

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
October 3, 2023**

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the meeting to order on the 3rd Day of October, 2023 at 9:00 am and Shane Ellison 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:** Craig Scott and Darlene Harcrow represented Community Thanksgiving Program for 2023 and requested help with funding and also asked for volunteers to work a couple of days before or on Thanksgiving to help prepare the meal or serve. They have a budget of \$40,000 and they invite everyone to attend or come by and get a plate.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Shane Ellison, CAO, presented a Proclamation to the Etowah County Extension declaring the week of October 22-28, 2023, as Alabama Extension Week. Eric Schavey accepted on behalf of the Extension Office and thanked the Commissioners. He said 1 out of 3 Alabamians are touched by some aspect of the work the Extension Office does for their communities. He went into more detail about some of their responsibilities and how many different areas they cover through the Extension Office.

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:15 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 9:25 am.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 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(s) dated September 26, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission will be approved in the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 3, 2023.
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Credit Card Purchased for September, 2023, is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 90.
- D. To place the name of Eric Doran in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Specialist Sheriff, effective October 2, 2023. This is a promotion to be paid from the General Fund, Courthouse Security, at an hourly rate of \$18.71.

- E. To place the name of Robert Deason in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Seasonal SRO Deputy, effective October 2, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.37. (To be reimbursed by the City of Hokes Bluff).
- F. To place the name of Billie Jo Lovett in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Administrative Assistant, effective October 2, 2023. This is a reclassification to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.26.
- G. To place the name of Destiny Westmoreland in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Dispatcher, effective October 1, 2023. This is a reclassification to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- H. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to transfer Samantha Snow to Administrative Assistant, effective October 2, 2023. This is a reclassification to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.
- I. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Samuel Davis as Equipment Operator, effective October 9, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- J. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Dale Tolton as Heavy Equipment Operator I, effective October 9, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.
- K. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to promote Darin Long to Heavy Equipment Operator I, effective October 9, 2023. This is a replacement and a promotion to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.
- L. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to promote Larry Banks to Heavy Equipment Operator I, effective October 9, 2023. This is a replacement and a promotion to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.
- M. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Kristy Johnson as a Revenue Tag & Title Clerk / Property Floater, effective October 2, 2023. This is a replacement to be paid from the Revenue – General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- N. To approve the request of Spencer Gray, Maintenance Supervisor, to hire Krista Taylor as a Building Service Worker, effective October 9, 2023. This is an added slot in the FY 2024 Budget and will be paid from the Maintenance – General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- O. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Aggregate.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 Agreement with Gadsden State Community College to support the Advanced Manufacturing Center and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the agreement is filed in Attachment Book 13, Page 89.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.**

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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 request of Shane Ellison, Chief Administrative Office, to grant approval for LaRitha Anderson, Transportation Coordinator, to receive PTO leave donations. She has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF**

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

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone in the Extension Office and said he appreciated their hard work. He thanked Craig and Darlene for their work in getting the Community Thanksgiving set up and said he was looking forward to it.

He said he appreciated everyone and had received several thank you emails from employees. It gave him a good feeling to be able to give the raises and help the employees. He said there was a new police chief in Southside and he started to work yesterday. He said he seemed very nice and he had received a lot of positive comments about him.

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked the Extension group for feeding them at the Conference. He also thanked Craig Scott for the Thanksgiving lunch and said they will help with it.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said a lot happens in a year and they changed from being road commissioners to a commission that tries to bring jobs and more money to the county.

Commissioner Ramsey said he didn't have anything new to add but thanked the Extension Group for what they do in the community. He said the Community Thanksgiving Dinner is a big deal and he appreciates all the group does to get it together.

Commissioner Washington said he was thankful that we were all here and enjoying each other. He said the Thanksgiving Dinner was an awesome operation and helped make Etowah County shine.

Commissioner Inzer thanked everyone for coming. He said a lot of the employees had reached out to show their appreciation and he enjoyed the times when everything was going good and they could give employees a raise.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Washington, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 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