

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
December 11th, 2018**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 11th Day of December, 2018. Commissioner Ramsey called the meeting to order at 10:15 am and Commissioner Statum led in the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: April Burleson signed in to complain about the drainage on her property and the water running on her property from her neighbor's house. This was all on private property. She has been having drainage issues for 4 years. She said she talked to the County but no one will help her. She said if she goes to the neighbor's property to fix the problem she could get arrested for trespassing. She said she called 911 Saturday and the Volunteer Fire Department and the Sheriff's Deputy came to her home because her property was washing away. She said she was unable to re-route the water flow and she was told to come to the Commission meeting to see if they could help her. She lives in the Duck Springs area of the County. Commissioner Ramsey and Commissioner Payne asked her several questions about the location of her property and the problems she was experiencing. The County Engineer was unaware of the situation but said he would get with her and see if he could make a recommendation for her as to how she can get something done about her problem. He said the County is limited about what they can do when the issue is not on the right-of-way.

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 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 2 – Johnny Grant	District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 3 – Larry V. Payne	District 6 – Craig Inzer

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: The Commission recognized the Rural Transportation Department and also the Director Lora Weaver for receiving 'Excellence in Meeting Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goals' for the second year in a row and for being the only organization awarded the '2018 Outstanding Transit Agency Award' by the Alabama Department of Transportation. David Akins, CAO, commended Lora Weaver on the great job she is doing as the Rural Transportation Director. Lora then explained in more detail about the awards and how some of the vendors used by Rural Transportation (from Gadsden) had gone to their meetings and some had eventually received the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise designation. This designation increased their customers from around the state. Lora also commended the drivers and office staff in her department and expressed what a fulfilling profession it was to serve the Community and to help others. Lora said she had continually worked to make improvements in the Rural Transportation Department and thanked the Commission for their indulgence in allowing her to 'think outside the box'. She also thanked Kevin Dollar and David Akins for their support and encouragement. Lora was instrumental in bringing more income to the department by getting wraps with advertisements put on the busses.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Washington, 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 November 20th, 2018, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for December 11, 2018.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions. A copy of the Cash Disbursements and the Online Transfers for November 2018 has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 023.
- D. To place the name of Brittany Hand in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Detention Deputy, effective November 20th, 2018. This is a promotion to be paid by the Jail Fund, at an hourly rate of \$11.99.
- E. To place the name of Kevin Heidrick in the Sheriff's Department job slot of Administrative Technician, effective December 7th, 2018. This is a new hire to be paid by the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$10.87.
- F. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Finished Traffic Signs.
- G. To approve the request of Bobby Junkins, Probate Judge, to declare the following as surplus:

Apple I-Pad 2 with Wi-Fi - Serial Number DMPPF2N6GSYM
- H. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to declare the following as surplus:

One Mac Book Computer – Asset #9892

- I. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendment for the Sheriff's Office:

General Fund – Jail

Increase: Uniforms, Clothing, Footwear (001.52200-203) \$11,698
Cleaning & Janitorial Supplies (001.52200-216) \$14,114

Decrease: Fund Balance (001.35900) \$25,812

ICE Fund

Increase: Cleaning & Janitorial Supplies (195.52210-216) \$14,119

Decrease: Fund Balance (195.35900) \$14,119

- J. To approve the request of David Akins, CAO, to grant an employee in the Sheriff's Office approval to receive sick leave donations. Detention Deputy Brooke Wildman has met the eligibility requirements for the 'Sick Leave donation Program'.
- K. To approve the Agreement with Tyler Technologies for maintenance and support on the New World Software used in our accounting system and to authorize the CAO to execute the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 026.
- L. To approve the Resolution Adopting the Hours for the 'Sunday Sale of Alcohol' in the unincorporated areas of Etowah County. A copy of this Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 024.
- M. To approve the Agreement with Mr. Charles Beshears for the use of a chert pit on his property in Western Etowah County and to authorize the Commission President and the CAO to sign the document. A copy of this Agreement has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 025.
- N. To authorize the CAO to execute a buy-back offer of up to 20 hours of a combination of sick, vacation, and/or comp time to eligible county employees to be used in December of 2018 or March of 2019 and can be split between the two months for a maximum of 20 hours.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Inzer, 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:

To have the Final Reading and Approval to reappoint Shane Ellison to another four year term to the Etowah County Communications District Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

Upon motion of Commissioner Washington, 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 have the Final Reading and Approval to reappoint Tim Graves to another four year term to the Etowah County Communications District Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

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:

To authorize an Executive Session to discuss threatened litigation after a roll call vote with the majority approving the session. The reason for the meeting has been certified by the County Attorney, Jim Turnbach. The following will be attending the meeting – David Akins, CAO; Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO; Commissioners; and the County Attorney. Roll Call Vote – District 1 – yes; District 2 – yes; District 3 – yes; District 4 – yes; District 5 – yes; and District 6 - yes. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:30 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

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 reconvene from Executive Session at 11:40 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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: None.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Statum, seconded by Commissioner Grant, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, President, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

Larry V. Payne, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6