

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
June 20, 2023**

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the meeting to order on the 6th Day of June, 2023 at 9:00 am and also 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 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Jeffery Washington – District 5

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:05 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Upon 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey 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 June 6, 2023 of the Etowah County Commission will be approved on the July 11th, 2023 meeting.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for June 20, 2023
- C. To approve any Financial Transactions.

- D. To place the name of Kaitlyn Lusk Mason in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Court Liaison, effective June 14, 2023. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.82.
- E. To place the name of Kalynn McMillen 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 Lureesa Hollis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Temporary Sergeant Detention Center, effective May 29, 2023. This is a Temporary Replacement (while an employee is on leave) to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.74.
- G. To place the name of Chellsea Davis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Captain – Detention, effective June 15, 2023. This is a replacement and a promotion to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$20.16.
- H. To approve the request of Brittany Coheley, Animal Control/Shelter Director, to hire Logan Krusside-Gallant as a Kennel Technician, effective June 12, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the General, Animal Control/Shelter Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- I. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to promote Casey Reeves to Chief Clerk, Mapping, effective July 1, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, Reappraisal Maintenance, at an hourly rate of \$29.81.
- J. To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and the Etowah County Sheriff's Office and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. ALEA will provide and set up the NEC SmartScan Ruggedized Kiosk Solution and the county will reimburse ALEA for the annual maintenance costs of \$3800. A copy of this agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 50a.
- K. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew 'Bid No FY 2020-2021-19(A) & (B) – Lawn Maintenance – County Buildings' for a third and final year with Addison Lawn Care, as provided for in the original bid.
- L. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for a 2023 Ford Expedition XLT 2001 or comparable for the County Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th 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 Final Reading and Approval 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 20th 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 Final Reading and Approval 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 20th 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 scrap tires 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 50.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th 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 Contract and Agreement with the Town of Sardis City concerning Happy Hill Cutoff Road, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the agreement. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 51.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th 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 authorize the Commission President to execute a Memorandum of Understanding by and among the Etowah County Commission, the Etowah County Sheriff, and Barry L. Smith, an Etowah County Sheriff’s Office employee. Barry L. Smith became the Chief of Corrections on June 4, 2023. A copy of this MOU has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 52.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th 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 authorize the Commission President to execute a Resolution authorizing an application to ADEM for state-wide matching grant funds in the amount of \$150,000 to make stormwater improvements, including replacement of up to nineteen cross-drain pipes on various paved roads. Etowah County will provide up to \$80,824 in matching funds and/or other resources to be used for construction of eligible stormwater projects. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment book 13, Page 53.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ramsey said there would be a meeting during the Altoona City Council Meeting regarding the Volunteer Fire Departments in that area and the problems they were having getting enough volunteers at some of the stations. They plan to discuss getting some areas incorporated into the city limits and consider what to do about the station(s) that can’t get enough volunteers to make calls. He also thanked Robert for all he does and asked if he had talked with Charlie Watts about when they may start paving in the county. (Robert updated him on the status).

Commissioner Johnny Grant asked who was responsible for regulating the Volunteer Fire Departments (which were originally under the Forestry Commission.) Commissioner Ramsey said the stations that don’t take calls because they don’t have enough people, still get the funding from the taxes and purchase equipment but don’t have anyone to run it. (We currently have 24 VFD).

Commissioner Jamie Grant said if they take away their equipment, then they will come forward very fast.

Commissioner Statum asked if they are audited and Kevin Dollar said they are subject to being audited for are not audited on a regular basis.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said the agreement with Sardis is that we pave the road and then they take over the road for any future improvements. It’s about 1.6 miles and we currently maintain ½ mile but after this, they will have it all. He also congratulated Barry smith on his job promotion.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said he had the same problem with the Volunteer Fire Departments in his District. One does most of the work and one is hard to reach on the phone.

Commissioner Statum said he was doing good.

Commissioner Inzer said the Whorton Bend VFD got a grant form Montgomery and they do a good job. He also thanked Robert for checking on the pot holes and for working to get the roads in his District fixed.

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

ABSENT

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

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