

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

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the meeting to order on the 18th Day of July, 2023 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Ramsey 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:

The Gadsden Burner’s Group was at the meeting to let the Commission know about their upcoming trip for the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) National Junior Olympic Competition. The competition is at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and they will leave on July 29th and will be there all week. The entire team qualified and several students have been awarded scholarships through the Gadsden Burner’s program. Jhedreion Rigby is over the program and he has a few parents that volunteer to help plus some of the older kids help with the younger ones. There are participants from all over the county and from 5 years old to high school. Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked the Coach for what he does and for his time.

Kay Moore, Director of Downtown Gadsden, Inc., talked to the Commissioners about some art work she wanted them to have on the Courthouse property to anchor the county courthouse to the City of Gadsden. They recently purchased a kinetic sculpture for the City of Gadsden which will be placed close to the City Hall. She is asking the county to purchase one and asking for financial support from the Commissioners for the project. There will be other sources for part of the money needed as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Arrow Disposal will have open top containers at four locations between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm for residential cleanup of household trash on **Saturday, August 5, 2023.** They do not accept tires, batteries, appliances or hazardous waste.

Locations of containers:

Leeth Gap and Sardis Road – across from old County Shop
Intersection of Hwy 278 & Hwy 132
Whorton Bend Volunteer Fire Department
Gaston High School at Hwy 411 North

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 9:25 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 2023.

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:42 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey Statum, 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 Special Called Meeting dated June 28, 2023, and of the Regular Meeting(s) dated July 11, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission will be approved in the August 8, 2023 meeting.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for July 18, 2023
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To place the name of Justin Dove in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 17, 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 Brittany Fuller in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 17, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No FY 2023-18 2023 Ford Expedition SLT 200A to Ronnie Watkins Ford, the lowest, responsible bidder.
- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2021-2022-17 Hot Plant Mix Paving Materials – FOB Plant with the current vendor, Vulcan Materials Company, as provided for in the original bid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 agreement to relocate utilities to make intersection improvements at US-411 and Whorton Bend Road (Project No. ATRP2-28-2022-028). Also, to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 61.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 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 appoint Jamie Grant to serve as the ACCA Legislative Committee Representative for Etowah County for the second year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 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 approve the lease for the property located at 729 1st Avenue, Gadsden, AL, known as the ‘Day Reporting Center’, with the Etowah County Community Punishment and Corrections Authority and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the lease is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 62.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 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 approve the lease with ALEA for the State Driver's License Office and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the lease is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 63.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 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 following Budget Amendments for the Sheriff's Office for the fleet replacement program. (This will be to purchase (4) 2023 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ Trucks and (6) 2023 Chevrolet Trail Boss Trucks for the Sheriff's Office):

Sheriff's Office

Increase: Motor Vehicles (001.52100-556) Fleet Replacement \$516,855

Increase: Sale of Capital Assets (001.61210-000) \$423,950

Decrease: Fund Balance (001.35900-000) \$92,905

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 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:

Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit

Increase: Motor Vehicles (288.52970-551) \$220,926

Increase: Sale of Capital Assets (288.61210-000) \$137,350

Increase: Operating Transfer In – Drug Forfeiture Fund (288.6100-278) \$83,576

Drug Forfeiture Fund

Increase: Operating Transfers Out – Drug Enforcement Unit (278.62000-288) \$83,576

Decrease: Fund Balance (278.35900) \$83,576

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 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 Jail Contract with the City of Gadsden and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the Contract is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 64

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 2023.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Washington welcomed the State Driver's License Office to the Courthouse and thanked J. Rigby for bringing the Gadsden Burners to the meeting.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked ALEA for moving to the Courthouse and said he was glad to see the community working together. He thanked the Gadsden Burner Coach Rigby for all he does and for bringing his athletes to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he likes to see the Commission do things that make sense and moving ALEA to the Courthouse is good for everyone. He also complimented the Sheriff on getting the Jail Contract worked out with the City

of Gadsden. He thanked the Gadsden Burners for coming and thanked the students and their coach for all they do and the difference they make. He also thanked Kay Moore with DGI and said he appreciates all she does for the county.

Commissioner Johnny Grant with the Gadsden Burners good luck on their upcoming competition. He said he appreciated everyone working together and complimented Terri Vosbury, Kay Moore, and the Sheriff's Office on the great job they are doing.

Commissioner Joey Statum said Good Luck to the Gadsden Burners. He said he appreciated all of Kay's hard work and he welcomed ALEA to the Courthouse.

Commissioner Inzer said he agrees with everything that has already been said he thanked Robert Nail and Jason Harper (GMC) for their help with the Whorton Bend turn lane project.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 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