

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
April 4, 2023**

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the meeting to order on the 4th Day of April, 2023 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Statum 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 2 – Johnny Grant  
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey  
District 5 – Jeffery Washington  
District 6 – Craig Inzer

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS:** Mayor Chad Hare of Glencoe was at the meeting to update the Commissioners on a traffic signal they were trying to get installed on US 431 at Green Valley Road due to safety concerns. A traffic study is being conducted and the city has committed \$25,000 toward the project. They have a lot of wrecks at this intersection. He has been working with Robert Nail and the Alabama Department of Transportation.

**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 9:10 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

Upon motion of Commissioner 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:22 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 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 March 21, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission will be approved in the April 18, 2023 meeting.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for April 4, 2023
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Purchasing Charges for March 2023 is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 026.

D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Trail Boss 4x4, or approved equal, for the Sheriff's Office.

E. To approve the request of Sheriff Horton, to declare the following as surplus:

2012 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN# 1GNLC2E03CR277919

F. To place the name of Sherrie Barbaree in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Accounting Technician, effective March 27, 2023. This is a replacement and a transfer to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.81.

G. To approve the request of Lori Howell, Animal Control Director, to hire Gabrielle Messersmith as an Adoption Coordinator, effective April 3, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Animal Control, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.

H. To approve the request of Lori Howell, Animal Control Director, to hire Samuel Trey Hall as an Animal Control Officer, effective April 3, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Animal Control, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.

I. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendment:

Increase: Sheriff's Office:

Expenditure:

Motor Vehicles (001.52100-551) \$29,685

Revenue:

Sale of Capital Assets (001.61210-000) \$29,685

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 approve the renewal of the ESRI Agreement (Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc.), for the Maintenance on the ArcGIS software which is used in the Revenue Department for a budgeted annual cost of \$14, 255.89 and to authorize the CAO to execute the document(s). A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 027.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

Upon the 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 declare the following as serving a public purpose:

a. Mailman's Mutts Inc.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 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 reappoint Jahn Coppey to the Big Wills Water Authority for a six-year term.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 Randy Burns to the Big Wills Weather Authority for a six-year term.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 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 following three service contract agreements with STC Worldwide LLC for maintenance on the Electric Boilers as follows (with the CAO approved to execute the documents):

- a. Etowah County Courthouse for an annual cost of \$7,734. A copy is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 028.
- b. Etowah County Judicial Building for an annual cost of \$6,914. A copy is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 029.
- c. Etowah County Jail for an annual cost of \$7,734. A copy of filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 030.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 approve a Proclamation for the existence of a Local State of Emergency for Sardis City/Boaz.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL, 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 authorize two Executive Sessions with one to discuss safety and security and one to discuss threatened and pending litigation, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the sessions. The County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, certifies both of the sessions meet the requirements as specified. The first meeting will include Sheriff Horton, Keith Peek, Kevin Dollar, Shane Ellison, Jim Turnbach, and all Commissioners. The second meeting will include Shane Ellison, Jim Turnbach, Kevin Dollar, and all Commissioners. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

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 reconvene from the Executive Sessions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

#### **REPORTS FROM THE STAFF**

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

#### **DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS**

Shane announced that County Day will be next Tuesday in Montgomery so we will not have a work session on April 11, 2023.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Ramsey recognized the Family Success members (Emma & Katie) in the meeting asking for help for their programs. Family Success Center is there to help the Commissioners with needs in their Districts and Tim said he would like to see about a food bank at schools so kids can take food home for the weekend. He thanked Glencoe Mayor Hare for coming.

He also thanked the Sheriff and Eric for all they do.

Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked Emma & Katie and said he appreciated all they do. He also thanked Mayor Hare. He said the tornado they had in Sardis was and EF1 or 5 if it hits your house. He said sometimes people don't realize how big deal it is until it hits their house. They had a robbery on the Mountain and arrested someone yesterday – a person was running in a store and stealing stuff. We have a good law enforcement here and we don't need to take them for granted. They need our support to keep us safe because they put their lives on the line every day. It was a long weekend for them because they were hunting a bank robber and had a stand off yesterday.

Commissioner Johnny Grant agrees with Jamie totally. He said the crash (in the news) was horrible and it could happen here.

Commissioner Statum thanked the Mayor for giving them an update regarding the red light and said he appreciated all he does. He also thanked Katie & Emma from Family Success Center for all they do.

Commissioner Inzer talked about the baseball fields at GSCC and the ribbon cutting. He said there were a lot of teams and also soccer practice going on. The Gadsden City fields are really nice. He also agrees with Jamie on law enforcement and said there's always something going on even if they are just riding and looking out for problems. He also talked about Project Scout (City of Gadsden) and how the original draw for the company was the Megasite but they needed something smaller. It will mean about 350 jobs for the county and Gadsden is down to the final 2 in the selection process after they started with about 75 locations. He said there were adjustments made for the tax abatement offered. He talked about the Sports Hall of Fame and Danny Carlisle and said this is an organization he plans to donate funds to. He thanked everyone for coming.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 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