, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 5th, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To place the name of Hollie Holman in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 12, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- E. To place the name of Troy Steel in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 4, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.

- F. To place the name of Steven Byrd in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 4, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- G. To place the name of Katie Varner in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 4, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- H. To place the name of Lance Hall in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 12, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- I. To approve the request of the Revenue Commissioner to hire Cassandra Cote as a Revenue Collections Clerk, effective October 4, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the General-Revenue Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- J. To approve the Inmate Medical Health Services Agreement with Doctor's Care and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 020.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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 approve the purchase of property located at 333 N. 5th St, Gadsden, Alabama, for \$125,000 and to authorize the CAO to execute all related documents. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 adopt the Revised 2021 Holiday Schedule and to adopt the 2022 Holiday Schedule. A copy of these schedules has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 adopt a policy regarding ABC License Application approvals for temporary and short-term events (such as festivals), only one reading will be required so the applications can be approved in one meeting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 have the Final Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 250 – WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE, for applicants **Jahn and Janie Copepy** under the trade name, **ALABAMA WINE FESTIVAL WILLS CREEK VINEYARDS**, located at 10522 Duck Springs Road, Attalla, AL 35954. This request is for a one-day wine festival taking place in Etowah County on October 16, 2021.

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 Combine and approve the following items in one motion:

1. To have the Final Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 260 – WINE FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT, for applicants **WHIPPOORWILL VINEYARDS LLC (Bobby Watkins & Timothy Hayward Watkins)** under the trade name, **ALABAMA WINE FESTIVAL WHIPPOORWILL VINEYARDS**, located at 10522 Duck Springs Road, Attalla, AL 35954. This request is for a one-day wine festival taking place in Etowah County on October 16, 2021.
2. To have the Final Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 260 – WINE FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT, for applicants **LEE INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS LLC (John Alton Lee & Scott Edward Lee)** under the trade name, **ALABAMA WINE FESTIVAL MARAELLA VINEYARDS AND WINERY**,

located at 10522 Duck Springs Road, Attalla, AL 35954. This request is for a one-day wine festival taking place in Etowah County on October 16, 2021.

3. To have the Final Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 260 – WINE FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT, for applicants **TISS VALLEY WINERY AND VINEYARDS LLC (Sontissa L Walker Nolen)** under the trade name, **ALABAMA WINE FESTIVAL TISS VALLEY WINERY AND VINEYARDS**, located at 10522 Duck Springs Road, Attalla, AL 35954. This request is for a one-day wine festival taking place in Etowah County on October 16, 2021.

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 have the Final Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 260-**WINE FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT**, for applicant **ROBYNS GARDEN INC (Roland, Jerome Carter)** under the trade name, **ALABAMA WINE FESTIVAL ROBYNS GARDEN**, located at **10522 Duck Springs Road, Attalla, AL 35954**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 for ABC License Application Type 260-**WINE FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT**, for applicant **HIGH COUNTRY CELLARS LLC (Roberts, Barry Keith)** under the trade name, **ALABAMA WINE FESTIVAL HIGH COUNTRY CELLARS**, located at **10522 Duck Springs Road, Attalla, AL 35954**.

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 Resolution of Assent of the County Commission to vacate a portion of Bynum Road as described in the attached document. This has been requested by the owners of the lands that join the roadway and all requirements have been met to authorize the approval of the road vacation. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 023.

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 request of Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate, authorizing the Mobile Crisis Assistance Team Project and for the CAO to execute any documents necessary.

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

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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss Business and Commerce, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. The County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, certified the reason for the meeting was permissible under the State Law and those included in the meeting are Kevin Dollar, Shane Ellison, Jim Turnbach and all Commissioners. District 1- yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes. The Commission dismissed into the Executive Session at 9:50 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 reconvene from Executive Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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. He thanked the Commissioners for understanding where he is coming from and thanked them for making the change concerning the wine festivals. He said he has no problem with any festivals and thanked them for putting the festival together.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming and said he was glad they were able to work together and do what is best for the citizens of the county.

Commissioner Ramsey said he was glad the festival is moving forward and thanked everyone for being here at the meeting. He reminded everyone of the fundraiser for Beautiful Rainbow on Saturday night. He said the program uses students from Gadsden High with special needs and gives them the work skills they need to get jobs. He said they put forth a lot of effort and it was a great place to eat lunch. He said he was glad to see Mr. Collins here today and was glad he could help get a problem worked out.

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked Judge Hassell for his work on the Mental Health Crisis Project and said he knew the mental health issues were a big problem for the county. He hopes this will help with the jail issues and they can start a program that others will want to implement as well.

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked Mr. & Mrs. Coppey for putting the wine festival together. He said they would also have food trucks there and should be a good festival. He thanked Judge Hassell for all he does.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Statum with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 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