

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
December 21, 2021**

Commissioner Jamie Grant called the meeting to order on the 21st Day of December, 2021 at 9:00 am with Commissioner Ramsey 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 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 - Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Jamie Grant	District 6 - Craig Inzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Harvey Martin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for coming to the Christmas Parade. He also thanked Commissioner Jamie Grant for handing out the candy. He said he was thankful for what the County Commission did regarding the rendering plant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 9:22 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 and December 7, 2021, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for December 21, 2021.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the ‘Control System Planned Maintenance Program’ with Albireo Energy for maintenance in the Detention Center, effective January 1, 2022, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 12, Page 41.
- E. To place the name of Courtney Halverson in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective December 13, 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 Chad Farris 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 Savannah Mosley 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.
- H. To place the name of Anthony Davis in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Certified Deputy Sheriff, effective January 3, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office General Fund at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- I. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Lyndsie Gunter as a Revenue Tag & Title Clerk, effective January 3, 2022. This is a replacement to be paid from the Revenue - General Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- J. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Pam Washington to Revenue Collection Clerk, effective December 21, 2021. This is a replacement to be paid from the Revenue – General Fund at an hourly rate of \$13.24.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 have the Final Reading and Approval 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 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 reappoint Reginald Adams to the Etowah County Department of Human Resources for another six year term, as recommended by the Board of the Etowah County Department of Human Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st 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 authorize two Executive Sessions: the first to discuss Pending Litigation after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. The County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, certified the reason for the meeting as meeting the requirements. 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 9:25 am and those present included Jim Turnbach, Kevin Dollar, Shane Ellison, and all six Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 reconvene from Executive Session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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 authorize the Commission President or CAO, after consulting with the County Attorney, to execute settlement agreement(s) with defendants in the pending Opioid Litigation (as offers are made).

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: No Report.

County Engineer: Robert Nail wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

County Attorney: No Report.

Other: No Report.

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Statum wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and blessed holiday season.

Commissioner Johnny Grant talked about his grandchildren and had one of his great-grandsons at the meeting with him.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked the Gadsden Airport Authority for moving in the right direction. He also said we all have problems we wish we could fix (like the roads in his district) and need money to help make things better.

Commissioner Washington wished everyone a Merry Christmas and hoped everyone enjoyed their family and holiday.

Commissioner Inzer wished everyone Merry Christmas and said to keep everyone in their prayers. The holidays are hard for some people (he said he was attending a funeral today). He said he appreciated the Airport Authority and this Commission doing what they had to do to get back in a positive direction. He thought Jamie Grant did a great job as Commission President this year.

Commissioner Jamie Grant said he appreciated everyone.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, 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