

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
December 20, 2022**

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 20th Day of December, 2022 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Statum 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:

A Proclamation was presented to Robert Frank Turk on his retirement from the Personnel Board. Shane Ellison, CAO, read and presented the proclamation and Jeff Little, Personnel Director, also made some comments about how much he appreciated Mr. Turk's leadership and his service. Mr. Turk said he had been around a little while and worked with a lot of different Commissioners over the years. He said he appreciated the Commission, Jeff Little, the Probate Judge, and thanked everyone for what they are doing for him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:50 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jamie 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 Meeting(s) dated December 6, 2022, of the Etowah County Commission will be approved in the meeting on January 3, 2023.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for December 20, 2022
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.

- D. To place the name of Brandon Lang in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective December 12, 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 Derrick Mize in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective December 19, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- F. To approve the request of Spencer Gray, Maintenance Supervisor, to hire Laurie Wadlow as a Temporary Building Service Worker, effective December 13, 2022. This is a Temporary Replacement to fill a position while an employee is on leave of absence and is to be paid from the Maintenance Fund at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No. FY 2021-2022-02 Mattresses with Pillow – Jail for an additional year with the current vendor, ICS Jail Supplies, Inc. This renewal is provided for in the original bid.
- H. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Residential Solid Waste Collection & Disposal.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Tim Ramey, 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 have the First Reading for ABC License Application Type 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (PACKAGE) for applicant **OM GANESH 2023 INC (Milankumar V Patel)** under the trade name, **RAINBOW LIQUOR STORE**, located at **1908 Rainbow Drive Unit B, Gadsden, AL 35901**. This property is located in Etowah County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

Upon the 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 approve the addition of a personnel policy to address 'Temporary Modified Duty and Return to Work' for employees that are on leave as a result of an injury or illness. This has been approved by the Personnel Board and a copy has been filed in the Attachment Book 13, Page 005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

Upon the 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 approve a change to the Vacation Policy which will make improvements in the way that Vacation/PTO is distributed within each department. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 006

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer- Shane said the county had received their first royalty check from Evergreen for \$87,501.63 for approximately 70,000 tons of waste. These funds will be used to maintain the road going to the landfill.

County Engineer – Robert Nail said they plan to watch the weather – it's supposed to get below freezing from Thursday and stay below until Sunday (colder weather than we usually have in this area).

County Attorney- Jim Turnbach wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Other – Kevin, Deputy Administrator/CFO presented the Commissioners with the year-end review for FY 2022.

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Washington said he had an event for a ball drop planned for New Year's Eve but it will depend on the weather. It may have to be cancelled.

Commissioner Ramsey congratulated Mr. Turk and thanked him for the many years he has served and the list of Boards and services is impressive. He thanked Kevin for putting together the year-end review and said he hopes the changes made with personnel policies are what the employees want. He also thanked Robert Nail and the Road Department for all they do and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Jamie Grant commended Mr. Turk on the life he has lived. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for putting up with him.

Commissioner Statum congratulated Mr. Turk and thanked him, telling him he would be missed. He thanked Kevin dollar for what he does and said he has been with him through the good and the lean years. He said housing is on the downswing and so are auto purchases. Everyone is having to be diligent and budgets will be tight this year. He thanked all of the employees and the department heads for their leadership. He also thanked Johnny Grant for his leadership and all he has done.

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked Mr. Turk and his wife for all the things they do to serve the community.

There will not be a work session on Tuesday, December 30th, so the next meeting will be January 3rd.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 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