

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 16th Day of October, 2018. Commissioner Overstreet called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and David Akins led in 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 5 out of 6 Commission members answered to their names and accordingly and quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum  
District 2 – Johnny Grant

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

Absent: Larry V. Payne – District 3

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Advanced Disposal** will have open top containers at four locations between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm for residential cleanup of household trash on **Saturday, November 3rd, 2018.** 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 change:**

We will not have a work session on October 24<sup>th</sup> or October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The next meeting of the Etowah County Commission will be on **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 am.**

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS:** Commissioner Overstreet presented a plaque to Senator Phil Williams from the Alabama Counties CA for his sponsorship and passage of Act 2018-265 during the 2018 Legislative Session. This Act prevented retailers from being able to buy or hide evidence related to the property's appraised value. The Act requires the retailer to disclose if the property is occupied at the time of transaction and if the comparable property was subject to any restrictions at the time of the transaction that prevents the property from being used for its original purpose.

Senator Williams thanked the Commission saying it meant a lot to him and explained a little about how the Act helped the County and the State. He said it was a bittersweet day due to his term coming to an end but some of his best moments came from working with the Etowah County Commission over the last 8 years.

Commissioner Statum then presented a Proclamation and a plaque to Commissioner Overstreet to recognize the accomplishments of the Commission during the past year with Commission Overstreet serving as President.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Choate, 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 October 2nd, 2018, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for October 16th, 2018.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and Online Transfers for September 2018; and a copy of the Visa Credit Card Purchases made from June 20, 2018 to September 19, 2018 have been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 011.
- D. To place the name of Jeremy Johnson in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective October 24, 2018. This is a voluntary demotion to be paid by the Sheriff's Office General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$13.24.
- E. To place the name of Kevin Overstreet in the Drug Enforcement Unit job slot of DEU Agent, effective October 22, 2018. This is a promotion to be paid by the DEU Fund, at an hourly rate of \$19.68. Commissioner Jeff Overstreet abstained on this item.

F. To place the name of Kevin Hassell in the Drug Enforcement Unit job slot of Deputy Commander, DEU (Unclassified), effective October 1, 2018. This is a promotion to be paid by the DEU Fund at an hourly rate of \$24.83.

G. To renew the Commercial Lease with Glen Ellis Jr., and the Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit for the storage property located at 519 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gadsden, AL, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of the document has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 012.

H. To approve the following line item transfers for the FY 2018 – Reappraisal Fund:

Increase:	Retirees Insurance (120.51800-127)	\$1479
	Repairs & Maint – Motor Vehicles (120.51800-234)	\$366
	Repairs & Maint – Data Processing (120.51800-235)	\$2,927
	Utilities – Water (120.51800-246)	\$332
	Postage (120.51800-252)	\$518
Decrease:	Health Insurance (120.51800-122)	\$1,479
	Repairs & Maint – Office Equipment (120.51800-233)	\$366
	Repairs & Maint – Appraisal DP Software (120.51800-241)	\$2,927
	Utilities – Electricity (120.51800-244)	\$332
	Communications – Cellular Service (120.51800-255)	\$518

I. To approve the request of David Akins, CAO, to grant an employee in the Engineering Department approval to receive sick leave donations. The employee has met the eligibility requirements for the Sick Leave Donation Program.

J. To approve the request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. FY 2017-2018-19 Small SUV Vehicle – (One) License Inspector to Ronnie Watkins Ford.

K. To approve the request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to award Bid No. FY 2017-2018-20 Janitorial Supplies to McCleskey Brothers, the apparent low bidder.

L. To approve the request of Debbie Parris, Purchasing Agent, to let bids on Fleet (one or more) 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 (CK 10543) 4WD Crew Cab 147” (or comparable).

M. To approve the request of Lora Weaver, Director of Rural Transportation, to approve the agreement between Etowah County Commission, on behalf of Etowah County Rural Transportation, and the CED Mental Health Center relative to transportation services and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 013.

N. To approve the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding between the Etowah County Board of Education, the Etowah County Commission and the Etowah County Sheriff’s Office regarding the financial responsibilities of the parties for the funding of the school resource officers in the Etowah County School System. A copy of the Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 014.

O. To adopt the Etowah County Vehicle Policy for all County Employees that use a County Vehicle and are not in law enforcement. A copy of this Policy has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 015.

P. To adopt the Resolution to proclaim “Water Quality Awareness Week” as October 28 through November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, and to authorize the Commission President to execute the Resolution. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 016.

Q. To approve the ‘*American Benefit Administrators Flexible Spending Account Services Agreement*’, pending final review by the County Attorney, and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. This will be a cost savings for the county from our current provider/administrator. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 017.

R. To reject all bids on the Jail Annex due to budgetary constraints and to authorize a new, more efficient, design to be drawn, advertised, and bid by the architect. A copy of the Revised Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 018.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion of Commissioner Choate, 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:

To waive the First Reading and to have the Final Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Type 070 - Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for applicant **Kaival Mart Inc., (Janak Patel)**, Under the trade name **One Stop** located at 5340 Sardis Rd, Suite B, Boaz, AL 35956. This is a license transfer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Parker, 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 waive the First Reading and to have the Final Reading and Approval for ABC License Application Type 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) for applicant **Kaival Mart Inc. (Janak Patel)**, under the trade name **One Stop** located at 5340 Sardis Rd, Suite A, Boaz, AL 35956. This is a license transfer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.**

**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 Overstreet reminded everyone that Traci Pondick (RSVP) was having Shred Day/ Drug Turn In Day on October 27, 2018 from 10 until 2 at the Courthouse parking lot.

Commissioner Statum said he had read a book called ‘The Power to Change’ by Jackson (Motivational Speaker who coaches athletes and business owners) and Mr. Jackson said there are three things you cannot change: The past, the weather, and people. He said even though people cannot change, you can influence them. Joey said he always wanted to leave things better than he found them and as we go through changes he wanted to commend the 3 Commissioners that are leaving for the influence they have had on others. Jeff, Tim, and Carolyn always stood together with other Commissioners even when they disagreed. He thanked them for their service.

Johnny Grant said there was no doubt they had influenced him and he wished them all the best.

Carolyn Parker said it hasn’t all been great and they had butted heads on occasion (with Joey) but she respects him and his passion. She said she believes ‘right is right’ and ‘wrong is wrong’ and always wants to give a voice to the people. She said they tried to find a common ground and felt she represented the best city and county in the world. She said it was not fun to run for election when you didn’t win (for Mayor) but she loves to serve. She said she had been the only female for the last 8 years and hopefully she has influenced and encouraged young people over this time. She said to whomever much is given, much is required and she believes they did great things as a Commission such as the Nepotism Policy which opened the doors for more people to get jobs for the County. There are still more minority department heads needed and the building needs more security but she plans to continue keeping Jeff Little’s feet to the fire in hiring minorities. She said Kevin did a good job keeping everyone out of jail and keeping the county financially sound. She thanked the staff and wished Marilyn Lott much success. She said Heather at the Chamber had done an amazing job and asked everyone to keep fighting the good fight. She said she appreciated Spencer Gray’s friendship and support and thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to serve. She said she believes our county has a great future and she appreciates all that David Akins has done especially having to work with six bosses with all different personalities and opinions. She thanked Jim Turnbach for keeping them out of trouble (with his advice as County Attorney) and appreciates the sacrifice her family made and the support they give her. She said Tim Choate has been her biggest ally and biggest thorn and thanked Jeff Overstreet and Tim Choate for their leadership on a National and Statewide level. They have been good influences and have a passion for the state and country as well as Etowah County.

Tim Choate said it had been an honor and privilege to serve Etowah County, ACCA and NACo and said the staff ‘makes us who we are’. He thanked Jim Turnbach, David Akins, and Kevin Dollar and other Commissioners and said he appreciated them doing what was right and not necessarily what was popular. He said it was a privilege and an honor to serve as President of the ACCA. He challenged the new Commissioners to stand by the Megasite and praised the influence Marilyn Lott has around the state and with industry. He believes we will land a major factory with spinoff for municipalities. He also thanked Heather and the Chamber for all their help. He wished the best for the incoming Commissioners.

Jeff Overstreet said he always tried to be a public servant and was fortunate enough to be able to do that with good support. He said it had been an incredible adventure and a lot of fun and he had made a lot of good friends along the way. He said after spending the last 12 years the people on the Commission and staff and others he was around were like family. He believes people are placed in your life to make a difference and he thanked the staff for always being on top of things and honorable. He wished all of his fellow Commissioners the best and the new ones coming in. Challenged them to take the bull by the horns and be prepared for a struggle with some good times and said it always made him feel good to get the budget in the black. His wife always encourages him to finish well. He thanked everyone for their time and said he appreciated the staff.

**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 10:35 am.

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Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

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Jeff Overstreet, President, Commissioner, District 4

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Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

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Carolyn Parker, Commissioner, District 5

**ABSENT**

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Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

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Tim N. Choate, Commissioner, District 6

