

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
September 15th, 2020**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 15th Day of September, 2020. Commissioner Jeffery Washington called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and County Attorney, Jim Turnbach, 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 following 4 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 2 – Johnny Grant  
District 4 – Tim Ramsey

District 5 – Jeffery Washington  
District 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Joey Statum – District 1  
Larry V. Payne – District 3

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 September 1st, 2020, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for September 15th, 2020.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Credit Card charges, the Cash Disbursements and the Online Transfers for August, 2020, are filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 56.
- D. To place the name of Phillip Perkins, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective September 9th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$12.60.
- E. To place the name of George Harley Westmoreland, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Trainee, effective September 7th, 2020. This is a replacement to be paid from the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$14.99.
- F. To place the name of Certified Deputy Eric Johns, in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Temporary Deputy (up to 29 hours), effective September 2nd, 2020. This is a temporary replacement to be paid from the Sheriff’s Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.92.
- G. To approve the request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to transfer Samantha Snow to the Administrative Secretary Position in the Engineering Department, effective October 1, 2020. This is a transfer to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.30.
- H. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Melissa Pentecost as a Part-time Collections Revenue Clerk, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This position converts a Temporary Full-time Position to a Permanent Part-time Position (up to 29 hours) and is to be paid from the General – Revenue Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- I. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Glenda Justus as a Temporary Revenue Assessing Clerk, effective October 1, 2020. This is temporary position to be paid from the General – Revenue Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- J. To approve the request from the Board of Registrars to hire Rebecca Watson as a Temporary Board of Registrar Member effective September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. This is a Temporary Position (up to 226 hours max) to be paid from the Board of Registrar’s Fund at an hourly rate of \$10.34.
- K. To approve the following Line Item changes for the RSVP Budget to cover the supplemental liability insurance for volunteers required by Federal grants:

Decrease: Airfare (176-56230-263)	\$500
Fuel (176-56231-212)	\$500

Mileage (176-56231-262)	\$500
Mileage (176-56230-262)	\$268
Total	\$1768

Increase: Membership Dues (176-56230-171)	\$1400
Registration Fees (176-56230-265)	\$100
Tire & Tubes (176-56231-215)	\$128
Contract Services (176-56231-185)	\$140
Total	\$1768

- L. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to designate the Exchange Bank of Alabama as the depository for the operating funds of the Revenue Commissioner's Office of Tags and Titles for the year beginning October 1, 2020. This also includes the satellite offices located in Hokes Bluff, Rainbow City, Sardis, and Walnut Grove.
- M. To approve the request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to designate BBVA Compass as the depository for the operating funds of the Revenue Commissioner's Office for Collections beginning October 1, 2020. This includes the collections of all real and business personal property, mobile homes, and redemptions.
- N. To approve our Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract with the Alabama Department of Youth Services (for FY October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021); to designate Coosa Valley Detention as our Detention Center to receive funds; and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 57.
- O. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Fleet (one or more) 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 (or comparable).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, 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:

The 'Construction Agreement for an ERPR Project' between the State of Alabama and the Etowah County Commission. (County Project # ECP 28-084-20). This is an agreement to repair a 125 foot slide on the front slope along Tidmore Bend Road and to authorize the Commission President to execute the documents. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 58.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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 'Construction Agreement for a Federal Aid Project' between the State of Alabama and the Etowah County Commission for Resurfacing on Sardis Road from US 431 to the DeKalb County Line, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the documents. (County Project No. ECP 28-02-20). A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 59.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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 'Construction Agreement for a Federal Aid Project' between the State of Alabama and the Etowah County Commission to resurface Pilgrim's Rest Road from SR-77 to Green Valley Road and to authorize the Commission President to execute the documents. (County Project No. ECP 28-03-20). A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 60.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Tim 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 'Second Amendment to Contract and Agreement Concerning the Incarceration of City of Gadsden Prisoners in the Etowah County Detention Center' and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 61.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Tim Ramsey, 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 bid award for the ‘Little Canoe Creek Industrial Park Mass Grading Project’, (Etowah County Bid No. FY 2019-2020-14) to Waites Construction Co., Inc., for the ‘Base Bid Only’ in the amount of \$1,744,713, as recommended by Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood. A copy of the bid results is filed in Attachment Book 11, Page 62.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

**REPORTS FROM THE STAFF:**

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

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Craig Inzer talked to a lot of deputies at the recognition ceremony (to recognize the deputies with over 20 years of service) and he said he thanked them for their hard work and congratulated them for their years of service. He also thanked all of the volunteers and workers that were searching for the small plane that crashed in a wooded area. He encouraged everyone to complete their Census for 2020

Commissioner Grant said it seemed like it meant a lot to the deputies with over 20 years of service to be recognized and he would like to see more recognition ceremonies for County Employees. He thought it was good for them to be recognized in public.

Commissioner Ramsey said he would like to recognize other employees for their service as well. He said they had met with Robert Nail and the Fish & Wildlife group at the location where they are doing construction. He said the road will be nice when completed. He also thanked everyone for their help in searching for the pilot (wrecked plane). He encouraged everyone to complete the Census.

Commissioner Washington thanked the Commission for their support in attending the Sheriff’s banquet. He encouraged everyone to complete their Census. He asked for everyone to be safe and wear their mask.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

**ABSENT**

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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

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Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6