

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
April 20, 2021**

Commissioner Jamie Grant called the meeting to order on the 20th Day of April, 2021 at 9:00 am with Probate Judge Scott Hassell asking the Prayer and the Commissioner leading 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 HEARING: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Advanced 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 1, 2021**. 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

Proclamation declaring April 2021 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month was presented to representatives from the Family Success Center. Teresa Owens accepted the Proclamation and said they went to the schools and talked to around 10,000 students to let them know what they should do if they are in an abusive environment and have character education based programs through the Family Success Center. A copy of this Proclamation was filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 114.

Proclamation to Recognize April as National Community College Month was presented to Gadsden State Community College representatives Dr. Kathy Murphy, President; Kevin McFry, Kenneth Kirkland, Pamela Johnson, Kelley Pearce, and Dr. Leslie Worthington. Dr. Murphy expressed their appreciation to the Commissioners for their support. She stressed their commitment to the community and building on the foundation which began under Dr. Lavender. A copy of this Proclamation was filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 115.

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:12 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 9:30 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF APRIL, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 Meetings dated April 6, 2021, and of the Special Called Meeting dated April 13, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for April 20, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Credit Card Purchasing Charges for February 17, 2021 through March 2, 2021 has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 109.
- D. To approve the Proclamation recognizing the importance of the United States Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and declaring April 2021 as Fair Housing Month. Also, to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Proclamation has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 110.
- E. To approve the 'Resolution to Open Bank Accounts' giving Shane Ellison, CAO, and the Commission President the authority to designate a depository for the funds of Etowah County at any bank declared as a 'safe' bank by the Etowah County Commission. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 111.
- F. To place the name of Clara Reeves in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective April 15, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- G. To place the name of Dustin Crum in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective April 13, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- H. To place the name of Andrew McGill in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective April 13, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- I. To place the name of Jacob Watson in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective April 12, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- J. To place the name of Kerry Young in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective May 3, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- K. To declare the following items as surplus:

Drug Enforcement Unit:

IBM Think Pad Computer – Serial# KM-08502 0310

- L. To make the following Budget Amendment to account for the county vehicles from the Sheriff's Office that were sold at auction on April 10, 2021:

Increase:	Direct Support – Public Safety (001.52100.291)	\$12,150
	Sale of Capital Assets – (001.61210-000)	\$11,150
	Other Revenue (001.4000.47900-00)	\$1,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner 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 have the Final Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Type 070- Retail Table Wine (Off Premise Only) for applicant **DJDM II LLC (Haya Mahmoud Ghazal & Mustafa Kamal Musa)** under the trade name **EXPRESS MART 38, located at 1220 Appalachian Hwy, Gadsden, Al 35901**. This is a license transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, 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 approve the 'Addendum to Video Services Agreement' with AT&T Alabama and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. The terms of this agreement will expire on December 31, 2025. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 112.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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:

The Budget Amendments listed in Attachment I, effective March 31, 2021, totaling \$1,120,597 due to the CARES Act Reimbursement. The Attachment I with the Budget Amendment Details has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 113.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: Shane reminded the Commissioners that July 16-18, 2021 will be the Back-to-School Tax Holiday which Etowah County will observe unless the Commission votes against it. No one had a problem with the Tax Holiday.

County Engineer: No Report.

County Attorney: No Report.

Other: No Report.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS: The Commissioners discussed Advanced Manufacturing at GSCC and the need to buy-in to the program. GSCC is working on getting a \$10 million dollar grant from Aspire and were hoping to get local support from the county and the municipalities. The Commissioners discussed the need for workforce development to help attract companies to this area. There was discussion about doing a resolution to show support, just to have a formal declaration from the Commission and if they needed to include a financial contribution from the Commissioners to support the program. Shane said they had requested something from GSCC to specify the program and way the funds would be used so they could complete a formal agreement.

Commissioner Inzer discussed the grant that was being used to do some work at the Megasite and the importance of those improvements. He also discussed an issue with speeding in the Whorton Bend area and four bad wrecks recently. He was trying to find a way to slow people down and get them to be more aware of others on the road. He commended the Rainbow City Fire and Rescue on what a great job they were doing. Also mentioned there were several people in his district that needed garbage cans or their cans replaced.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Dr. Murphy and also the Family Success Center for all they do. Thanked everyone involved for their hard work on the ICE Contract renewal and the Road Department for their work on Burgess Road. He thanked everyone for their hard work on getting the CARES ACT Grant reimbursement. He talked about 2 or 3 Bills coming up with the Legislators.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said they needed guard rails on Pleasant Hill Road and the road department was working on getting them. He thanked them for their hard work.

Commissioner Statum thanked Dr. Murphy and her staff and said he would reach out to her and let her know the Commission was working on a formal agreement and planned to help with the program. He also thanked the County Extension Office for all they do for the counties.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he would really like to get the litter control program started back up (with the inmates) but the Officer over that program has been out. Hopefully they can start back soon. He thanked the Workforce Development for their support and talked about the 2 proclamations presented at the meeting today.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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