

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
June 6, 2023**

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the meeting to order on the 6th Day of June, 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 3 – Jamie Grant
District 4 – Tim Ramsey

District 2 – Johnny Grant
District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 – Craig Inzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Lloyd Strange signed in to discuss a problem with Rowan Cut-Off Road in the Rockledge Community. He said it has been patched a lot but they weren't holding and the potholes were tearing up everyone's vehicles. He said the road has more traffic than people realize because they use it as a short-cut when there's a wreck or other issue on the main highway. He was told Commissioner Jamie Grant and Robert Nail would come out to his road and check on it the next day to see if they can make improvements. He also said Sheffield Road needed a guardrail.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, addressed the Commissioners about the insolvents in Etowah County.

Gentry Shows, with Arrow Residential, was at the meeting to make sure the Commissioners were not having any issues that needed to be discussed or for him to check into. They started their residential service in Etowah County on April 1st and how continued to make improvements and address issues. He said he had only received 12 emails from the Commission Office since May and he feels like things are getting better. Jamie thanked him for his hard work.

Spencer Gray talked about the Safety Incentive Program.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:27 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey 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 9:50 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Washington, 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 May 16, 2023 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for June 6, 2023
- C. To approve any Financial Transactions including the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Credit Card Purchases for May 2023. The reports are filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 43.
- D. To place the name of Larry Jones in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective May 22, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- E. To place the name of Blake Henderson in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective May 30, 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 Kevin Overstreet in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective May 30, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- G. To place the name of Joseph Williams in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective June 5, 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 Keith Peek in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Chief of Administrations (Unclassified), effective June 4, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an annual rate of \$73,719.78.
- I. To place the name of Barry Smith in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Chief of Corrections (Unclassified), effective June 4, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an annual rate of \$75,000.
- J. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Shawn King as an Equipment Operator, effective June 12, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- K. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab 147” LTZ (or equivalent) for the Sheriff’s Office and the Drug Enforcement Unit.
- L. To declare the following vehicles as surplus:

Sheriff’s Office -

2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGED7MG209476
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGEDOMG210081
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGED8MG212385
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGED7MG209171
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGED1MG207092
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGED2MG206646
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGEDXMG206944
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGED5MG210738
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGEDOMZ206029
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGED2MG210910

Drug Enforcement Unit –

2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGED4MG302956
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGEDXMZ204966
2021 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ	VIN# 3GCUYGEDOMG283774

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 First Reading for ABC License Application Type 050– Retail Beer (Off Premise Only) for applicant **D AND E CORPORATION**, under the trade name, **DONS GROCERY AND FEED**, located at 2676 Highway 77, Attalla, AL 35954. This business is located in unincorporated Etowah County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 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 First Reading for ABC License Application Type 070– Retail Table Wine (Off Premise Only) for applicant **D AND E CORPORATION**, under the trade name, **DONS GROCERY AND FEED**, located at 2676 Highway 77, Attalla, AL 35954. This business is located in unincorporated Etowah County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Joey 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 Interagency Cooperative Agreement with ADEM for remediation of solid waste along the right of way within Etowah County, Alabama, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 44.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 Sharon Maness to the Etowah County CED Mental Health Board. The term will expire on April 1, 2029.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Joey 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 have the Final Reading and Approval to appoint Tim Ramsey to the Etowah County CED Mental Health Board. This will be to complete the term of Rene Culverhouse, who resigned, and the term will expire on April 1, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 Terri Vosbury to the Etowah County CED Mental Health Board. This is normally a six-year term but in order to meet the Board Requirements, this term will expire April 1, 2027 (after four years).

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 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 approve the General Services Administration Public Buildings Service Lease Agreement which terminates the Lease Contract for the Federal Probation Office located in the Judicial Building effective May 26, 2023, for a \$27,179.42 buyout, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 45.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 Resolution for Project No. ECP 28-167-23, which includes resurfacing and placing traffic stripe on Pleasant Valley Road from U.S. Hwy 411 (in Rainbow City) to U.S. Hwy 11 in Attalla. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 46.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 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 approve the Digital Information Cooperative Mapping Agreement with ALDOT for a grant paying 80% of \$10,000 with Etowah County paying the remaining 20% and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 47.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 Task Order #009 Agreement to Contract for Professional Services with G-Squared for 2024 Update of the orthophotography and planimetric mapping in the Southern area of Etowah County for a cost not to exceed \$98,731. Also, to authorize the CAO or the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 48.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 ‘Insolvents, Errors, and Taxes in Litigation for 2022 and Uncollected Insolvents and Taxes in Litigation for Previous Years’ and to approve the ‘Annual Report of Tax Collector’. Also, to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Report has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 49.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss business and commerce after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. This was certified by the County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, as meeting the criteria for this meeting and those present will include: Jim Turnbach, Kevin Dollar, Shane Ellison, and all Commissioners. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes. The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:00 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey 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 reconvene from Executive Session at 10:30 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Kevin for the report and congratulated Barry Smith.

Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked Gentry Shows for giving them an update. He said Mr. Shows had been responsive on things they needed. He talked about several moves across the street and he thinks it will be a good move for everyone. ‘Barry Smith will do a good job.’ He said he hated to lose Mike Powell.

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked Keith Peek for all he does. He said he would like to find a way to give all of the employees more money.

Commissioner Statum congratulated everyone that received a promotion in the Sheriff's Office. He said he hated to see Mike go. He thanked all of the employees and thanked Kevin and Shane for the reports.

Commissioner Inzer thanked Josh and everyone for what they do and said he knows they all work together. He also reminded everyone that today is D-Day. He thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 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