

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
January 8th, 2019**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 8th Day of January, 2019. Commissioner Ramsey served as the Commission President in November and December of 2018 and said he felt it was a privilege to sit in as the Commission President and he appreciated everyone's support. He then passed the gavel over to Commissioner Statum, the 2019 Commission President.

Commissioner Statum called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Commissioner Washington led in the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: Scott Hassell was at the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: Karen Bates, County Clerk, called the roll to establish a quorum. The following 5 out of 6 Commission members answered to their names and accordingly and quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum	District 2 – Johnny Grant
District 4 – Tim Ramsey	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 – Craig Inzer, Jr.	

Absent: Larry V. Payne – District 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: Commissioner Statum read and presented a Proclamation to Bobby Junkins, Judge of Probate from the Commission, to commemorate him on his lifetime achievements and service. Commissioner Statum expressed his appreciation for how helpful Judge Junkins had been to him over the years and what a good person he is to everyone. Judge Junkins was very appreciative of the recognition and thankful toward his staff and employees, saying they were the ones that kept things going smoothly. He survived 14 audits and over 50 elections. He said he believed he was the only Probate Judge to perform a wedding in a Goodyear Blimp. He said it had been a wonderful place to work and he was very fortunate to be in public service. He encouraged everyone to visit the archives in Montgomery and to see the 'Alabama Voices' display there.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner 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 Meeting dated December 18th, 2018, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for January 8th, 2019.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Online Transfers, Wire Transfers, and Cash Disbursements; and a copy of the Credit Card Purchasing Charges for October through December, 2018, have been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 028.
- D. To approve the request of Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to transfer Samantha Snow to Administrative Secretary – RSVP, to replace Joy Morrison, effective January 14, 2018. This job is funded with a one-time augmentation of the RSVP Grant through CNCS and is in effect through September 30, 2020. This will be paid through the RSVP, Program-Operating Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- E. To place the name of Jarron Smith in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 7, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid by the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of 11.99.
- F. To place the name of Michael Capes in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 7, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- G. To place the name of Matthew Walker in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 7, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of 11.99.
- H. To place the name of Dacin Lowe in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 7, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- I. To place the name of Charles Jason Argo in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy, effective December 31, 2018. This is a voluntary demotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund at an hourly rate of 21.17.
- J. To place the name of Avery Gibbs in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective January 7, 2019. This is a transfer from part-time to full-time and will be paid by the ICE Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.29.

- K. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to extend Bid No. FY 2016-2017-03 Janitorial Services Fleet Maintenance Building for an additional year with Alabama Rent-A-Maid as provided for in the original bid.
- L. To approve the request from the City of Gadsden to allow them to use the Auto Mark machines for voter assistance in conjunction with the referendum election scheduled for January 22, 2019.
- M. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to declare the Dell Latitude E5570 Laptop Computer, Asset# 10054 as surplus.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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 First Reading to appoint Gary Williamson to the Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection District Board of Directors for a four-year term. This is to replace Simeon Morton whose term expires January 10, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

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

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Inzer said he appreciated all the employees and thanked them for what they do.

Commissioner Washington thanked Judge Junkins and his employees for the outstanding job they have always done.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked Judge Junkins for his long service and for all he has done for the County. He wished him good luck in retirement.

Commissioner Statum thanked Judge Junkins staff for the great job they do and thanked Bobby Junkins for all of the great advice and direction he has given him over the years. He always said to do the right thing, even if it means making a stand that was unpopular. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, President, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

ABSENT

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6