

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
October 18, 2016**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 18th Day of October, 2016. Commissioner Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Commissioner Choate led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** Karen Bates, County Clerk, called the roll to establish a quorum. The following 4 out of 6 Commission members answered to their names and accordingly a quorum was found to be present:

District 2 – Lewis Fuller  
District 3- Larry V. Payne

District 5 – Carolyn Parker  
District 6 – Tim Choate

Absent: Joey Statum – District 1  
Jeff Overstreet – District 4

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Advanced Disposal** will have open top containers at four locations between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm for residential clean up of household trash on **Saturday, November 5, 2016.** They do not accept tires, batteries, appliances or hazardous waste.

Locations of containers:  
Leeth Gap and Sardis Road – across from old County Shop  
Intersection of Hwy 278 & Hwy 132  
Whorton Bend Volunteer Fire Department  
Gaston High School at Hwy 411 North

**Commission Meeting Schedule Change:**

The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, will be held on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as required by the rules that govern the election of the commissioners. There will be no work session or meeting held on Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup>, due to the ACCA Legislative Conference and the New Commissioner Orientation, which begins on December 6<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Payne, 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:

- A. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Etowah County Commission dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 18th, 2016.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the credit card purchases has been filed in Attachment Book 8, Page 24.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to extend **Bid No. FY 2014-2015-31 Electronic Document Hosting with Professional Scanning Services – Revenue Commission** for an additional year with Docustor, as provided for in the original bid. This extension will expire 10/19/2017.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, 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 request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for one 4WD Crew Cab Pickup Truck – Drug Enforcement Unit.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Payne, 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 request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. **FY 2015-2016-11 Filters- Fuel, Air, Oil and Hydraulic** to Tractor and Equipment. This does not include the Caterpillar and John Deere filters which will be purchased directly.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Choate, 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 request of Linda Barrett-Vaughan, Revenue Commissioner, to dissolve one Mapping Clerk Position (Grade 10) and add one Mapper/GIS Technician I Position (Grade 13). Both positions pay through the Reappraisal Budget. This change was approved by the Personnel Board on September 27, 2016, and has been budgeted in the Reappraisal Budget for 2016-2017.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 declare the following Revenue Department vehicles as surplus:

2006 Chevrolet Malibu     Vin - 1G1ZS61826F169816

2006 Chevrolet Malibu     Vin - 1G1ZS61896F170154

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 Contract with Election Systems & Software, LLC. for “Hardware Maintenance and Software License, Maintenance, and Support Services Agreement”, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. This provides maintenance and support for the proprietary voter tabulation equipment and software from January 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018. A copy of the Contract has been filed in Attachment Book 28, Page 27.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 request of Traci Pondick, RSVP Director, to hire Anita Joy Morrison as Part-time RSVP Administrative Assistant, effective October 18, 2016. This is a new hire for a part-time position to be paid from the RSVP Fund at an hourly rate of \$10.87.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Payne, with all other members voting “yes”, the following items were consolidated and approved in one motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION:** That the following items were consolidated and approved in one motion:

The request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to hire Jordan Hannah as Fleet Maintenance Coordinator, effective October 24, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund at an hourly rate of \$12.00.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to hire Walter Brian Huff as Equipment Operator, effective October 24, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.42.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 request of Tim Graves, County Engineer, to hire Tommy Winn as Equipment Operator, effective October 24, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund at an hourly rate of \$11.42.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 name of Joel Johnson in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 31, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid by the General Fund, Jail Department, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 name of Randi Thomas in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 24, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid by the General Fund, Jail Department, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 name of Steven Blakely in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective October 24, 2016. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 two employee benefit option changes:

- a. To change the optional vision insurance to VSP, which includes 4 coverage options instead of 3 and includes more area providers. The cost to employees is comparable to the current costs.
- b. To change the county-paid life insurance and AD&D to Boston Mutual Insurance. The monthly rate the county pays will be the same with the same level of coverage each employee has now. This request is due to billing and coverage issues with our currently provider.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 adopt the **2017 Holiday Schedule:**

Monday, January 2, 2017	New Year's Day
Monday, January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King, Jr./ Robert E. Lee
Friday, April 14, 2017	Good Friday
Monday, May 29, 2017	Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4, 2017	Independence Day
Monday, September 4, 2017	Labor Day
Monday, October 9, 2017	Columbus Day
Friday, November 10, 2017	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 23, 2017	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24, 2017	Post Thanksgiving Day
Friday, December 22, 2017	Christmas Eve Holiday
Monday, December 25, 2017	Christmas Day Holiday

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 '**Resolution in Support of Proposed Constitutional Amendments 3 & 4**'. Ratification of these two proposed constitutional amendments would improve the operation of county government by making it harder for voters outside of the county to undermine the voice of local citizens on local issues and would ensure the county commissions across the state can take management and administrative action on specified critical issues that impact day-to-day quality of life for the citizens of the state. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 28, Page 25.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 '**Resolution in Support of Proposed Constitutional Amendments 14**'. Ratification of this proposed constitutional amendment would safeguard the communities of Etowah County by preserving the local laws that support public services and institutions that children, senior citizens, small business owners, and hard-working residents of the County utilize on a daily basis. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 28, Page 26.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 request to hire Cathy Ledbetter as a temporary clerk for the Board of Registrars until the end of the General Election period due to the over-abundance of voter registration applications and the need to meet the deadlines on the upcoming General Election. Funding was budgeted for this temporary position.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate seconded by Commissioner Payne 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 renewal of the Commercial Lease with Glen Ellis, Jr., for inside and outside storage located at 519 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Gadsden for the Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit, through September 30, 2017.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

**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:** None.

**ADJOURN:** The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, 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

**ABSENT**

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Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

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Lewis H. Fuller, President, Commissioner, District 2

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Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

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Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

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Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6