

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
January 17, 2023**

Commission President Craig Inzer, Jr., called the meeting to order on the 17th Day of January, 2023 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Tim Ramsey asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: The following 4 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Johnny Grant – District 2
Jeffery Washington – District 5

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Allen Millican spoke to the Commissioners about the Challenge Program. He commended the Commissioners on doing a great job preparing the Megasite with the expectation of a new industry but stressed the need for employees that will draw people here. We have Workforce Development and school systems with new programs but he believes the Challenger Program will bring a better opportunity for success. The purpose of the Challenger Program is to ignite interest in STEM fields and increase a child's confidence in pursuing those fields. A package was given to the Commissioners with the purpose of the program and the request for the Commission to sign a letter of support to help get the program started.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 9:33 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:37 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Statum, 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 20, 2022, and January 3, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for January 17, 2023.
- C. The reported transactions of the Purchasing Charges, Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for December, 2022 were approved and a copy has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 010.

- D. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Stephen Johnson as a Part-time Equipment Operator (up to 29 hours), effective January 23, 2023. This is a Part-time replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- E. To place the name of Parker Riggs in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective January 7, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- F. To place the name of Daniel Lindsay in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 9, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- G. To place the name of David Cline in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 9, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- H. To place the name of Joshua Queen in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 5, 2023. This is a replacement and a voluntary demotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- I. To place the name of Will Farley in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Captain of Patrol, effective January 12, 2023. This is a replacement and a promotion to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$22.24.
- J. To place the name of Kolby Walker in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective January 23, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- K. To place the name of Kelley McGinnis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 9, 2023. This is a replacement and an involuntary demotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.95.
- L. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2023--06 Janitorial Services – Fleet Maintenance Building to Alabama Rent-A-Maid, the lowest, responsible bidder.
- M. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for the NEAR Megasite 500,000-gallon Elevated Water Tank.
- N. To approve the request of Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to declare the following as surplus:

2011 StarCraft Starlite Bus VIN# 1FDEE3FL9BDA29806

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer – Shane went over some upcoming board appointments that will be on the next agenda.
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ramsey said the Etowah County Basketball tournament starts in Glencoe tonight and he discussed the PLAN 2023 (ACCA) which he will be participating in this year. He thanked the Sheriff for taking in the Constable Responsibilities. He said he was looking forward to the trash bid opening and expected the cost to go up. He thought the Challenger group would be a big deal and good for our area.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said Jerry Entrekin retiring is a big deal. He also thanked Robert Nail for helping with Some issues he had in District 3. He thinks the Challenger Program gives our kids a chance and if they go there, it gives them somewhere to go besides the street. It gives educational opportunities and is forward thinking. He hopes we get the program for this area.

Commissioner Statum said the water tower bid for the Megasite was great news and he's glad to see that moving forward. He said he was in favor of the Challenger Program and would like to do a resolution supporting it if we can get everyone on board.

Commissioner Inzer thinks having the Challenger Program here will show potential and help with the Megasite. Hopefully we will have good bids on the water tower and keep the ball rolling.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Statum, 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, Commissioner, District 2

ABSENT

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

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