

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
January 3, 2023**

Commissioner Johnny Grant called the meeting to order on the 3rd Day of January, 2023 at 9:00 am and then he passed the gavel to Commissioner Craig Inzer, who will serve as President of the Commission for 2023. Shane Ellison asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Shane Ellison, CAO, read and presented the Proclamation of Appreciation to Johnny Grant for the Commission's accomplishments during his year as the Commission President. Commissioner Grant thanked everyone, saying he couldn't have done it without everyone's help and support.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** The following 6 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Jamie Grant	District 6 – Craig Inzer

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS:** None.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Keith Peek, Chief of Corrections, presented a Certificate of Service to Scott Dillard for 25 years. Scott has worked in the Detention Center for 25 years and is also qualified as a 287(g) agenda, and has a degree in social work. Chief Peek said his hard work and dedication was appreciated.

Mitchell Hill, Chief Deputy, presented Paul Perry with a 20-year plaque to commend him on his service and retirement. Paul said it was the best job he ever had and the beset people he ever worked with.

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 9:15 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.**

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 9:35 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.**

**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 be, and the same are hereby approved as written. The Minutes for the Meeting on December 17, 2022, will be approved in the January 17, 2023 meeting.

- B. The Proposed Agenda for January 3, 2023.
- C. There are no Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To place the name of Kennice Cannon in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective December 27, 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 Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No. FY 2021-2022-03 Finished Traffic Signs for a second year with the current vendor, G&C Supply Company, Inc., as provided for in the original bid.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Craig 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 have the Final Reading and Approval 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 3rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.**

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 FY 2022 Etowah County, ReBuild Alabama Annual Report. A copy of this report has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 007

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.**

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 a contract with GMC to authorize an Interchange Access Request Study at the Megasite, at a total cost of \$240,000, with Rainbow City paying 50% of that amount. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 008.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 Resolution authorizing renaming and rebranding of the Etowah County Megasite. A copy of the new logo and name has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 009.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF**

**Chief Administrative Officer  
County Engineer  
County Attorney  
Other**

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Joey Statum said he was extremely excited and loves the new name and new direction. He said he wished he had thought of the name. He thanked RBC, Alabama Power, Norfolk Southern and said he feels we will have something in the next 4 years if not much sooner.

Commissioner Jamie Grant wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Johnny for all he did as President. He said he agrees with Commissioner Statum and thinks they nailed it on the marketing strategy. He said there's a reason why we are doing studies and putting in water (utilities) and that it's coming. He said he appreciated everyone's faith in Etowah County and is looking forward to 2023.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he was proud of all that was accomplished during 2022 and agreed with what everyone has said. He believes great things will happen. He congratulated the deputy on his years of service and Paul, saying he was proud of them. He thanked the Commissioners for putting up with him.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone and said he made a speech in Southside saying a 'house divided cannot stand' and 'without a vision people perish.' He said he was glad everyone was coming together with the right foundation and he loves the new name. He is excited to see what is happening next and thanked everyone for making the changes.

Commissioner Ramsey said there wasn't much left to say but he thanked Paul and Scott for their service and thanked Scott for what he does each day. He thanked the partners, especially Rainbow City and Mayor Taylor, for coming together. He said he believes we are 'Better Together' and is pleased to see everyone coming together and the direction it is going.

Commissioner Inzer wanted to recognize his wife, mom, and cousin and thanked them. He thanked everyone for the opportunity and said he was excited about 2023. He thanked Johnny for allowing them to build these relationships to keep the momentum going. He said they would campaign for Etowah County and the Megasite in Montgomery (EDAA Meeting). He plans to be a better salesman of who we are and what we are doing at the Megasite.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

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Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

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Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

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Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

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Craig Inzer, Jr., President, Commissioner, District 6