

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
October 15, 2019**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 15th Day of October, 2019. Commissioner Statum called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Johnny Grant led in the Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Dr. Theresa Rhea and Jason Millirons were at the meeting from Gadsden State Community College, along with several other representatives from the school, to discuss College's Clean Home Alabama Initiative – Etowah County Park Pick up which will take place on November 1st from 11:00 – 2:00. Everyone will meet at the GSCC Beck Field House to get started. The Commission thanked them for coming.

Buster Porch with Sickle Cell Foundation spoke on the Walk they had this past Saturday to raise money for the disease. He had a plaque for Commissioner Washington to thank him for his support. This was their 3rd Walk and they have been to Anniston, Talladega, Sylacauga and Gadsden. He also discussed the advancements that have been made in curing the disease or at least increasing the life expectancy of those affected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: The roll was called 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: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:

Commissioner Statum presented Heather New with a Proclamation from the Commission to recognize October 14- 18, 2019 as Chamber of Commerce Week. He thanked Ms. New for everything the Chamber does and wished her success with the programs they are working on now.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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 October 1st, 2019, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 15th, 2019.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for September, 2019, and a copy of the Purchasing Charges for August 14, 2019 through September 13, 2019, have been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 88.
- D. To place the name of Tyler Abernathy in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective October 21st, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- E. To place the name of Ken Bivins in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective October 7th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- F. To place the name of Matthew O'Donnell in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective October 14th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- G. To place the name of Tiffany Dailey in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective October 7th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- H. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commission, to promote Courtney Freeman to Redemption Clerk, effective October 15, 2019. This is a newly described/evaluated job to be paid from the General Fund, Revenue Department, at an hourly rate of \$12.92.

- I. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to make the following budgeted pay rate adjustments which were approved by the Personnel Board (a copy of this documentation has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 091):
- a. Jerri Michelle Turner, Real Property Appraiser I, to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, effective October 15, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
 - b. Glen Herbert, Real Property Appraiser I, to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, effective October 15, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
 - c. Tiffany Elliott, Real Property Appraiser I, to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, effective October 15, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
 - d. Maxine Jones, Real Property Appraiser II, to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, effective October 15, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$18.27.
 - e. Pat Cook, Real Property Appraiser II, to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, effective October 15, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$19.67.
 - f. Cindy Waddell, Business Personal Property Appraiser I, to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, effective October 15, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$15.75.
 - g. Pat Maness, Business Personal Property Appraiser III, to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, effective October 15, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$22.24.
 - h. Casey Reeves, Mapper/GIS Technician III, to be paid from the Reappraisal Fund, effective October 15, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$22.24.
- J. To approve the request of Lora Weaver, to hire Marlisa Morgan as a Part-time Driver, effective October 16, 2019. This is a newly budgeted position to be paid from the Rural Transportation Fund, an hourly rate of \$9.85.
- K. To approve the request of Spencer Gray, Facility Supervisor, to promote Titavis Jackson to Building Service Worker/ Floor Technician, effective October 15, 2019. This is a newly described/ evaluated job to be paid from the General Fund, Maintenance Department at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- L. To approve the request of Marion Dodd, Maintenance Director, to make the following budgeted pay rate adjustment which was approved by the Personnel Board:
- a. Lisa Elders, Administrative Clerk - Maintenance, to be paid from the General Fund, Maintenance Department, effective October 15, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$12.30.
- M. To approve the request Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2018-2019-12 Filters – Fuel, Air, Oil & Hydraulic, to both bidders – Tractor & Equipment and The Parts House/ Southern Distributors. These bids were reviewed by Jordan Hannah (Fleet Maintenance Coordinator) and this is his recommendation due to the prices being very similar and to allow for a second option if one does not have the needed filter in stock. These were the lowest 2 bidders on the majority of the needed filters.
- N. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Fleet (one or more) 2020 SUV's – 4DR RWD Base for the Sheriff's Office.
- O. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award a 3 year lease on copier/printers to ABS Business Solutions, utilizing the Alabama State Bid T-190. ABS Business Systems meets all of the standards set forth and also have their own in-house service department.
- P. To approve the request of Jonathon Horton, Etowah County Sheriff, to declare as surplus approximately 88 weapons, which will be first available for buy-back by the officer's they are assigned to and any left will be placed into a lottery pool for other employees to have an opportunity to purchase. A copy of the weapons list has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 090.
- Q. To approve the Agreement with Alabama Controls for the security system to be installed in the Jail Annex Building and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 089.
- R. To approve the Agreements with Central Station, Inc., for the Annual Test and Inspection for the fire alarm systems at the Etowah County Courthouse, Etowah County Judicial Building, and the Etowah County Detention Center, and to authorize the Acting CAO to execute the documents. A copy of the Agreements has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 092.
- S. To approve the request of Robert Nail, Assistant Engineer for Etowah County, to let bids for materials for the bridge on Fairview Cove Road over Dry Creek.
- T. To approve the request of Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to accept the 2020 Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Grant and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 093.
- U. To approve the Agreement between Etowah County Commission and Central Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation Relative to Transportation Services and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 094.
- V. To approve the Chem-Aqua Water Treatment Program Agreement for the Etowah County Judicial Building and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 095.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Acting CAO, to grant approval for an employee in the Sheriff’s Office to receive catastrophic sick leave donations. Christopher Timmons meets the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

- Acting CAO:** No Report.
- County Engineer:** No Report.
- County Attorney:** No Report.
- Other:** No Report.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Grant discussed supporting the Goodyear Plant in the work session and ask everyone to pray for those employees due to the information that Goodyear – Gadsden has been offering buy-outs to its employees.

Commissioner Payne said he was glad to see people here, filling up the chairs. He encouraged everyone to vote and asked that they encourage their family members to vote. He said he appreciated Gadsden State and all they do.

Commissioner Ramsey thanked everyone for being here and thought it was great that GSCC was working with IDA and others to help recruit industries to the area. He thanked Ms. New for all she does with the Chamber and all the Chamber does to promote businesses (with the ribbon-cuttings, etc.). He is glad to see everyone all working together. He also thanked Mr. Porch and said as a paramedic, he has calls sometimes that deal with people having issues due to Sickle Cell and sees how much pain it causes and how little the paramedics can do to help. He also thanked Linda Barrett-Vaughan for her service due to her announcing she does not plan to run again in 2020, however she will be in office until August/September of 2021 to complete this term.

Commissioner Inzer said it had all been said but he thanked Gadsden State Community College and thanked them for meeting at the forum regarding Goodyear’s future in Etowah County. He said if people do a buy-out they will have to be retrained to work in other industries. He said we should strive to keep the employees in this county and retrain them to do other jobs here. He thanked Linda Barrett-Vaughan for all she does and thanked everyone for attending the meeting today. He said they were taking applications for the CAO through October 21st.

Commissioner Statum thanked Gadsden State representatives for being at the meeting and also thanked Heather New with the Chamber, the Department Heads, and also Linda Barrett-Vaughan for all they do. He said Etowah County is a great place to live, serve, and work and always looking forward.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Ramsey seconded by Commissioner Washington, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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

