

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
April 15, 2025**

Commissioner Joey Statum called the Commission Meeting to order on the 15th Day of April, 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 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 Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Shane Ellison, CAO, presented a Proclamation to Dr Kathy Murphy with Gadsden State Community College recognizing April as “Community College Month”. Dr Murphy introduced her staff that joined her today. On Tuesday April 29, 2025, she will be presenting the State of the College at their Multi-purpose facility (formally Meadows Library).

Shane Ellison, CAO, presented a Proclamation to representatives from the Family Success Center to recognize April 2025 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month”.

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, May 3, 2025**. 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 a motion of Commissioner 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:34 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 9:54 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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 dated April 1, 2025, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for April 15, 2025.
- C. The reported Financial Transactions for March 2025, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15 page 15-022
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to make a dual award for Bid No FY 2025-11 Inmate Uniforms, to Victory Supply and Bob Barker Company, Inc. Victory Supply was the lowest,

responsible bidder. Due to the 104% tariffs imposed on China, the dual award may help to avoid a re-bid if Victory Supply is unable to honor their pricing.

- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Hygiene Products – Jail.
- F. To place the name of Brandon Shane Best in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Patrol Deputy, effective April 7, 2025. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$17.36.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon a motion was made by Commissioner Inzer, 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 item was approved:

To approve the following budget amendment for the appropriation from the Opioid Settlement Fund to the District Attorney’s Fund: A copy of this document in in attachment book 15, page 15-023

Opioid Funds for District Attorney’s Office

<u>Increase:</u>	
Direct Support- Other (031.51260-299)	\$150,000
<u>Decrease:</u>	
Fund Balance (031.35900)	\$150,000

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Upon a motion was made by Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 item was approved:

To approve the following budget amendments relating to the **Opioid Settlement Fund:** A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-024

Opioid Funds for Sheriff’s Office

<u>Increase:</u>	
Contract Services (031.52100-185)	\$27,500
Miscellaneous Supplies (031.52100-219)	\$7,431
Detention Center Building Additions & Renovations (031.51997-524)	\$273,618

Opioid Funds for Drug Enforcement Unit

<u>Increase:</u>	
Miscellaneous Supplies (031.52970-219)	\$1,818
Equipment < Threshold (031.52970-471)	\$1,989
Operating Transfer Out – DEU Funds (031.62000-288)	\$47,283
	<u>\$359,639</u>

<u>Increase:</u>	
Opioid Settlement Fund Revenue (031.40000.47980-000)	\$106,038

<u>Decrease:</u>	
Opioid Fund Balance (031.35900)	<u>\$253,601</u>
	\$359,639

DEU Fund

<u>Increase:</u>	
Operating Transfer In – Opioid Settlement Fund (288.61000-031)	\$47,283
Fund Balance (288.35900)	\$47,283

Capital Improvement Fund

<u>Increase:</u>	
Detention Center R&M - Building, land & improvements (116.51997-231)	\$175,826
<u>Decrease:</u>	
Fund Balance (116.35900)	\$175,826

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

BE IS RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To approve the following budget amendments, with an effective date of March 31, 2025, to take the remaining balance of wages and benefits of a Sheriff’s Office employee that retired in December 2024 to offset the remaining contribution to the Domestic Violence Grant Fund to be made from the Sheriff’s Discretionary Funds for FY 2025. The employee was not replaced, and the position was eliminated. A copy of this document is in attachment book 15, page 15-025

General Fund-Sheriff's Office

Decrease:

Salaries and Wages (001.52100-.113)	\$20,622
Retirement (001.52100-121)	\$3,950
Health Insurance (001.52100-122)	\$13,134
Life Insurance (001.52100-123)	\$143
FICA Taxes (001.52100-124)	\$1,783
Dental Insurance (001.52100-141)	\$478
Fund Balance (001.35900)	<u>\$5,120</u>
	\$45,230

Increase:

Operating Transfer Out – Domestic Violence Grant Fund (001.62000-284)	\$45,230
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Domestic Violence Grant Fund

Decrease:

Other Revenue (284.40000.47900-000)	\$45,230
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Increase:

Operating Transfer In (284.61000-001)	\$45,230
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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, 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 item was approved:

To declare the following organization as serving a public purpose:

- OWO, INC. (One Way Out, RC)

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolutions was passed and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To approve the funding agreement between ALDOT and Etowah County for Project No. STPSU-2823(251) – Resurfacing on Pleasant Valley Road, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this agreement is in attachment book 15, page15-026.

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Upon a motion made by Commission Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolutions was passed and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To approve the Proclamation declaring April 2025 as Fair Housing Month and urging all citizens to obey the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law and an Expression of the individual rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked the representatives with the Family Success Center and Gadsden State for coming today.

Commissioner Jamie Grant stated he has 12 roads in his district they plan to redo this summer.

Commissioner Ramsey said they spent last Tuesday in Montgomery; the logging bill got where it needed to be so we don't get hammered on our roads. Please contact your representative on House bill 425 regarding metal health boards.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming and sharing today.

Commissioner Inzer stated we are on a good path this year with everyone working together. He's excited about the new hire in the DA's office.

Commissioner Statum we had a good discussion this meeting.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion from Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 am.

Joey Statum, President, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6