

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
February 4, 2025**

Commissioner Joey Statum called the Commission Meeting to order on the 4th Day of February, 2025 at 9:00 am and Scott Hassell, Probate Judge, 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 1 – Joey Statum	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	
District 3 – Jamie Grant	

Absent – Jeffery Washington - District 5
Craig Inzer Jr. - District 6

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Arleen Myers, with Mailman’s Mutts, was at the meeting to speak to the commissioners about the spay/neuter program they offer to Etowah County residents. They fundraised nearly \$11,000 to purchase spay/neuter vouchers from the Alabama Spay & Neuter Clinic in Irondale, AL. On Saturday, February 15 from 11-2, they will be selling subsidized spay/neuter vouchers (165 available) for \$30, in the courthouse parking lot. The clinic also administers rabies vaccinations for \$25 and other vaccines if needed.

Katie Bohannon, Riley Lowell, and Tracy Bailey, LMSW, with the Family Success Center, was at the meeting today. Tracy spoke about their Autism Evaluation Clinic for children age 2-5. They partner with area pediatricians to diagnosis children that may have autism. They complete a full assessment of the child and provide a comprehensive evaluation report to the pediatrician for diagnosis. The clinic assists with speech therapy, resources for parents to increase communication and additional support; as in, books, games, websites that the parent can do to increase their child’s speech and communication skill and local resources and educational services to school age children, to provide the family with additional safety and support. They will first schedule a phone interview with the parents and then an in-person interview with the parents and child with a questionnaire about communication, observing socialization skills and one on one time with the child. That evaluation and list of recommendations would then be sent to the pedestrian. This service is free of charge with no waitlist. They have, so far, helped 50 children in this area through this program.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, 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 9:14 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:32 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was passed and adopted:

CONSENT AGENDA:

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 January 21, 2025, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for February 4, 2025.
- C. To place the following names in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective February 10, 2025. These are replacements to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.

- Brandon J. Williams
- Alexcia McKinney
- Sonya Hill
- Andrew Dollar
- Jonathan Harper

- D. To place the name of George Harley Westmorland in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective February 3, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.
- E. To place the name of Kristina Daniel in the Sheriff's Office job slot of SRO, effective February 3, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.
- F. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Matthew Harp as an Equipment Operator, effective February 10, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.74.
- G. To approve the request of Shane Ellison, CAO, to hire Amanda "Gracie" Griggs as Animal Shelter Manager (Unclassified), effective February 4, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Animal Shelter General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$24.53.
- H. To approve the request of Shane Ellison, CAO, to hire Madalyn Sims as Adoption Coordinator (Unclassified), effective February 4, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Animal Shelter General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.00.
- I. To approve the request of Shane Ellison, CAO, to reclassify Mason Skye Robinson to Kennel Tech, effective February 4, 2025. This is a replacement (involuntary demotion) to be paid from the Animal Shelter General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.26.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting "yes", to approve all items on the agenda as discussed in the work session.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following resolutions were passed and adopted:

To declare the following Engineering Department vehicles as surplus:

- 2006 Ford F150 VIN # 1FTRF12256KD97986
- 2010 Ford Expedition VIN # 1MF1U1F530EB07660
- 2012 Ford F150 XL VIN # 1FTEX1EMXCFB75281
- 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 VIN # 1B7HC16Y91S782303

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members present voting "yes", to approve all items on the agenda as discussed in the work session.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following resolutions were passed and adopted:

To have the first reading to reappoint Susan Bailey to Big Wills Water Authority. This appointment will be effective March 1, 2025, and the term will expire on March 1, 2031.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members present voting "yes", to approve all items on the agenda as discussed in the work session.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following resolutions were passed and adopted:

To approve the TEK84 Annual Service Agreement for the Intercept Whole Body Scanner, Serial Number SN20120018, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this document is in Attachment Book 15, page 15-002

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting "yes", to approve all items on the agenda as discussed in the work session.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following resolutions were passed and adopted:

To approve the use and transfer of \$53,852.50 in Opioid Funds by the Drug Enforcement Unit as follows:

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| 1. Opioid Awareness Presentation Equipment - | \$ 2,099.96 |
| 2. Drug test kits and evidence bags/tape - | \$ 4,469.69 |
| 3. Salary & Benefits of Deputy Commander (50%) - | <u>\$47,282.85</u> |
| | \$53,852.50 |

A copy of this document is in Attachment Book 15, page 15-003

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, to approve all items on the agenda as discussed in the work session.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following resolutions were passed and adopted:

To have the first reading to appoint Kevin Dollar to the Coosa Valley Youth Services Board for a three-year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, to approve all items on the agenda as discussed in the work session.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following resolutions were passed and adopted:

To approve the following budget amendments for the previous acquisition of approximately 160 acres of property purchased for the NEAR Megasite and for the engineering fees on the interstate interchange, effective January 31, 2025:

Increase:

Industrial Development – Professional Services – 001.51956-182	\$16,300
Industrial Development – Land – 001.51956-511	\$902,634

Decrease:

Fund Balance – 001.35900	\$918,934
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A copy of this document is in Attachment Book 15, page 15-004

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, to approve all items on the agenda as discussed in the work session.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following resolutions were passed and adopted:

To authorize the commission president to delegate signatory authority for NPDES Permit Number ALR040009 to the Chief Administrative Officer. A copy of this document is in Attachment Book 15, page 15-005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked Katie for all she’s done for throughout the years.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said \$1.8m going in to the Sand Valley Community (district 3) is a big deal for us. There is a lot of traffic, heavy duty truck going to the landfill and this will address several safety concerns they’ve had. The Megasite is going to continue to grow, a lot of energy going on there. Family Success is doing an amazing job changing lives of resident of the county.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Arleen for being here today and appreciates everything she’s done; it will make a huge impact on the county. Family Success Center = success. He thanked them for helping the area families who don’t know where to turn for assistance. Which in turn helps the community. Please let the commission know if there is anything they can do to help. He also, thanked the judge for everything he does behind the scenes and looking ahead to keep us ready for the next election. He asked Eric to let him know when they plan to start up on the Family Success Garden. Commissioner Statum wanted to reiterate to Family Success how big of an impact they make on the community. Also, thanked Mrs. Myers for what she is doing to help the animals.

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

Joey Statum, President, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

ABSENT

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

ABSENT

Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6