

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
December 6, 2022**

Commissioner Joey Statum called the meeting to order on the 6th Day of December, 2022 at 9:00 am with Shane Ellison, CAO, 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 4 – Tim Ramsey

District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 5 – Jeffery Washington

District 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: District 2 – Johnny Grant

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Richard Smith signed in to complain about the right of way not being mowed on Gallant Road (he lives at 4343 Gallant Road). He showed pictures on his phone to the Commissioners and said the mower is out by his house but never used. He said he had the same response from the Engineering office and the Commissioners and nothing was being done about it. Robert Nail told him that he would check on it and Mr. Smith said he had heard that for years.

Molli LeMay signed in to talk about the upcoming Girlfriend Gala which is a yearly fundraiser with money used for children's literacy. The Gala will take place on March 16, 2023. They are looking for sponsors and Joey Statum said he would continue to support their program. They purchased 16,000 books for 0- to 5-year-old children and also donated books to the elementary schools.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:45 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 Meeting(s) dated November 16, 2022, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.

- B. The Proposed Agenda for December 6, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Credit Card Purchases for November, 2022 has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 001.
- C. To place the name of Eric Doran in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Courthouse Security, effective December 5, 2022. This is a voluntary demotion and a replacement to be paid from the Courthouse Security Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.74.
- D. To place the name of Barry Smith in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Captain (Detention), effective November 20, 2022. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$21.70.
- E. To place the name of Lureesa Hollis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 21, 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 Chelsea Davis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Lieutenant, effective November 27, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$19.18.
- G. To place the name of Gregory Belyeu in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 28, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- H. To place the name of Regina Benzes in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Specialist FTO, effective November 20, 2022. This is a promotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.95.
- I. To place the name of Eula Higgins in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Specialist FTO, effective November 20, 2022. This is a promotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$19.18.
- J. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Janitorial Services – Fleet Maintenance Building.
- K. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a slide repair on CR-26/Tidmore Bend Road, which is a Federal Project.
- L. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Building Envelope Repairs (sealing leaks) at the Courthouse, Judicial Building, & Detention Center.
- M. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to Award Bid No. FY 2023-03 Sheriff's Office – Uniforms to both complete bidders: Galls, LLC and MAC Uniforms. (As recommended by Mike Powell, Chief Administrator – Sheriff's Office).
- N. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendments for the approved Buyback:

General Fund - Increase:

County Commission	Salaries & Wages (001.51100-113)	4,542
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51100-124)	348
Probate Judge's Office	Salaries & Wages (001.51300.113)	4,834
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51300.124)	370
Revenue Commissioner's Office	Salaries & Wages (001.51600.113)	8,198
	Soc Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51600.124)	627
Personnel	Salaries & Wages (001.51962.113)	3,972
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51962.124)	304
License Inspector	Salaries & Wages (001.51980-113)	869
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51980-124)	67
Maintenance	Salaries & Wages (001.51995-113)	7,377
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51995-124)	564
Sheriff's Office	Salaries & Wages (001.52100-113)	30,153
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.52100-124)	2,307
Jail	Salaries & Wages (001.52200-113)	25,371
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.52200-124)	1,941
MCAT	Salaries & Wages (001.55210.113)	1,025
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.55210.124)	79

Decrease:

Fund Balance (001.35900)	\$92,948
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Gasoline Tax Fund	<u>Increase:</u>	
	Salaries & Wages (111.53100.113)	19,296
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (111.53100.124)	1,476
	<u>Decrease:</u>	
	Fund Balance (111.35900)	20,772
RSVP Fund	<u>Increase:</u>	
	Salaries & Wages (176.56230.113)	764
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (176.56230.124)	58
	<u>Decrease:</u>	
	Fund Balance (176.35900)	822
Rural Transportation Fund	<u>Increase:</u>	
	Salaries & Wages (271.56210.113)	1,075
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (271.56210.124)	82
	Salaries & Wages (271.56211.113)	2,300
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (271.56211.124)	176
	<u>Decrease:</u>	
	Fund Balance (271.35900)	3,633
DEU Fund	<u>Increase:</u>	
	Salaries & Wages (288.52970-113)	2,802
	Social Security/Medicare Taxes (288.52970-124)	214
	<u>Decrease:</u>	
	Fund Balance (288.35900)	3,016

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the 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 approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendment due to the Sheriff’s Office receiving ADECA Funds for computer equipment (effective September 30, 2022):

Increase:		
	Revenue: Law Enforcement Grant (001.40000.44720-820)	\$14,991
	Expenditure: Equipment<Threshold (001.52135-471)	\$14,991

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Upon the 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 request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendment to be effective 09/30/2022:

Inmate Medical Fund

Increase:	Medical & Dental Services – Inmates (006.52200-158)	\$100,000
Decrease:	Fund Balance (006.35900)	\$100,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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:

To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to declare the following as surplus:

1998 Roscoe Asphalt Distributor 1FDXF80C7VVA32262 35123 Asset# 7066

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

Upon the 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 request of Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to grant approval for Jeff Dixon, Detention Deputy in the Etowah County Sheriff’s Office, to receive PTO leave donations effective November 22, 2022. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to grant approval for Steve Norton, a Heavy Equipment Operator in the Engineering Department, to receive PTO leave donations effective November 22, 2022. This employee had met the eligibility requirements under the guidelines and he passed away on November 24, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 Resolution with ACCA to participate in the Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc., for an additional three-year period beginning January 1, 2024 and concluding December 31, 2026. A copy of this resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 002.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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:

To approve an agreement between the Etowah County Commission and the Gadsden-Etowah Industrial Development Authority for marketing and consulting services related to the Etowah County Mega Site, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document(s). The agreement shall be for one year, with the option to renew for two additional years. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 003.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

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

- a. Gadsden State Cardinal Foundation

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

Upon the 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 approve the Market Rent Study Proposal with Haller Real Estate Advisors, LLC., for the office space occupied by the Rural Transportation Department located in the Courthouse. This is a local company and getting this information will help with grant applications. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 004.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 “Advertising Space Lease Agreement” with Back Roads Media, LLC, for the purpose of selling advertising to be placed on the exterior of the vehicles operated by Rural Transportation and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer – Shane said the Commissioners had all agreed not to have a meeting next week.
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jamie Grant said it was a great day and everyone was moving in the right direction. He told everyone to stay safe.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked everyone for being here and said he is looking forward to working with the IDA. He is looking forward to the future. He told Mr. Smith and he will talk to him, along with Robert Nail, after the meeting to get more information on his complaint.

Commissioner Washington said they plan to have a Unity Ball Drop on December 31 from 10 to 12 pm at the old car lot next to the Detention Center with entertainment and singers.

Commissioner Inzer felt like today was a big step in the right direction.

Commissioner Statum (Acting Commission President today) thanked everyone for coming out.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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

ABSENT

Johnny Grant, President, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6