

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
April 18, 2023**

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the meeting to order on the 18th Day of April, 2023 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Washington 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:** John Cook complained about issues he had with water coming onto his Property after the county cleaned out ditches close by and created a swamp in his pasture. He still has water standing after a week.

James Collins was there to discuss issues with drainage problems on his property.

David and Kelly Cochran were there to talk about their program, Maximizing Mental Health, which they established to try to help people that struggle with mental health issues and are unable to afford counseling. They take donations to help those that struggle to cover the cost. The non-profit is named after their son, Max, and their goal is to help others through his memory.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS:** Eric Wright discussed an upcoming Nutrition Education program to teach classes at schools. The program emphasizes help for pregnant women to educate them on the importance of nutrition to improve the health of their babies and themselves. They plan to have a drive thru baby shower on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 until 2:00 so donations can be made to help out low resource moms.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Duck Springs Robotics Class was there to discuss their upcoming trip to Texas for the World Robotics Competition. They will attend the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May and need to raise about \$15,000 and they have already raised most of the needed funds. They will be competing with 800 other teams and the Commissioners were encouraged to come by their classrooms and see their projects.

Upon motion of Commissioner 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:35 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**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) dated March 21, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for April 18, 2023
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2023-15, for a 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab Trail Boss – Sheriff, to Donohoo Chevrolet, the only bidder.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a 2023 Ford Expedition XLT 200A for the County Commission (CAO).
- F. To place the name of Jason Argo in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Captain of Investigation, effective April 11, 2023. This is a replacement and a promotion to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$26.44.
- G. To place the name of Trent Green in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Investigator, effective April 14, 2023. This is a replacement and a promotion to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.
- H. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Lyndsie Gunter as a Revenue Assessment Clerk, effective April 18, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Revenue Office, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.30.
- I. To approve a ‘travel advance’ of \$300 to Marion Dodd, Maintenance Director, to attend the Alabama School Plant Management Association Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of 2023.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 Resolution recommending Shane Ellison for the designation of Certified County Administrator (CCA) and requesting that his application be approved with the Commission President authorized to execute the document.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 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 Comcast Business Service Order agreement for two years. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 31.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny 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 an expense allowance for the Etowah County Sheriff in accordance with State of Alabama Act #2019-401 and to rescind the previous resolutions of the Commission, dated July 23, 2019 and April 19, 2022. The monthly expense allowance shall be \$3,750, effective and payable on May 1, 2023, and payable on the first of each month thereafter.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

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 the following agreements with Nitorco for Software installation and subscriptions for the Revenue Office and to authorize the CAO to execute the documents:

- a. Assurance CAMA/Collections Software Suite at a total cost of \$145,000 to be paid from the Reappraisal Account, with a maintenance fee of \$3,800 after the program goes live. This includes an option to include prior

years Appraisal data for an additional \$25,000. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 32.

- b. Assurance Motor Vehicle/TAGS Software Suite at a cost of \$20,000 with a monthly maintenance fee of \$2,500 after the program goes live. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 33.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

Upon the 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 approve the request of Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to grant approval for Kayla Brothers, Detention Sergeant, to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner 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 approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to grant approval for Tina Denson, Chief Clerk – Mapping, to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF**

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

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Statum congratulated the Duck Springs Robotics team on their upcoming trip to Dallas for the World Robotics Competition. He said these students are our future and he’s glad it’s in good hands. He said he appreciate the Sheriff and his staff and they have a passion and desire to serve. He said he appreciated Kevin and all he does. Regarding David & Kelly of Maximizing Mental Health, he said he had watched them through the grieving process of losing their son and talked about how strong Kelly was to be able to turn her pain into a positive purpose. He said he would like to donate \$2500 for their mission because it is a program he believes in and he thanked them for all they do.

Commissioner Johnny Grant congratulated the Duck Springs Robotics group and thanked the teachers/sponsors for all they do to help these students. He thanked the Sheriff for all they do and said he appreciated the county workers.

Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked Joey and said he nailed it with his comments. He congratulated the Duck Springs Robotics group and said they were located in his District and he thanked them for all they do. He thanked the Family Success Center and Eric with the Extension Office. He thanked the citizens for coming forward with their issues regarding drainage on their property and said they would look into the problems. He asked everyone to remember the Friends and family in Dadeville of the young people that were killed. He said he was a big supporter of law enforcement.

Commissioner Ramsey congratulated the Duck Springs Robotics group and said he wanted them to come back and let the Commission know of their successes at their World Competition. He thanked Ms. Lipscomb for the programs they are doing and said he thought the Maximizing Mental Health project was a good program. He talked about a program he supports that have social events each month for adults with disabilities and their parents. He talked about a trash dumping investigation they had been able to clear up and praised the Sheriff’s leadership and thanked them for allowing the inmates to clean the roads. He said they planned to address the late fee on property taxes and hope it will come forward in a week or two. Revenue Commissioner Nordgren is putting together some information for them now.

Commissioner Washington congratulated the Duck Springs Robotics Team and wished them good luck in Texas.

Commissioner Inzer also wished the Robotics Team good luck. He said he was thankful for them and their interest in Robotics. There will be a meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the I59 Corridor and some things that are able to happen by the County joining the IDA, Alabama Power substation, Norfolk Southern investing money and all due to the relationships that have been built. They are working with all municipalities and it’s paying off.

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