

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
December 18th, 2018**

The Etowah County Commission met in a regular meeting on the 18th Day of December, 2018. Commissioner Ramsey called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Commissioner Washington led in the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS: Scott Hassell was at the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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 and quorum was present:

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

Absent: Joey Statum – District 1
Craig Inzer – District 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS: Bryan Pitman with U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement discussed the 287 G Program. This is a program authorized by Congress that allows law enforcement to be trained to use screening tools on people that are arrested so they can ask them questions like where they are born. This will let them know if that person is able to stay in this country or not. This screening takes place in the Detention Center and there's not arrest authorization with this program just for being an undocumented immigrant. This prevents law enforcement from being able to ask a victim of a crime or a witness to a crime about where they are born or any questions along those lines. He reviewed the statistics for 2018 but out of 8800 bookings for the year, 79 met the requirements (less than 1%). The last census for our area indicates we have approximately 2.9% of the population that are foreign born nationals. He thanked everyone for their time.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Grant, 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 December 11th, 2018, of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby approved as written.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for December 18th, 2018.
- C. Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let bids for Metal and Side Drain Pipe.
- E. To approve all SAFE program banks in Etowah County eligible to be designated as a county depository for the next calendar year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Payne, 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 approve the Resolution concerning the payroll period for the Law Enforcement and Detention Facility Employees changing them from a 14-day work period to a 7-day work period in accordance with 29 U.S.C. Section 2017 (k) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. This will allow them to continue getting paid on a weekly basis. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in Attachment Book 10, Page 027. During the discussion, Tim Ramsey said he appreciated the work Stephen Hooks did on getting the information together to make sure the change would correct the issues.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th 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:

Commissioner Washington wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Payne said it was a great time of the year and he felt that a positive image was important. He said a lot of people have helped keep a positive image and have upheld the Constitution of the U. S. against all foreign and domestic enemies. There are just so many hoops you have to go through and a lot of people don't understand the process. He hopes the 1100 acres the county has for industrial development will bring higher paying jobs to this area and also hopes everyone will have a better year in 2019.

Commissioner Grant thanked Immigration (ICE) for all they have done over the last 20 years and said he appreciates all they have to do on a daily basis.

Commissioner Ramsey said it had been a good start for the new Commission. He said he was looking forward to the new year and getting unity between the city and county. He believes they just need to work hard and keep an open mind and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

ABSENT

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

ABSENT

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6