

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
February 21, 2023**

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the meeting to order on the 21st Day of February, 2023 at 9:00 am and Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate, asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

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: None.

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 9:05 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Upon 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:12 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Tim 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 have the First Reading to reappoint Kenny Goss to the West Etowah County Water Authority for a six-year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny 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) on January 17, 2023, and February 7, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.

- B. The Proposed Agenda for February 21, 2023.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Warehouse Renovations – Buildings 1 & 2.
- E. To place the name of Joseph Williams in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 13, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- F. To place the name of Jakoreyian Isom in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective February 27, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- G. To place the name of Tim McKee in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Part-time Deputy Sheriff, effective February 20, 2023. This is a replacement and part-time up to 29 hours to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- H. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Danny Thornhill as an equipment operator, effective February 27, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- I. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to promote Morgan Keener to Chief Clerk – Property, effective March 1, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Revenue Fund, at an hourly rate of \$27.88.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Johnny 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 have the Final Reading and Approval to reappoint Harold Holland to the Douglas Water Authority for a six-year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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 050- Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Type (070) – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only)** for applicant **YASHI08 INC (Mamta Patel) under the trade name, ONE STOP, located at 5340 Sardis Rd, Suite B, Boaz, AL 35956.** This is located in Etowah County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

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 have the Final Reading and Approval for **ABC License Application Type 011- Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package)** for applicant **YASHI08 INC (Mamta Patel) under the trade name, ONE STOP LIQUOR, located at 5340 Sardis Rd, Suite A, Boaz, AL 35956.** This is located in Etowah County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 ‘Certifications and Assurances’ Agreement for Rural Transportation for Fiscal Year 2023 and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the document has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny 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 the “Agreement Between Etowah County Commission and Smeltzer Center – Relative to Transportation of Services” and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 have the Final Reading and Approval to appoint Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Board for a two-year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny 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 authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute any and all paperwork relating to the Pistol Permit Revenue Loss Grant Award. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 017.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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 declare the following as serving a public purpose:

- a. American Legion Post 5
- b. Educating for Success Foundation

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 have the Final Reading and Approval to appoint the following new members to the Etowah County Industrial Development Authority (Economic Development Alliance).

1. Craig Inzer, Jr.
2. Jamie Grant
3. Tim Ramsey
4. Joey Statum

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., 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 accept the roads in the Cottonwood Subdivision into the County Road System for maintenance. The County Engineer has confirmed the subdivision meets the required Etowah County Subdivision Regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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 grant Right of Way Easement to Alabama Power Company at the NEAR Megasite for construction of power transmission facilities and lines on property located between Interstate 59 and the new Alabama Power Substation; and to authorize the Commission President to execute all related documents. This section had not been finalized and therefore was not included in the Right of Way Easements granted in December 2020. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book, Page 018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Ramsey said the Ribbon Cutting for the Advanced Manufacturing Training at GSCC is at 10:00 am. He also recognized the West Etowah Water Authority members that were at the meeting and thanked them for coming to meet with him. He has asked them to add 2 more members to their Board but that will be up to them to decide to go from three to five members.

Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked everyone for coming and was looking forward to the Ribbon Cutting at GSCC for Advanced Manufacturing.

Commissioner Statum agreed.

Commissioner Inzer thanked Robert for working with him on the subdivision approval. He said there would be a meeting in Room 205 at 11:45 am with Congressman Aderholt and Tuberville and some others. He said the meetings last week went well. He feels the county is moving in the right direction. He said he would like to personally request a resolution for the Commission to stand with the Mayors in the County on the occupational tax. He said they can discuss us and take a vote to see if they want to do that.

Commissioner Ramsey agreed on the resolution and said he will sign it. He doesn't think it hinders industry from coming here. He also said the plans to donate more money to the Snip-It Ticket campaign to spay/neuter pets at a discount. He said they were successful but were out of money and he encouraged other Commissioners to participate.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he also supports the resolution.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

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