

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
October 4, 2022**

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 4th Day of October, 2022 at 9:02 am with Chief Deputy Mitchell Hill 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 & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:35 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 Meeting(s) dated August 16, 2022, and September 6, 2022, and September 20, 2022, of the Etowah County Commission will be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 4, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Purchasing Charges for September, 2022, has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 134.
- D. To place the name of Trent Potapowicz in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective September 26, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- E. To place the name of Greg Harwood in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Assistant Chief of Corrections, effective October 2, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$25.16.

- F. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Boris Huntley as an Equipment Operator, effective October 10, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gasoline Tax fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- G. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Kimberly Johnson as a Revenue Tag & Title Clerk, effective October 4, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Revenue Office General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- H. To approve the request of Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate, to hire Rodney Rylander as a Probate Court Security Officer (Part-time position), effective September 20, 2022. This is a newly created part-time position to be paid from the Probate Judge Discretionary Fund (50%) and the Probate Judge General Fund (50%) after October 1, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$15.36. (Prior to October 1, 2022, any hours worked will be paid from the Probate Judge Discretionary Fund (100%).
- I. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Aggregate.
- J. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO to declare the following items as surplus:
 - a. OCE Plotter Printer
 - b. 1 - Two-drawer File Cabinet
 - c. 2 - Computer Server Racks
 - d. Projector – Asset # 08989
 - e. Projector Screen – Asset #08991
- K. To approve the Agreement with G-Squared for Professional Mapping Services and Task Order #008 to Contract for Professional Mapping Services for the Northern Area of Etowah County, and to authorize the CAO to execute the documents. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 135.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted after a roll call vote:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following items were combined and approved in one motion, with Commissioners Johnny Grant, Jamie Grant, Tim Ramsey, and Jeffery Washington voting ‘yes’ and Commissioner Craig Inzer voting ‘no’, the following ABC License Application Type 250 – Wine Festival License and three ABC License Application Type 260 – Wine Festival Participants were approved by the majority:

- A. To have the Only Required Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 250 – Wine Festival License for applicant **WILLS CREEK VINEYARDS GP (Janie R Coppey & Jahn M Coppey)** under the trade name, **2022 WINE FESTIVAL WILLS CREEK VINEYARD, located at 10522 Duck Springs Rd, Attalla, AL 35954.** (Wills Creek Vineyards) The policy was changed by the Etowah County Commission on October 5, 2021 to require only one reading for the wine festival applicant and participants.
- B. To have the Only Required Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 260 – Wine Festival Participant for applicant **TISS VALLEY WINERY AND VINEYARDS, LLC (Sontissa L Walker Nolen)** under the trade name, **2022 WINE FESTIVAL TISS VALLEY WINERY, located at 10522 Duck Springs Rd, Attalla, AL 35954.** (Wills Creek Vineyards) The policy was changed by the Etowah County Commission on October 5, 2021 to require only one reading for the wine festival applicant and participants.
- C. To have the Only Required Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 260 – Wine Festival Participant for applicant **ROBYNS GARDEN INC (Roland Jerome Carter)** under the trade name, **2022 WINE FESTIVAL ROBYNS GARDEN, located at 10522 Duck Springs Rd, Attalla, AL 35954.** (Wills Creek Vineyards) The policy was changed by the Etowah County Commission on October 5, 2021 to require only one reading for the wine festival applicant and participants.
- D. To have the Only Required Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 260 – Wine Festival Participant for applicant **JULES J BERTA VINEYARDS LLC (Jules John Berta & Becky Bailey Berta)** under the trade name, **2022 WINE FESTIVAL JULES J BERTA VINEYARDS, located at 10522 Duck Springs Rd, Attalla, AL 35954.** (Wills Creek Vineyards) The policy was changed by the Etowah County Commission on October 5, 2021 to require only one reading for the wine festival applicant and participants.

During the discussion, Commissioner Inzer just stated that he thinks if we just have one reading for the wine festival applicant and participants, we should just have one reading for any ABC application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 following recommendation from Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, regarding the 3 Year Copier/Scanner/Printer Contract. The current contract is scheduled to expire in January, 2023. After getting quotes from

companies with Purchasing Coop's approved by the Alabama Department of Public Accounts, it is Purchasing's recommendation that we go with R J Young, the lowest, responsible bidder.

The quotes received were as follows:

RJ Young	\$3,717.04	Total Monthly Price
ABS Business Systems	\$4,398.97	Total Monthly Price

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Upon the 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 authorize an Executive Session, to discuss business and commerce, after a roll call vote with the majority approving this session. This has been certified by Jim Turnbach, County Attorney, as meeting the criteria and will include the Commissioners, Shane Ellison, and Kevin Dollar. District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with the majority of the 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 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Inzer congratulated Greg Harwood on his promotion as Assistant Chief Deputy for the Detention Center. He said he had been with the Detention Center for a long time and also works with Whorton Bend Volunteer Fire Dept. He talked about a project involving a donated truck which they fixed up and attached a skid unit and also a hose and a water tank. He said he will bring a picture and thanked everyone involved. Craig said he supported using the \$4,000 for the Angel program and will also give out of his discretionary funds for it. He said he will be out next week and just wanted to be sure everyone knew he was supported the program in case he was not at the meeting when they voted on it. He also wanted to explain the reason he voted no on the wine festival was just because he thinks it should be the same for everyone and if they only have to have one reading then everyone should just have one reading. He said he believes it is just a slap in the face to make the local businesses have to have 2 readings to get a permanent license from the ABC Board and let the temporary one day festival businesses just be required to have one reading.

Shane said he didn't have a problem changing it to one reading for everyone – as long as the Commission approves the application, the ABC Board doesn't care how they go about getting the approval. There were no objections from any of the other Commissioners to have it on the next agenda.

Commissioner Washington said he was looking forward to great things happening in the county.

Commissioner Ramsey congratulated Greg Harwood on his promotion. He said the roads are not going to get paved this year that we have designated because there is only one vendor and they cannot get to our roads because of the other jobs they have already lined up. Tim said we need to look at other ways to get that done. A lot needs to be addressed and we need to figure out what we can do to get the roads in better shape.

Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and said he agreed with Tim, that it doesn't make sense to get the roads ready if we don't have anyone to pave them.

Commissioner Johnny Grant congratulated Greg Harwood on his promotion.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 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