

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
May 21st, 2019**

Jason Harden with East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission held a Public Hearing regarding an application for a CDGB Water Grant for Ford's Valley Water Authority. He had everyone sign in and after explaining the program he asked if there were any questions. The grant will require a 10% match and the water authority that is applying for the grant is Ford's Valley Water. LADD Engineering was awarded the bid to help prepare the documents for the grant application. There were no comments and the Public Hearing was adjourned.

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 21st Day of May, 2019. Commissioner Statum called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Commissioner Grant 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: The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, May 27th, for Memorial Day.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Payne, 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 May 7th, 2019, and of the Special Called Meeting dated May 14th, 2019, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.

B. The Proposed Agenda for May 21st, 2019.

C. Reported Financial Transactions.

D. To approve the request of Lora Weaver, Rural Transportation Director, to hire Jason McElrath as a Part-time Driver effective May 22, 2019. This is a replacement for a part-time position to be paid from the Rural Transportation Fund, at an hourly rate of \$9.85.

E. To approve the request of Michael Powell, Sheriff's Office Executive Assistant, to make the following budget adjustments:

Increase: Office Supplies (001.52100.211) \$4,000

Decrease: Equipment <Threshold (001.52100.471) \$4,000

F. To approve the request of Michael Powell, Sheriff's Office Executive Assistant, to declare the following vehicle as surplus:

2012 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV – VIN # 1GNLC2E08CR274420

G. To renew the CrisisGo Agreement for 3 years with an annual payment and to authorize the CAO to execute the agreement. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 047.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

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:

The Resolution to apply for a CDBG Grant administered by the State of Alabama, to use LADD Environmental Consultants for the application preparation and to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2019.

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 two Executive Sessions, the first of which to discuss potential litigation and the second of which to discuss economic development, after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. The County Attorney has specified that both meetings are permissible and the first meeting will have the Sheriff, Commissioners, Jeff Little, County Attorney, Judge Ogletree, Judge Clay, Judge Nabors, Cassandra Johnson (Circuit Clerk) and the second meeting will have Marilyn Lott, Commissioners, and County Attorney. The executive sessions started at 10:10 am. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; District 6 – yes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2019.

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 Executive Session at 12:12 pm.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2019.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

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

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Inzer commented that he was opposed to the local bills, the lodging tax and home rule.
Commissioner Grant said he also is opposed.
Commissioner Washington said he was also.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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