

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
April 16th, 2019**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 16th Day of April, 2019. Commissioner Statum called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Commissioner Washington led in the Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

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

District 1 – Joey Statum	District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Larry V. Payne	District 6 – Craig Inzer

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, May 4th, 2019. They do not accept tires, batteries, appliances, or hazardous waste.

Location 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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:

Bryan Pitman and other representatives of the *ICE 287g Team* discussed their program and presented an award to the Etowah County Sheriff's Office. This program is a Federal Law passed by congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act and Etowah County Offices are trained to check immigration status on people after they have been arrested for some other reason. If they are illegal, ICE makes the final decision on how to handle the immigration status. They have only had 79 foreign national through the program with 1% total arrests. The foreign born percentage for Etowah County is 3% so there are no issues in this county. Mr. Pittman thanked the Commission and Citizens and said the officers were doing a great job and were great to work with. He presented the volunteer with a plaque and also the Sheriff for their 10 year partnership.

Commission President Joey Statum presented a Proclamation to Gadsden State Community College President Martha Lavender in recognition of *April as Community College Month*. She had 2 members of her staff (Dr. Teresa Ray & Pam Johnson) and she thanked the Commission for their support. Dr. Lavender said without question, the college helps the community and is an affordable and accessible source for citizens to get training, certifications, and degrees. She said the sales tax makes a big difference and she was appreciative that they receive it. They are renovating Allen Hall and adding a new Science Building because theirs was outdated.

Commissioner Statum then presented Deana Thacker and Tammy Jackson, from the Family Success Center, a Proclamation to recognize *April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month* which is funded with the 'Safe and Successful Program (grant)' but they are required to put \$1 for each \$2 received. Deanna goes to all of the schools and has age appropriate presentations with all of the students by class. Every 47 seconds a child is abused and even one death is one too many. Aaron Law was passed requiring all students receive 'Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention' education and Deanna worked with over 11,398 students last year.

Belinda Childress, Executive Director of Animal Control discussed issues they had at the Animal Shelter and told the story of one dog that was found neglected and nursed back to health through care with the veterinarian and donations to cover expenses. She filled out a grant application at Petco telling about the process and efforts made for his recovery with him ultimately finding his forever home. Through this story, the Etowah County Animal Control was awarded \$50,000 for capital improvements at the Shelter. Belinda thanked Logan Holfelder (from Petco) for all of his help and *Petco* for making the grants possible and awarding it to Etowah County.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Statum, 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 April 2nd, 2019, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for April 16th, 2019.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for March, 2019, and the Purchase Credit Card Charges for December 31, 2019 through March 14, 2019 has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 40.
- D. To place the name of Chellsea Davis in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective April 29th, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, ICE Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- E. To place the name of Tahj Taylor in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective April 29th, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- F. To place the name of Austin Stephens in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy effective April 22nd, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- G. To place the name of Richella Bradford in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy effective April 22nd, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid from the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- H. To place the name of Kenneth Dobbins in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy effective April 22nd, 2019. This is a new hire to be paid from the Jail Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- I. To place the name of Janice Ash in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Part-time Accounting Technician effective April 1st, 2019. This is a Part-time position replacing a full-time position to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- J. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Sydney Griffith as a Revenue Tag & Title Clerk effective April 15, 2019. This is a transfer to be paid from the General – Revenue Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.41.
- K. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Savannah Britt as Revenue Tag & Title Clerk effective April 29, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund - Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- L. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Deborah Reeves as Part-time Revenue Tag & Title Clerk effective April 16, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund - Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- M. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Diana Greco to Revenue Personal Property Clerk effective April 16, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- N. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for one or more 2019 Small/Mid-size 4x4 SUV Vehicle(s) with one being for the Constable.
- O. To approve the request Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to declare the following as surplus:
- HP Photosmart Plus printer, serial number CN09K2P7J2
 Samsung ML-2525W printer, serial number Z4L0BABSC02552W
 Lexmark E250D printer, serial number 620FHC7
 Lenovo Thinkpad, Etowah County Commission tag number 09460
- P. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO to declare the following as surplus:
- 2018 Ford F-150 White Pickup Truck - VIN# 1FTEX1E51JKE50161
 (Animal Control)
- 2008 Chevrolet Impala, Asset # 9213 VIN# 2G1WB58K581322391
 (Constable's Office)
- Q. To approve the request of Lee Taylor, Chief Administrator- Sheriff's Office, to declare the following as surplus:
- 2003 Ford Crown Vic – White VIN# 2FAFP71W43X154613
- R. To approve the request of Scott Hassell, Judge of Probate, to declare the following as surplus:
- 1 Dukane sound rack with misc. amps and recording devices (no longer works)
- S. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO to declare the following as surplus:
- 1 IBM 6252 Printer – SN 01-70040 Asset # 7085 (located in Commission Office)

T. To approve the request of David Akins, CAO, to declare the following as surplus:

Property located on Reservoir Street (Ewing ADD Plat B-396, Lots 10 thru 14)
(closed chert pit)

U. To approve the request of Traci Pondick, Director RSVP, to approve the ‘FTA Fiscal Year 2019 Certifications & Assurances for FTA Assistance Programs’ and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 041.

V. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, for a 370 day loan with River Bank & Trust at an interest rate of 2.45%, with interest paid monthly and the principal due at majority, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. The loan is to pay for the purchase of the Sheriff’s Office Fleet Replacement Program. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 042.

W. To approve the Hunting Lease with Wesson Lake Club and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. The Lease is for a one year term and has been reviewed by Jim Turnbach, County Attorney. A copy of the Lease has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 043.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 have the First Reading to reappoint Renee Culverhouse to the CED Mental Health Board. This will be for a six-year term ending April 30, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

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 authorize an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. This meeting was approved by Jim Turnbach, County Attorney, as meeting the guidelines for an Executive Session and the Commissioners, Kevin Dollar (CFO), David Akins (CAO), and the County Attorney dismissed for the Session at 10:40 am. The roll call to approve the session: Joey Statum – yes; Johnny Grant – yes; Larry Payne – yes; Tim Ramsey – yes; Jeffery Washington – yes; and Craig Inzer – yes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, 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 Executive Session at 11:30 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Payne, 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:

The Proposal for Etowah County to enter into a Central Etowah Solid Waste Authority Membership Agreement with the Central Etowah Solid Waste Authority (CESWA), renewable as specified in membership agreement, which shall be generally in the form attached to the ‘Letter of Intent’ as Exhibit A, with the County Attorney approving the Attachment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 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: None.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Joey Statum, President, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6