

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
November 16, 2021**

Commissioner Jamie Grant called the meeting to order on the 16th Day of November, 2021 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Statum asking the Prayer and Commissioner Jamie Grant leading 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 3 – Jamie Grant

District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 - Craig Inzer

Absent: - Johnny Grant, District 2 Commissioner
Tim Ramsey, District 4 Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Harvey Martin made several comments regarding the Sheriff's 'raise' and said he was now a legitimate member of the media. This topic has already been brought up by Mr. Martin in the last meeting and the Commission has already made a statement in response to his questions. Mr. Martin was being argumentative with the Commissioners and was asked to sit down if he didn't have a different topic to discuss.

Keith Davis was at the meeting to represent the Etowah County Sheriff's Reserve Unit. He said they cover over 40 events a year on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. He said, the Reserves buy their own equipment and cover 100 hours a month as volunteers. Sometimes they represent the face of the Sheriff's Office and even though they are sworn deputies, they are not funded by the Sheriff's Office. They also work 2 races a year and were asking for any discretionary funds the Commissioners may be able to give them to support their organization. They are just trying to let people know what they do and the services they provide. They need funds to purchase Kevlar Vests and equipment.

Katie Bohannon with the Messenger was at the meeting to discuss a non-profit fundraiser called the Great Gadsden Bake Off. They have several charities they are supporting with the program including: the Etowah Sheriff's Charities, 21 Kids Foundation, Family Success Center, Breakaway Ministries, The Barrie Center, and YMCA. There are several contestants including Commissioner Jeffery Washington and Commissioner Jamie Grant. One of the three Judges is Probate Judge Scott Hassell. The fundraiser takes place at The Venue at Coosa Landing on Friday, December 3rd, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The tickets are \$15 and 100% of the sales will go to the winning non-profit. (all non-profits will receive something).

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Upon motion of Commissioner 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 9:25 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 after the recess at 9:37 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum 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 November 2, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for November 16, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for October, 2021 is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 33.
- D. To place the name of Robert Conway in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 15, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- E. To place the name of Jordan Griffith in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective November 16, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- F. To place the name of Bobby Gossett in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 8, 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 Deborah Riggs in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Administrative Technician, effective November 15, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- H. To approve the request of Kevin Hassell, DEU Commander, to hire Bobby Ridgeway as a DEU Agent, effective November 15, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the DEU Fund, at an hourly rate of \$19.30.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 accept the resignation of Marilyn Lott, Economic Development Director, effective Thursday, December 2, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

Upon 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 authorize the agreement with Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood for professional design services for the Little Canoe Creek Site Grading Project – Phase II. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 34.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

Upon 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 adopt the 2022 Schedule for the Regular Meetings of the Etowah County Commission. A copy of the Schedule is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 35.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner 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 Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator, to declare the following as surplus:

2002 Ford Econoline Van VIN# 1FDWE35L12HB70805

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

Upon 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 authorize an ATRIP-II grant application through the Alabama Department of Transportation for funding of intersection improvements at U.S. Hwy 411 and Whorton Bend Road and to authorize the Commission President or CAO to execute the documents. A copy of this application is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 36.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

Upon 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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss Safety and Security after a roll call vote to execute the agreement. The County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, certified the reason for the meeting as meeting the criteria required. District 1 – Yes; District 3 – Yes; District 5 – Yes; and District 6 – Yes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

Upon 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 reconvene from Execute Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

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

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS: None.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Washington with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

ABSENT

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

ABSENT

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Jamie W. Grant, President, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6