

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

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 18th Day of October, 2022 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Jamie Grant 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 1 – Joey Statum
District 2 - Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington

Absent: District 6 – Craig Inzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Allison Heald, Southside High School Agriscience Teacher/FFA Advisor, attended the meeting with some of the Southside FFA Students. They thanked the Commissioners for their support to help with the cost to attend the upcoming National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The Chapter President thanked them as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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, November 5, 2022.** 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 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:22 am.

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 9:37 am.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 October 4, 2022, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 18, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and the Online Transfers for September, 2022, is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 136.
- D. To place the name of Mason Colgrove in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Uncertified Deputy / Trainee, effective October 31, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- E. To place the name of Brandon Lang in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 17, 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 Jermaine Torrence in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 17, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- G. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to transfer Allen Smith to an Equipment Operator Technician, effective October 24, 2022. This is an involuntary demotion to be paid from the Gasoline Tax fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.92.
- H. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Courtney Freeman to Mapper GIS Technician I, effective October 18, 2022. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid by the Reappraisal Fund at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- I. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Batteries – Auto/Heavy Equipment.
- J. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Sheriff’s Office - Uniforms.
- K. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2021-2022-21 Filters – Fuel, Air, Oil, & Hydraulic to Tractor & Equipment Company, the lowest, responsible bidder.
- L. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2021-2022-23 Janitorial Supplies to McCleskey Brothers, the lowest, responsible bidder. McCleskey is a local company, offers same day delivery, and is a complete, competitive bid.
- M. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO to declare the following items as surplus:
 - a. (1) iPad Pro – 12.9 inch 5th Generation, Model #MHMNL3/A Serial # F1Q2W65571
- N. To approve the request by Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO for an appropriation of \$4,000 to be made to the Etowah Sheriff’s Charities to purchase Project Lifesaver devices for use by citizens in Etowah County. The funds will come from the budget for community services.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey Statum, 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 item was approved:

To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendments (effective September 30, 2022):

Gasoline Tax Fund

Revenue

Increase: Sale of Capital Assets (111.6110-000)	\$743,793	
Late Payment Penalties – Ad Valorem Taxes	\$88,726	\$832,519
(111.40000.45295-710)		

Expenditures

Increase: Construction Equipment (111.53100-561)	\$824,806	
Operating Transfer Out – 2015-A G.O. Wts	\$7,713	\$832,519

2015-A G.O. Warrants Fund

Revenue

Increase: Operating Transfer in- Gasoline Tax Fund \$7,713
(301.61000-111)

Increase: Interest on GLTD (301.59100-622) \$7,713

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Upon the 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 approve the contract renewal with Chem-Aqua for the Judicial Building for professional Water Treatment Program at an annual cost of \$4,508.43, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 137.

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

Upon the 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:

The Holiday Schedule for 2023 and a copy is filed in the Attachment Book 12, Page 138.

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all 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:

The First Reading to reappoint Tim Ramsey to the Gadsden/Etowah County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Executive Committee, for a two-year term.

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with the all 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:

The First Reading to appoint Johnny Grant to the Gadsden/Etowah County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Executive Committee, for a two-year term.

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all 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:

The First Reading to appoint Robert Nail and Shane Ellison as the alternatives for the Etowah County appointees to the Gadsden/Etowah County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Executive Committee, for a two-year term.

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all 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:

The Resolution to stand in favor of the following Amendments on the November Ballot: Amendment 2, which will promote broadband expansion, and Amendment 7, which will promote economic development. The Resolution is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 139.

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all 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:

The Resolution “Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans”, to recognize the importance of honoring those who sacrificed to preserve our freedom. The Resolution is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 140.

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all 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:

The request of Sheriff Jonathon Horton to grant approval for Jamie Lee, Detention Deputy in the Sheriff’s Office, to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Tim Ramsey, with all 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:

The Agreement with Stephen Ward & Associates of Gadsden for architectural/engineering services on the warehouse located at 712 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL, recently purchased by Etowah County. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 141.

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all 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 approve the Agreement with Pictometry International, Corp. for the Revenue Department for aerial imagery and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 142.

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

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Engineer
- County Attorney
- Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Washington said he was excited about the Day of Unity and Tree Lighting Ceremony planned for November 28th at 5:30 pm in front of the Courthouse. He said there were 18 cities in the county invited and he was looking forward to see the county come together. “More is going to happen – Pray for the success of Etowah County”.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Commissioner Washington for initiating the tree lighting ceremony. He congratulated the Southside FFA group in going to the National FFA Convention. He also said Amendment 2 was a big deal – getting broadband in the community much quicker which is greatly needed. He is also in favor of “Operation Green Lights for Veterans”. He thanked Robert for getting the distributor with the extra money from the equipment to allow the county to have a better way of patching the roads.

Commissioner Jamie Grant also said he appreciates all Robert is doing as the County Engineer and that everyone has their focus but that is what makes the Commission better. He thanked everyone for what they do.

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for being here.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he had just completed the ACCA Program – Project 2022 and they covered some of the programs that will be promoted over the next couple of years. He asked everyone to support Anya Law (which will be on the Ballot in November) and it gives Judges more leeway to keep violent criminals in jail until their trials because this young lady was murdered by a violent criminal that had bonded out while waiting on his trial and if the Judge could hve held him without bond, then she would be alive today.

He thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 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

ABSENT

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6