

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
September 5, 2023**

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the meeting to order on the 5th Day of September, 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 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Jamie Grant	District 6 – Craig Inzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, presented Karen Williams with a 15-year Service Certificate. Becky said Ms. Williams was a great asset for the county.

Shane Ellison presented and award to the Etowah County Board of Education from Mainstreet Association’s Annual Meeting for the Adaptive Re-use Award. Kay Moore, Director of Downtown Gadsden Inc., nominated them for re-using the bank building downtown which brought 60 employees to the area and it repurposed an empty bank building. Dr. Cosby thanked the Commission for the partnership.

Shane Ellison, CAO, presented an award To Glenda Boatwright for completing 15 years of Service. Glenda has announced she is retiring at the end of August.

Shane then presented a Certificate for 10 years of Service to Spencer Gray, Building Maintenance Supervisor.

Commissioner Inzer commended Shane on completing his Certificate requirements for Certified County Administrator through ACCA.

Upon 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:25 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 dated July 18, 2023 and August 8, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for September 5, 2023.
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Credit Card Purchases for August, 2023, is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 77.
- D. To place the name of Buddy Ellis in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective August 21, 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 Haley McArthur in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective August 21, 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 Ronnie Ward in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Security Specialist, effective August 22, 2023. This is a promotion and a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.
- G. To place the name of Jessie Benjamin Ballew in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective August 21, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- H. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Annette Thompson to Deputy Revenue Commissioner, effective September 1, 2023. This is a promotion to be paid from the Reappraisal / General Fund, at an annual rate of \$70,500.14.
- I. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Kristie Martin to Chief Clerk – Tag & Titles, effective September 1, 2023. This is a promotion to be paid from the General Fund, Revenue, at an annual rate of \$50,500.11.
- J. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2021-2022-23 Janitorial Supplies for the current vendor, McCleskey Brothers, Inc, for a second year as provided for in the original bid.
- K. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2021-2022-21 Filters – Fuel, Air, Oil, & Hydraulic for the current vendor, Tractor & Equipment Company, for a second year as provided for in the original bid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the 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 accept the Proposal from TTL for Environmental Consulting Services to update the Etowah County Solid Waste Management Plan and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the proposal is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 78.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other member 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 with American Financial Credit Services, Inc., to locate and recover delinquent person property taxes that were deemed uncollectable and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 79.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gadsden, Etowah County Commission, and the Etowah County Sheriff’s Office for the 2023 JAG Grant in the amount of \$45,054. This grant is to be allocated to the Gadsden Police Department to purchase a camera system with thermal capability, camera system with WIFI connectivity and other related equipment which will be shared with the Etowah County Sheriff’s Office. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 80.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Master Service Agreement for SOA Fiber Proposal with Comcast Enterprises Services and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 81.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

Upon the motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 application and acceptance of grant funds through the Alabama Department for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention for \$125, 000, to be used for a mental advisory program, and to authorize the CAO to execute all documents. A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 82.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 updated “County Vehicle Policy” as requested by the Personnel Director, Jeff Little. A copy of the updated policy is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 83.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Washington congratulated everyone that received their service awards. He congratulated the Board of Education on their new building. He said he would have the lighting of the Unity Tree on November 27th at 5:30 pm, the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Commissioner Washington for putting the Unity Tree Lighting Ceremony together. He also thanked Kay Moore for being here and commended her on the 1st Friday success. He also thanked Dr. Cosby and said it was great working together and thanked the Sheriff’s group. He said he was sure they will set a budget that will work out. He thanked Robert for working with him on the roads and thanked Kevin Dollar for his work on the budget.

Commissioner Statum thanked the employees for the time and effort they put in and said it was hard to give everyone everything they wanted but they are doing their best. He also thanked Kay Moore for all they do and said he appreciated everyone.

Commissioner Inzer thanked everyone for being at the meeting. He said they were trying to work things out at the jail and can hopefully reach a common ground. He said it may not be what everyone wants but they are doing what they can. He said the sculpture for the City of Gadsden looks good and he thanked Kay Moore for her hard work. He also thanked the Board of Education and said the building looks great.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 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

