

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

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 1st Day of November, 2022 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Tim Ramsey 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: District 1 – Joey Statum

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Craig Scott discussed Thanksgiving Unity Luncheon. He asked for support from the Commission and said last year they had one of the largest with over 8,784 plates served (with about 1,000 dine-in at The Venue and the rest takeout & delivery).

Mr. & Mrs. Coppey came to thank the Commissioners for their patience and support while they were getting their permits for the wine festival. There were problems with the liability from the insurance company and several other factors that caused a delay. She said they didn't have as big a crowd as they had hoped but they had a lot of support. Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourism supplied gift bags and Greater Tourism supplied souvenir wine glasses. There were 11 wineries with over \$22,000 in total sales. The Commissioners thanked them for all they do to make the wine festival a success.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Paul Perry was presented a Certificate of Service for 20 years. Paul is a Deputy with the Security for the Courthouse and is retiring at the end of the month. The Commissioners all thanked him for his service.

Shane read and presented a Proclamation to recognize Sunday, November 20th, 2022 as MANNA SUNDAY and this was presented to Traci Pondick, RSVP Director. They provide meals and check on the welfare of people that are home-bound.

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 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:33 am.

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

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:42 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 Meeting(s) dated October 18, 2022, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for November 1, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Purchasing Charges for October, 2022, is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 143.
- D. To place the name of Linda Turner in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 24, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- E. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Brandon Latham as an Equipment Operator, effective November 7, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gasoline Tax fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- F. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire LeaJoi Daniel as a Tag & Title Clerk, effective November 1, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid by the Revenue - General Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- G. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO to declare the following items as surplus:
 - a. Two Four-drawer metal file cabinets
 - b. Three IBM 6262 Printers
 - c. Various NEC & Panasonic Phones
 - d. Various computer towers, monitors, keyboards, computer servers, & typewriters.
 - e. Office Cubicle Partitions
 - f. Three sheets of Plexiglass approximately 10 feet long
 - g. Two white wooden cabinets
 - h. One Metal Gray Desk
 - i. One Wooden Table
 - j. One TV Credenza
 - k. Two Wooden Desks
 - l. Three water coolers
- H. To approve the request to increase the starting rate for an Animal Control Officer as Rate Group 12 / Step 10 or \$14.98 per hour. This has been approved by the Etowah County Personnel Board at the October 19, 2022 meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Ramsy, 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 Amendment for the distributor for the Road Department:

Gasoline Tax Fund

Increase: Operating Transfers In

Operating Transfer In – Public Bldg, Road, & Bridge Fund (111.61000-112)	\$130,000
Operating Transfer In- Comm Disc Gas Tax Fd – D1 (111.61000-151)	\$10,000
Operating Transfer In- Comm Disc Gas Tax Fd – D2 (111.61000-152)	\$10,000
Operating Transfer In- Comm Disc Gas Tax Fd – D3 (111.61000-153)	\$10,000
Operating Transfer In- Comm Disc Gas Tax Fd – D4 (111.61000-154)	\$10,000
Operating Transfer In - Comm Disc Gas Tax Fd – D5	\$30,000

	(111.61000-155)	
Operating Transfer In- Comm Disc Gas Tax Fe – D6		\$10,000
	(111.61000-156)	

Expenditure

Increase:

Construction Equipment (111.53100-561)		\$219,119
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Decrease:

Fund Balance (111.35900)		\$9,119
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Commissioners Discretionary Gas Tax Fund

Increase:

Operating Transfer Out – Gas Tax Fund (157.62000-111)		\$80,000
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Public Building, Road, & Bridge Fund

Increase:

Operating Transfer out – Gas Tax Fund (112.62000-111)		\$130,000
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Decrease: Fund Balance (112.35900)		\$130,000
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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.

Upon the 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 authorize Shane Ellison, CAO, to execute a buy-back offer of up to 40 hours of a combination of sick, vacation, paid-time-off (PTO), and/or comp time to eligible county employees to be executed in November, 2022.

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

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:

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

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 Final Reading and approval appoint Johnny Grant to the Gadsden/Etowah County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Executive Committee, for a two-year term.

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 Final Reading and Approval 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 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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:

To adopt the ‘Speech, Expression, and Social Networking’ Personnel Policy. A copy of the Policy has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 144.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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:

To approve the designation that the following organization serves a public purpose and is eligible to receive public funds:

- a. Newlife Covenant Ministries Outreach, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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:

To authorize an Executive Session to discuss business and commerce after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. This meeting will be three different Executive Sessions that are certified as meeting the requirements by Jim Turnbach, County Attorney. Those attending include the County Attorney, Jim Turnbach; Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO; Robert Nail, County Engineer (1st Session only); Shane Ellison, CAO; and all Commissioners. District 2- yes; District 3- yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes.

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 reconvene from Executive Session.

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

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he had attended the Legislative Committee Meeting in Montgomery and there would be a lot in the next session. He said he will discuss it in the meetings so everyone will be aware of what is going on. He thanked Robert Nail for getting the road striped in his district. He said there was a terrible incident last night and he asked everyone to pray for the deputies and the family involved. He said he supported Law Enforcement and the Investigators and prayed for both sides.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked everyone for being at the meeting. He said he was glad to see Eric Wright’s (Extension Office) had moved to the Courthouse. He thanked Mr. & Mrs. Coppey for coming to the meeting and for all they do for the County and Community. He said he would like to see all of the ABC application requests just require one reading in the future. He thanked Robert Nail for all they do in the Road Department. He also encouraged everyone to vote and said to be sure to vote yes on the broadband coverage amendment.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming and said on November 28th (Monday) we would have the Unity Tree Ceremony in front of the Courthouse. All of the high school bands are coming except Southside. They will all play music together and also there will be choirs there and they will be singing together. There will be food vendors and cities will also attend.

Commission Inzer said he agreed with Jamie and supported the officers. They are going through hard times and he asked everyone to think about them. He said he was in Mobile when they had an active shooter situation which caused everyone to have to detour for several blocks. He thanked all of the deputies for all they do.

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.

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

