

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
December 7, 2021**

Commissioner Jamie Grant called the meeting to order on the 7th Day of December, 2021 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Johnny Grant asking the Prayer and Commissioner Jamie Grant 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 2 - Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 - Craig Inzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Harvey Martin asked questions about the Conferences the Commissioners attend and wanted to know if he could go. He said he was writing letters and requesting to attend. He said they had been able to have the Demolition Derby for the last 4 years and raise money but this year they couldn't because the bleachers were moved. He said he had to have the bleachers before he could get liability insurance and he couldn't find them this year. Mr. Martin was told that the Commission does not own the Fair Grounds in Attalla or the bleachers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: Scott Hassell wished everyone a Merry Christmas. (Tim Ramsey said he appreciated the Communication from other departments letting them know what all was going on). Scott said the Boat License renewal is online now so the only thing not online is Business License Renewal. He is also working on the phone tree in his department to make it better by having one person to answer the phone for his department. This designated employee would hopefully be able to answer most questions and the ones they can't answer they can route to the correct employee.

Eric Wright said they had updated the Extension Office website and he reported on the upcoming events.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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 recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:12 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order after the recess at 9:37 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of 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 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 16, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission will be on the agenda for the December 21, 2021 meeting.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for December 7, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, Wire Transfers, and Purchasing Charges for November, 2021 are filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 37.

- D. To place the name of Alfonzo Kimble in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Part-time Detention Deputy (up to 29 hours), effective November 29, 2021. This is a part-time replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- E. To place the name of Summer Beason in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective December 3, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- F. To place the name of James Foster in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective December 20, 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 Frances Conway in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective December 3, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.98.
- H. To approve the request of Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to hire Rachel Wood as an Administrative Secretary, effective December 7, 2021. This is a transfer and a replacement to be paid from the RSVP Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.30.
- I. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Dana Justice as a Part-time Revenue Collection Clerk (up to 29 hours), effective December 20, 2021. This is a part-time replacement to be paid from the General – Revenue Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- J. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Raigan Williams as Revenue Tag & Title Clerk, effective December 20, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the General –Revenue Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- K. To approve all SAFE program banks in Etowah County eligible to be designated as a county depository for the next calendar year.
- L. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to designate all SAFE Program banks in Etowah County as eligible to be the depository for the operating funds of the Revenue Commissioner's Office of Tags and Titles for the year beginning October 1, 2021. This also includes the satellite offices located in Hokes Bluff, Rainbow City, and Sardis.
- M. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to designate all SAFE Program banks in Etowah County as eligible to be the depository for the operating funds of the Revenue Commissioner's Office for Collections beginning October 1, 2021. This also includes the collections of all real and business personal property, mobile homes, and redemptions.
- N. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to renew *Bid No FY 2019-2020-03 Sheriff's Office – Uniforms* with the current vendor (**Galls, LLC**) for a third and final year as provided for in the original bid.
- O. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Residential Solid Waste Collection & Disposal. (A clause in the original bid with Advanced Disposal allowed a potential re-bid in the event the Sand Valley Landfill opened.)
- P. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Metal & Side Drain Pipe.
- Q. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Finished Traffic Signs.
- R. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Mattresses with Pillow – Jail. (The current vendor cannot maintain the current pricing and used the 30 day opt-out provided for in the contract.
- S. To approve the Albireo/Schneider Electric Proposal to make repairs at the Detention Center and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 38.
- T. To approve the 'Agreement for Document Processing Services' with Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC., and to authorize the CAO to execute all documents. (This is for the Probate and Revenue Commissioner's Offices). A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 39.
- U. To approve an agreement with JM Woods Auction Company for 16 pieces of equipment to be auctioned in the March 2022 or the June 2022 Auction for the Road Department. A copy of this Agreement is filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 40.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 have the First Reading to appoint Steve Johnson to the Highland Water Authority Board to complete the term of Leon Young (who passed away on September 5, 2021). This term will expire on March 1, 2027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

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 approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments (Vacation, Sick Leave, PTO Buyback):

Budget Amendments:	
<u>Increase - General Fund</u> -	
County Commission	
Salaries & Wages (001.51100-113)	\$3,990
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51100-124)	\$305
Probate Judge’s Office	
Salaries & Wages (001.51300-113)	\$4,480
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51300-124)	\$343
Revenue Commissioner’s Office	
Salaries & Wages (001.51600-113)	\$5,911
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51600-124)	\$452
Personnel	
Salaries & Wages (001.51962-113)	\$3,875
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51962-114)	\$297
License Inspector	
Salaries & Wages (001.51980-113)	\$848
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.51980-124)	\$65
Maintenance	
Salaries & Wages (001.51995-113)	\$8,059
Social Security / Medicare Taxes (001.51995-124)	\$617
Sheriff’s Office	
Salaries & Wages (001.52100-113)	\$28,445
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.52100-124)	\$2,176
Jail	
Salaries & Wages 9001.52200-113)	\$19,333
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.52200-124)	\$1,479
MCAT	
Salaries & Wages (001.55210-113)	\$1,000
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (001.55210-124)	\$77
Animal Shelter	
Salaries & Wages (001.55400-113)	\$808
Social Security/Medicare Wages (001.55400-124)	\$62
Decrease: Fund Balance (001.35900)	\$82,622
 <u>Increase - Gasoline Tax Fund:</u>	
Salaries & Wages (111.53100-113)	\$11,179
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (111.53100-124)	\$855
Decrease: Fund Balance (111.35900)	\$12,034
 <u>Increase - RSVP Fund</u>	
Salaries & Wages (176.56230-113)	\$745
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (176.56230-124)	\$57
Decrease: Fund Balance (176.35900)	\$802
 <u>Increase – ICE Fund</u>	
Salaries & Wages (195.52210-113)	\$9,429
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (195.52210-124)	\$721
Decrease: Fund Balance (195.35900)	\$10,150
 <u>Increase – Rural Transportation</u>	
Salaries & Wages (271.56210-113)	\$556
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (271.56210-124)	\$43
Salaries & Wages (271.56211-113)	\$1,879
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (271.56211-124)	\$144
Decrease: Fund Balance (271.35900)	\$2,622
 <u>Increase - DEU Fund</u>	
Salaries & Wages (288.52970-113)	\$3,315
Social Security/Medicare Taxes (288.52970-124)	\$254
Decrease: Fund Balance (288.35900)	\$3,569

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Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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: the first to discuss Pending Litigation and the second to discuss Business and Commerce after a roll call vote with the majority approving the sessions. The County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, certified the reasons for the two meetings a meeting the criteria required. District 1 – Yes; District 2 – Yes; District 3 – Yes; District 4 – Yes; District 5 – Yes; and District 6 – Yes. The Commission went into Executive Session at 9:50 am and the first meeting involved all Commissioners, Dana Rice, Mayor Snyder of Southside and Mayor Taylor of Rainbow City, and Shane Ellison. The second meeting involved Jim Turnbach, Shane Ellison, and all Commissioners.

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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 reconvene from Executive Sessions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Statum, with Commissioner Washington requesting a roll call vote, the following resolution was adopted with the majority voting yes:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved with the following vote
- Commissioner Statum – Yes; Commissioner Johnny Grant – Yes; Commissioner Jamie Grant – Yes; Commissioner Ramsey – Yes; Commissioner Washington – No, and Commissioner Inzer - Yes:

To approve the Resolution Authorizing the CAO to take the action discussed in the Executive Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 and reminded everyone of the upcoming Chocolate, Champaign & Crimson event Fundraiser.

Commissioner Inzer congratulated Shane on 2 years as CAO of Etowah County and thanked him and the Commission for working together.

Commissioner Johnny Grant thanked Mayors Snyder and Taylor for coming to the meeting. He also commended the Commissioners for all working together and not being in a constant argument.

Commissioner Statum thanked the Mayors for coming and reminded everyone of the upcoming parade and events in Southside. He thanked Mr. Gamble for coming to the meeting and said he appreciated all he did.

Shane reminded everyone there would be a work session on December 14th and the last meeting for the year on December 21st. (We will not have a work session on December 28th).

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 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