

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
December 17th, 2019**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 17th Day of December, 2019. Commissioner Statum called the meeting to order at 10:03 am and Commissioner Payne 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: 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: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 December 3rd, 2019, and the Special Called Meeting dated December 9th, 2019, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for December 17th, 2019.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for November, 2019, has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 105.
- D. To approve the Participation Agreement with the Association of County Commissions of Alabama Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc. for 2020, with the Annual Contribution Cost \$352,293.90, and to authorize the Etowah County Chief Administrative Officer to execute the documents. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 107.
- E. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2019-2020-05 Bridge Replacement on Fairview Cove to The Bridge Builders of Alabama LLC., the only bidder. This bid was reviewed by Robert Nail, Assistant County Engineer, and he recommended the bid be accepted.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2019-2020-03 Sheriff’s Office – Uniforms to Galls, LLC., the only bidder. This bid was reviewed by Mike Powell, Sheriff’s Office Chief of Administration, and he recommended the bid be accepted.
- G. To approve the request of Randall Johnson, Commander of Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit, to declare the following vehicle as surplus:

1- 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe LT - Black VIN# 1GNUKAE06AR130122
- H. To approve the Acceptance of Award for the Domestic Violence Grant in the amount of \$105,580.68 for 2020 and to authorize the Etowah County Chief Administrative Officer to execute the document. A copy of the document has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 106.
- I. To place the name of Shelby Sanders in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective December 16th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- J. To place the name of Justin Teel in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective December 16th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- K. To place the name of Zane Jones in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy effective December 16th, 2019. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.

- L. To approve the request of Lora Weaver, Rural Transportation Director, to transfer Petra Fair to a Full-Time Driver, effective December 18, 2019. This is a new position created from combining 2 part-time positions and will be paid from the Rural Transportation Operating Fund at a rate of \$10.34.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 authorize two separate Executive Session with both meetings to discuss Business and Commerce. The first meeting will include the Commissioners, Chief Administrative Officer, Deputy Administrator/CFO, Economic Development Director, and the County Attorney. The second meeting includes the Commissioners, Chief Administrative Officer, Deputy Administrator/CFO, County Attorney, and the Assistant County Engineer. District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 –yes; District 6 – yes. The County Attorney has determined these meetings are certified under the open meetings law. The Commissioners dismissed at 10:09am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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:

To reconvene from Executive Session at 10:42 am. Craig Inzer, Commissioner for District 6, did not return to the meeting but there is still a quorum with 5 of 6. Those present include: Commissioner Statum, District 1; Commissioner Grant, District 2; Commissioner Payne, District 3; Commissioner Ramsey, District 4; and Commissioner Washington, District 5.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 designate the following organizations/events serve a public purpose and are qualified to receive public funds:

- a. SPAN of Etowah County (Special Programming for Achievement Network)
- b. Gadsden Empowerment Initiative, Inc.
- c. Carver Community Revitalization Committee, Inc.

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Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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 the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a written agreement with the Alabama Department of Commerce after its receipt and review by the County Attorney.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

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:

To approve the application to ALDOT for an Alabama Industrial Access Road and Bridge Grant for Burgess Road and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. (This will provide primary access point for the new Koch Foods Feed Mill). A copy of this Application and Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 108.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:

- Chief Administrative Officer:** Shane reminded everyone of the ACCA District meeting on January 16th in Oneonta.
County Engineer: No Report.
County Attorney: No Report.
Other: No Report.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Payne commended Joey for doing a great job over the last year. "He had a lot on his plate and has done a super job."

Commissioner Washington wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for coming out. He said he was excited that the budget was in the black after everything was reconciled and thanked Kevin Dollar for all of his hard work.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Washington seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 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