

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
November 7th, 2017**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 7th Day of November, 2017. Commissioner Choate called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Commissioner Payne led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: None.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: Karen Bates, County Clerk, called the roll 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 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Larry V. Payne

District 4 – Jeff Overstreet
District 5 – Carolyn Parker
District 6- Tim Choate

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:

A Proclamation was presented by Commissioner Choate to Craig Scott, Ann, and also Sandy Woodard to recognize 'MANNA Sunday' which is Sunday, November 19, 2017. The Proclamation also declared Sunday before Thanksgiving each year to be designated as MANNA Sunday in Etowah County. A copy of the Proclamation has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 29.

A Proclamation was presented in Honor of the Pilot International & The Pilot Club of Gadsden in honor of their October 18th Anniversary and their achievements and contributions for Etowah County. Portia Foster and other members were present to accept the Proclamation. Ms. Foster thanked the Commissioners for recognizing them for what they do. A copy of the Proclamation was filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 30.

A 'Certificate of Service' was presented by David Akins, CAO, to Paul Perry for 15 years of outstanding service.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet 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. That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated October 17th, 2017, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for November 7th, 2017.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for October 2017 have been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 31.
- D. To approve the request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids for the Sheriff's Office to purchase (1) 2017 Ford F350 SRW 4x4 Crew Cab with options.
- E. To approve the request of Lee Taylor, Chief of Administrations – Etowah County Sheriff's Office, to declare the following vehicles as surplus:
 - 2017 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 - VIN# 3GCUKREC4HG246513
 - 2017 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 – VIN# 3GCUKREC9HG229402
 - 2017 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 – VIN# 3GCUKREC7HG247235
- F. To place the name of Joseph Hutchins in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy Sheriff, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective October 30, 2017. This is a certified new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.91.
- G. To place the name of Jerry Haney in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective November 6, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- H. To place the name of Dakota Jackson in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective November 6th, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- I. To place the name of Jessie Barker in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective November 6th, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- J. To place the name of Chris Dunican in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective November 6th, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the ICE Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.

- K. To place the name of Daniel Strollings in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective November 6th, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- L. To place the name of Abdul Unla in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy Security/Transport Assistant, at the request of Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, effective November 14th, 2017. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- M. To approve the renewal of the 'Grant Agreement for Services for the Elderly' with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, which includes the Senior Center Programs, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the documents. A copy has been filed in Attachment Book 9, Page 32.

ITEM 'N' MOVED TO 'NEW BUSINESS' AND TABLED.

- O. To approve a Resolution with the City of Gadsden regarding the paving of Hinds Road, which is located in County Commission District 5, with the District 5 County Commissioner agreeing to pay one half of approximate cost (\$8,644.50) out of District 5 discretionary funds.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- N. To approve the ATRIP Project ACBRZ61377-ATRP(016); ECP 28-077-01; ATRIP#28-05-28 – the construction of a 40' span precast bridge replacement on Coats Bend Circle, and to authorize the Commission President to execute all documents. (This is an updated agreement for one that was previously passed by the Commission.)

This Item was tabled by the Commission at the request of Tim Graves, County Engineer.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Parker, 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 Spencer Gray, Facility Maintenance Supervisor, to hire Renay Stokes as a Temporary Building Service Worker, effective October 25, 2017. This is a temporary job due to an employee on medical leave. The position will be paid from the Maintenance Fund, at an hourly rate of \$9.85.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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:

The request of David Akins, Interim CAO, to transfer Joseph Putnam to the position of Interim Animal Control Director due to the resignation of Jamie Thompson, effective November 7th, 2017. This position will be paid from the Animal Control, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.83.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Parker, 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 Bobby Junkins, Judge of Probate, to transfer Jamie Capes from a part-time to a full-time Probate Clerk, effective November 7, 2017. Judge Junkins will pay the difference in her salary and benefits for the FY 2018 since he only has a part-time position in the budget. The salary will be paid from the Judge's Discretionary Funds at an hourly rate of \$11.70.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, 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 accept the resignation of Mike Bryant, effective November 1, 2017, from the Tillison Bend Water Authority Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Statum, 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 Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments for the General Fund (to account for 2 Sheriff's Office Vehicles that were sold for the fleet replacement program in September & October 2017):

Increase: 001.52100-556 Capital Outlay-Motor Vehicles (Fleet Replacement Program) \$58,500

Increase: 001.61210.000 Sale of Capital Assets \$27,500

Decrease: 001-35900-000 Fund Balance \$31,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

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 Parker said Mike Bryant's wife has died and asked everyone to keep Mike in their prayers. He also thanked Portia (with The Pilot Club) for being here.

Commissioner Overstreet also asked to keep Mike in our prayers and to also pray for the people in Texas (that were killed at the church by a shooter).

Commissioner Payne thanked everyone for their comments and said Mike Bryant was special. He also commended Bobby Junkins, Judge of Probate for all he does for people of the county and thanked him for the time he puts into the office he serves – he won't be running for re-election.

Commissioner Grant thanked the Pilot Club for the work they do on "Project Lifesaver" (where they put bracelets on patients with dementia so the Sheriff's Office can track them if they get lost).

Commissioner Statum thanked everyone for what they do and also thanked Paul Perry (Security Guard) for all he does and he thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Choate asked everyone to remember the Veterans (with Veterans day coming up this weekend).

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Jeff Overstreet, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Tim N. Choate, President, Commissioner, District 6