

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
June 11, 2024**

Commissioner Tim Ramsey, called the Commission Meeting to order on the 11th Day of June, 2024 at 9:00 am and Shane Ellison, CAO, asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: The following 4 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 2- Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 6 – Craig Inzer, Jr.

Absent: Joey Statum – District 1
Jeffery Washington – District 5

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: The Students from the Sheriff’s Student Leadership Program were at the meeting and Commissioner Ramsey asked them to introduce themselves and tell everyone which school they represented.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:10 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:20 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

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 May 21, 2024, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for June 11, 2024.
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Credit Card Purchases for May, 2024 is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 41.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2021-2022-16 Hygiene Products- Jail for the third and final year as provided for in the original bid.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Metal & Side Drain Pipe.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 have the Final Reading and Approval to appoint Ms. Jamie Camper to the Douglas Water Authority to complete the unexpired term of Harold Holland, which ends in February of 2029. Mr. Holland passed away on February 1, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 FY2024 Section 5311 (Rural) Transit Program Addendum Application – Capital for Rolling Stock Grant under 49 USC Section 5311 and to authorize the Commissioner President to execute the document. This will allow for the purchase of 4 Rural Transportation vans with a \$47,532 match from Etowah County. (This is an 80/10/10 split with \$380,258 in Federal funding and \$47,532 in other funds for a total of \$475,323). A copy of this agreement is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 42.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 Robert Nail, County Engineer, to declare the following as surplus:

2001 Dodge Ram 1500	VIN# 1B7HC16Y91S782303
2008 GMC (Pull Truck)	VIN# 1GDP7C1A68F410762
2012 F-150	VIN# 1FTEX1EMXCFB57281
2012 F-150	VIN# 1FTEX1EM2CFC22608
2010 Ford Expedition	VIN# 1FMJU1F53AEB07660
Better Built Trailer	VIN# 189DP2320L1118707
Better Built Trailer	VIN# 4MNDP2520L1000739

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to make the following budget amendment (due to receiving the Impact Alabama Funds):

RSVP – IRS Grant	
Increase:	
Office Supplies (176.56235.211)	\$1,633
Equipment<Threshold (176.56235.471)	\$1,392
Revenue:	
Increase:	
Other Revenue (176.40000.47900-00)	\$3,025

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 ‘Insolvents, Errors, and Taxes in Litigation for 2023 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 is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 43.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 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 is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 44.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 request of Keith Peek, Chief Administrator – Sheriff’s Office, to declare the following as surplus:

2010 Ford Explorer VIN# 1FMEU7D89AUB13096

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 authorize an Executive Session, to discuss pending or threatened litigation, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, certified the Session meets the requirements. Those attending the meeting include the Commissioners, Kevin Dollar, Robert Nail, Jim Turnbach & Mr. Smith, and Shane Ellison. District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; and District 6 – yes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 reconvene from Executive Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer – Shane reviewed upcoming events that had been placed on the Commissioner’s calendars as a reminder. He also reminded everyone of the Juneteenth Holiday on Wednesday, June 19th and let everyone know the Courthouse Parking Lot will be repaved that day. If they are not finished by Thursday morning, there will be alternative parking at the Pollock Building.

County Engineer

County Attorney

Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked everyone for coming and also thanked the Leadership Academy for participating. He said he hopes they will be inspired to go into law enforcement.

Commissioner Jamie Grant asked for an update on Sand Valley Road and Robert said they were still working with Alabama Power so they can set up a wash for the trucks (Arrow Disposal). Jamie also commended the leadership group and thanked for the Sheriff’s Office for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Inzer said there will be a meeting concerning the Southside Bridge Replacement on June 20th from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Southside Community Center. He said the two proposals they have right now will not be good for Etowah County and he encourage input from the citizens in the county. He said there are 27,000 cars on the bridge daily and he hopes to get ALDOT to reconsider. He also said there will be activity at the Whorton Bend intersection with Hwy 411 and traffic may get backed up some days but he asked everyone to be patient. This is being funded with money from ATRIP plus a local match. He reminded everyone of the Advance Manufacturing Facility open house tomorrow and said it will be a great asset for this area.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked the Sheriff’s Leadership group for coming and said he was looking forward to the Advance Manufacturing open house. He said he will be meeting in Montgomery with the PLAN group and they have been working on mental health issues and trying to give people a better path. His group will meet with Governor Ivey while she signs the bills. Rainbow City is working on the Challenger Center which will be built on land donated by Rainbow City. He said there are only 40 world-wide but this will be the only one in Alabama. He offered condolences to the family of Barry Gargus (former Commissioner).

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

ABSENT

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, President, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

ABSENT

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6