

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
July 7th, 2020**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2020. Commissioner Jeffery Washington called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and 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 4 out of 6 Commission members responded to their names and accordingly a quorum was present (with Commissioner Tim Ramsey attending the meeting by Zoom):

District 1 – Joey Statum

District 4 – Tim Ramsey

District 2 – Johnny Grant

District 5 – Jeffery Washington

Absent: Larry V. Payne - District 3

Craig Inzer – District 6

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, 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 June 16th, 2020, and the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting dated June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for July 7th, 2020.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Lora Weaver, Rural Transportation Director, to apply for the Alabama Rural Public Transportation Program Grants for the Fiscal Year 2021, to approve the ‘Resolution Authorizing Local Matching Funds’, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the documents. A copy of the Application has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 034.
- E. To approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the Rural Transportation Department, which will allow ALDOT to draw down the CARES Act Funds, which is an FTA (Federal Transit Administration) requirement for funding of the Rural Transportation Program. Also, authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 035.
- F. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to renew the Digital Information Cooperative Agreement with ALDOT, regarding the maintenance of the Geographic Information System (GIS), and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. (This is a grant for the Mapping Department which covers 80% of the cost (approximately \$8,000) with the county match being approximately \$2,000.) A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 036.
- G. To approve the renewal of the Agreement with Genisysgroup, which is the IBM Maintenance Agreement, for one year beginning August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the hardware and software, and until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for technical support. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 037.
- H. To place the name of Deontavius Robinson, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 7th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- I. To place the name of Gregory Belyeu, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 7th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- J. To place the name of Aaron Higginbotham, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective July 7th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- K. To place the name of Michael Dunn, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective June 22, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- L. To place the name of Ethan Hushour, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective June 18, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.

- M. To place the name of David Wallace, in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective June 18, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- N. To place the name of DeAngelo Byers, in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff (trainee), effective July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.26.
- O. To place the name of Glenn Cline, in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Part-time Deputy Sheriff (certified), effective June 30, 2020. This is one of two jobs that were used to replace a full-time Deputy Sheriff position with 50 hours being split between the two part-time positions. This will be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.92. (The other position that splits with this job was filled by Larry Williamson and approved on the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, agenda.
- P. To place the name of John Streefkerk, in the Sheriff's Office job slot of SRO, effective June 23, 2020. This is a transfer to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- Q. To place the name of Joseph Isbel, in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Deputy Security Specialist effective July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This is a voluntary demotion (replacement) to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.
- R. To approve the request of Jerry Entrekin, Constable, to transfer Mike Bolton to a part-time Deputy Constable, effective June 29, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Constable, at an hourly rate of \$13.57. This is a voluntary demotion.
- S. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commission, to hire Lisa Alfred, Revenue Tag & Title Clerk, effective July 7, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- T. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commission, to hire Susan Bowen, Revenue Tag & Title Clerk, effective July 13, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund, Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY, 2020.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny 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 approve the "Insolvents, Errors, and Taxes in Litigation for 2019 and Uncollected Insolvents and Taxes in Litigation for Previous Years" and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Document has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 038.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY, 2020.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:**

**Chief Administrative Officer:** Shane Ellison gave an update on the Bond Issue saying he talked with Frasier Lanier and the Bonds are in the process of being sold. The rates are lower than expected, which is good for us, because there's a big demand for bonds at this time.

**County Engineer:** No Report.

**County Attorney:** No Report.

**Other:** No Report.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Washington encouraged everyone to wear masks to try to keep from spreading Covid. He also encouraged everyone to complete their Census 2020, because this will affect future funding if our numbers go down, and to vote.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

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Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

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Jeffery Washington, President, Commissioner, District 5

**ABSENT**

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Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

**ABSENT**

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Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6

