

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
October 19, 2021**

Commissioner Jamie Grant called the meeting to order on the 19th Day of October, 2021 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Washington asking the Prayer and Commissioner Jamie Grant leading 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 1 – Joey Statum
District 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington

Absent: District 6 – Craig Inzer

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Harvey Martin and Leonard Kiser addressed the Commission. Harvey Martin turned in a public request for some expense report information on the Commissioners. Leonard Kiser complained about a State Law that was passed in the 2019 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature that provided the Sheriff with a monthly expense allowance. He contends that the Law that was passed conflicts with Alabama Law. He demanded the Commission stop paying the funds immediately and to get the funds that had already been paid back.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: 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, November 6, 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

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:29 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order after the recess at 9:35 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 October 5, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 19th, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the September 2021 Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers and a copy of the Purchasing Credit Card Charges for July, August, and September, 2021, have been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 023.
- D. To place the name of Eric Johns in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Certified – Part Time (29 hour), effective October 4, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- E. To place the name of Matt Sims in the Drug Enforcement Unit job slot of Evidence Technician -DEU Agent Part Time (up to 29 hours), effective November 1, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the DEU Fund, at an hourly rate of \$21.22.
- F. To place the name of Jonathan Callahan in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 25, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- G. To place the name of Juvah Williams in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 6, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- H. To place the name of Ralph Kinsey in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 1, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- I. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Billy Wallace as an Equipment Operator, effective October 19, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- J. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Allen Smith as an Equipment Operator, effective October 19, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- K. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to transfer Timothy Broom to a Heavy Equipment Operator, effective October 19, 2021. This is a promotion to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.99.
- L. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to transfer Harold Smith to a Heavy Equipment Operator, effective October 19, 2021. This is a promotion to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.99.
- M. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew Bid No FY 2019-2020-04 Batteries – Automobiles/Heavy Equipment, with the current vendor, O'Reilly Auto Parts, as provided for in the original bid (for the third and final year).
- N. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid NO FY 2020-2021-24 Janitorial Supplies to McCleskey Brothers, the lowest, responsible bidder.
- O. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following Budget Amendment (due to the purchase of the property and building at 333 5th Street N. in Gadsden to be used for extra shop room by the Road Department):

Gasoline Tax Fund:

Increase:	Land (111.53100-521)	\$40,283
	Buildings (111.53100-561)	\$85,600
	Operating Transfer in – General Fund (111.61000-001)	\$125,000
	Fund Balance (111.35900)	\$883

General Fund:

Increase:	Operating Transfer Out – Gasoline Tax Fund (111.62000-001)	\$125,000
Decrease:	Fund Balance (111.35900)	\$125,000

- P. To approve all SAFE program banks in Etowah County eligible to be designated as a county depository for the next year for the Probate Office, beginning October 1, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 approve the Budget for the Mobile Crisis Assistance Team (MCAT) for 2021-2022. A copy of this Budget has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 approve the request of Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate, to transfer David Weaver to an External Programs Coordinator (unclassified), effective October 25, 2021. This is a newly created and budgeted to be paid from the MCATS Fund, at an hourly rate of \$25.00.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

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 approve the Resolution of the Etowah County Commission to support the Etowah County Sheriff in his efforts to ensure public safety by continuing to issue pistol permits through his office to all County residents who are duly qualified and to denounce House Bill 39 and Senate Bill 47 which call for the establishment of a pistol permit database with permits being issued through Alabama Law Enforcement Agency in Montgomery; and to authorize the Commission President to sign on behalf of the Commission. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 approve the following Bid Awards administered through the ACCA County Joint Bid Program for Debris Removal and Monitoring Services for Region 7. (A copy of their bid Submittals is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 026.) This meets the requirements of FEMA to have a pre-disaster agreement in place but if it’s a small amount we do our own.

- a. To award the Bid for the Region 7 Debris Removal Services contract to Crowder Gulf, LLC.
- b. To award the Bid for the Region 7 Debris Monitoring Services contract to DebrisTech, LLC.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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

To approve the Resolution extending Etowah County’s participation in the Association of County Commissions of Alabama Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurers Fund for a three-year period through September 30, 2024 and to authorize the Commission President to execute the agreement. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

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 adopt a Resolution No. 10192021-1 establishing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Standard for Incident Management in Etowah County, designate Deborah Gaither as the Local Point of Contact, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 028.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 appoint Tim Ramsey and Bill Brodeur as representatives for the Gadsden-Etowah Emergency Management Agency Executive Committee and to appoint Johnny Grant as the alternative for Tim Ramsey and Shane Ellison as the alternative for Bill Brodeur. This Committee consists of 9 voting members with Etowah County having 2 representatives.

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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 approve the Resolution to Authorize Etowah County Rural Transportation to enter into Third Party Agreements with Access2Care, Medicaid, and Smeltzer Center. Also, to approve the Agreement between Etowah County Commission and Smeltzer Center Relative to Transportation Services; and to authorize the Commission President to execute both documents. A copy of these Agreements has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 029.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 declare the following furniture items as surplus and to authorize these items to be donated: Five Gray Recliners and One Gray Sofa.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny 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 approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Perforated Plate (metal) 3/16” x 4” x 10’ (for Jail Improvements).

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Washington thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Judge Hassell for his efforts on the MCAT Program and thanked Deborah (EMA). He said he was glad the numbers were coming down on Covid. He thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Statum thanked Judge Hassell for his vision (on the MCAT Program). He said he thinks the project will be bigger than what it seems now and everyone will participate before it’s over with.

Commissioner Jamie Grant reminded everyone that Saturday was shred day and he thanked Traci for coming to the meeting. He thanked the visitors for signing up to address the Commission with their concerns. He also thanked Judge Hassell for coming up with a program that should improve some of the county issues.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Washington with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 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

ABSENT

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6