

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
April 13, 2021**

The Etowah County Commission met in a special called meeting on the 13th Day of April, 2021 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Ramsey asking the Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: The following 5 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 3 – Jamie W. Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
	District 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Joey Statum – District 1

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 9:05 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery 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 after the recess at 9:23 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let new bids for Fire Alarm Upgrades for the Jail.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 authorize two Executive Sessions to discuss Business and Commerce and to discuss Safety and Security, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, stated that the criteria for both meetings are in compliance with the guidelines for an Executive Session. The first meeting will include the Sheriff, Chief Peek, Kevin Dollar, Jim Turnbach, Shane Ellison, and all Commissioners present. The second meeting will include Marilyn Lott, Jim Turnbach, Kevin Dollar, Shane Ellison, and all Commissioners present. District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5; and District 6 - yes. The first Executive Session started at 9:25 am and went into the second Executive Session at 10:23 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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 reconvene from the Executive Session at 11:05 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Commissioner Ramsey had to leave at 11:05 am and the Commission still had a quorum with Commissioners Johnny Grant; Jamie Grant; Jeffery Washington, and Craig Inzer.

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery 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:

The Resolution authorizing the Agreement between Etowah County Commission and The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment book 11, Page 107.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jeffery Washington, seconded by Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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:

The Agreement No. 01-99-0132 between the U.S. Marshal’s Service and the Etowah County Commission concerning the Etowah County Detention Center. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 108.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

- Chief Administrative Officer:** No Report.
- County Engineer:** No Report.
- County Attorney:** No Report.
- Other:** No Report.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Sheriff Horton said he appreciated the Commission approving the agreement with the U. S. Marshal’s and believes it strengthens the relationship with ICE. He also thanked Kevin and Shane for their hard work.

Commissioner Inzer thanked Jim for all of his help and said he believed the Growing Alabama Grant has helped the Megasite preparations and with the moving of the Railroad Crossing. He said some construction in District 4 would also help with the Megasite. He said he believed the Sheriff and ICE were moving in the right direction.

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone including the Commissioners and the Sheriff to being on the same page and to keep moving forward. He said he was excited about the direction they were moving.

Commissioner Johnny Grant agrees.

Commissioner Jamie Grant thanked the Sheriff, Chief Hill, and Chief Peek for all of their hard work. He said there was a lot going on in the county and it was moving in the right direction. He also thanked Kevin Dollar and Shane Ellison for all of their hard work.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Jeffery Washington, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am.

ABSENT

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

ABSENT

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, President, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6