

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
September 10th, 2019**

The Etowah County Commission met in a Special Called Meeting on the 10th Day of September, 2019. Commissioner Statum called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and Commissioner Ramsey 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

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 authorize two Executive Session with the first one to discuss the Etowah County Industrial Development Authority (which involves good name and character) and the second to discuss the position of the Etowah County Chief Administrative Office (which involves pending or threatened litigation) after a roll call vote with the majority approving the sessions. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 – yes. Those attending the meetings include the Commissioners, County Attorney and Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner 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 at 10:40 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

After returning from the Executive Session the following Resolutions were proposed and adopted:

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner 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:

The Etowah County Commission has recognized that there continues to be confusion as a result of the creation of the Etowah County Industrial Development Authority (Etowah Economic Alliance). The confusion arises out of the recent existence of other Industrial Development Authorities in other municipalities with Etowah County.

The Etowah County Commission understands that there has been several resignations from the Board of Directors of the Etowah County Industrial Development Authority.

Based upon the continued existence of the confusion, and the resignations from the Board of Directors of the Etowah County Industrial Development Authority, I move that Mrs. Marilyn Lott, who was hired by Etowah County to be the President and CEO of the Etowah Economic Alliance, be reassigned to the Etowah Commission and that she continue all of her duties and responsibilities involved with the development and promotion of the Etowah County Little Canoe Creek Mega-Site. Henceforth, she will report directly to the Etowah County Commission.

If this Resolution is approved by the Commission, it is anticipated, subject to confirmation by the county’s other municipalities, that the Resolution will result in bringing an end to the existing confusion, as well as result in the creation of an atmosphere of mutual cooperation among the municipal governments in the County and the Etowah County Commission.

The Etowah County Commission continues to make steps toward the ultimate goal of attracting a major industrial development to the Mega-Site as well as trying to unite all municipalities in Etowah County toward a common goal. The Commission hopes to be able to make public some of the steps that are being taken to attract a major industrial development to the Mega-Site as we all move forward.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

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:

Due solely to some health issues, which David Akins has indicated he has been experiencing, he wishes to resign from his position as CAO of Etowah County. The Commission is working with David in this regard and is going to buy out his employment contract under its three month provision.

The Commission wishes for David the best of health and expresses its sincere appreciation to him for both his current services, as well as his former years of service, to the work in Etowah County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

Deputy Administrator/Chief Financial 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 Washington seconded by Commissioner Inzer, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 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