

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
MARCH 8, 2011
5:30 PM

This is a Regular Meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi, held the 8th day of March, 2011 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor H. Scott Ross, Selectman Rod Bobo (Teleconference In), Selectman Charles Collins, Selectman Keith McBrayer and Selectman Jasper Pittman.

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order and called Selectman Keith McBrayer to offer invocation and CAO Randy Jones, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectman Homer Cannon entered the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Mayor Ross called for the approval of February 8, 2011, Regular Minutes.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve February 8, Regular Minutes.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"
Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called for the approval of February, 2011 Claims Docket.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"
Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross stated that Ms. Lydia Quarles, of the Stennis Institute would give a Redistricting Proposal. Ms. Quarles stated what the Stennis Institute services would encompass for the City of West Point. The suggested amount for there service was \$4,200.00. No action was taken.

Mayor Ross called for the only Public Appearance Mr. Bill Porter. Mr. Porter's agenda item was to request a Town Hall Meeting. Mr. Porter was present but did not speak.

Item six on the agenda was the City Clerk requesting an approval to refund Pine Hill Investments that incurred at 2009 Tax Sale. Kansas City Southern Railway 2008, Taxes were entered on the Tax Roll from the County Tax Assessor Office in error. The amount to be refunded Pine Hill Investments was \$230.05.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to refund Pine Hill Investments the \$230.05.

The motion received a second from Selectman Keith McBrayer.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"
Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

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Mayor Ross called for the Board's approval to apply for the Urban Youth Grant..
Selectman Charles Collins made the motion for the City's Grant Writer Mrs. Melanie Busby, to apply for the Urban Youth Grant.
The motion received a second from Selectman Jasper Pittman.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

NOTE: The APPLICANT shall not modify this Memorandum of Understanding. Unless executed as written the application will not be accepted.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The government entity of, West Point, Mississippi, (hereinafter referred to as the APPLICANT) for the purpose of committing to the agreed conditions under which the APPLICANT may utilize special Federal Surface Transportation Program *Transportation Enhancement-Urban Youth Corps* Program Funds provided by the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)* and subsequent acts hereby agrees to the following:

WHEREAS, it is understood that conditions presented herein are general in nature with details and specific requirements contained in the MDOT Standard Operating Procedures and the Federal Highway Administration (herein after referred to as the FHWA) Federal Aid Program Guide; and

WHEREAS, the APPLICANT proposes to conduct an *Urban Youth Corps* Program utilizing the *Transportation Enhancement-Urban Youth Corps* Program funds provided by the *SAFETEA-LU* and subsequent acts as allocated to the MDOT; and

WHEREAS, the MDOT has allocated a specific amount of *Transportation Enhancement-Urban Youth Corps* Program funds to be used throughout the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the allocated *Transportation Enhancement-Urban Youth Corps* Program funds may be used for funding approved projects.

NOW THEREFORE, the APPLICANT agrees that for the attached project application the APPLICANT will:

- **ARTICLE I:** After notification that the project has been approved by the Transportation Commission, execute the General Agreement.
- **ARTICLE II:** The participant shall:
 - be responsible for the planning, coordinating, and implementation of the Urban Youth Corps Program;
 - be responsible for implementing the transportation enhancement projects;
 - be responsible for recruitment, hiring, training, supervision, and payroll for the youths;
 - describe the transportation to be used to transport the youths to and from the work site;
 - describe the youths' life skills training program and the percentage of work time the life skills training will require (a minimum of 10%);
 - describe how the organization will coordinate the *Urban Youth Corps* project with MDOT's District Resident/Maintenance Engineers (through the MDOT district's District Engineer) if the project includes work on highway rights-of-way;
 - submit an itemized budget for the project; and
 - submit a Final Project Report on the accomplishments, with recommendations for future improvement in the implementation of the program.
- **ARTICLE III:** Obtain all required permits.
- **ARTICLE IV:** Submit the final project package:

- **ARTICLE V:** Be required to acknowledge the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for their participation in the project in any news releases or other promotional material for the project. The project sponsor should also notify the External Affairs Division of MDOT of any ceremonies related to the opening of the facility. A plaque or sign identifying the FHWA and MDOT as providing funding for the project will be required.
- **ARTICLE VI:** Assume all responsibility for and save the MDOT harmless from any suits, action or claims of any character, brought for any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons or property, growing out of any action or omission to act in the conduct of this work.
- **ARTICLE VII:** Submit a single invoice for payment, upon completion of the project. All documentation necessary for MDOT's processing for proper payment shall be included, including documentation for payment-in-kind used for any portion of the APPLICANT's share of the PROJECT cost.
- **ARTICLE VIII:** The City of West Point gives permission to the Mayor of West Point to sign and allow the city to enter in an agreement with MDOT upon announcement of the grant being awarded with this board approval

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their signatures on the 8th day of March, 2011, Minute Book 36, Page 188 thereof.

APPLICATION OF, West Point (City) LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF Clay, State of Mississippi,

H. Scott Ross
 TITLE: Mayor

H. Scott Ross
 (Typed Name: Mayor)

ATTEST Lela J. Jack
 CLERK (Signature)



Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

- Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"
- Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"
- Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"
- Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"
- Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"
- Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called for the Department Head Reports. Those presenting written reports were Randy Jones, CAO; Mike St. Louis, Building Report; Dwight Prisock Interim Electric Superintendent; Wasterwater Treatment Plant, Water and Sewer, and Electric; Chief Johnny Littlefield, Fire Department; Bobby Lane, Interim Police Chief; Joey Wright, Public Works; and James Crowley, Park and Recreation.

Mayor Ross called for for questions or comments from the Department Heads and question or comments from the Board of Selectmen.

Mayor Ross stated that Municipal Judge Mark Cliett recommended that Mr. Daniel Irion, Bailiff for Municipal Court be hired full time.

Interim Chief Lane asked if Mr. Irion would be a full time Bailiff?

Mayor Ross stated "yes" he would be a full time Bailiff.

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion to accept Judge Cliett's recommendation.

The motion received a second from Selectman Homer Cannon.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"

Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

CAO, Randy Jones stated that in order to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, the City of West Point has to implement some measures. Mr. Jones emphasized that participating in this program could lower flood insurance premiums for the citizens of West Point. This item needs Board's action by May 3, 2011.

Mayor Ross started old business with the City Clerk Lela Q. Jack, stating that MS State Tax Commission needed the Final Resolution Granting Advalorem Tax Exemption for Leggett & Platt.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve of the Final Resolution Granting Advalorem Tax Exemption for Leggett & Platt.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

FINAL
RESOLUTION GRANTING EXEMPTION
FROM AD VALOREM TAXES

The Board of Selectmen (governing authority) of City of West Point (county/municipality) this day considered the matter of granting exemption from ad valorem taxes, except school district taxes, to Leggett & Platt

The governing authority finds that the State Tax Commission has certified that the applicant is eligible for exemption. The authority also finds that the property described in the application constitutes an industrial enterprise as described in Section 27-31-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

This governing authority does hereby grant ad valorem tax exemption to the above taxpayer for a period of 10 years, beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring January 1, 2020 on the property described in the application with a total true value of \$215,519.02.

Therefore the resolution to grant ad valorem tax exemption to the above named enterprise is hereby approved by Board of Selectmen (governing authority) of City of West Point (county/municipality) for a period of 10 years as authorized by Section 27-31-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, on this the 8th day of March, 2011.



(SEAL)

Granting Authority
H. Scott Ren Mayor
Name & Title

Attest: Lela J. Jack,
City Clerk

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Selectman Rod Bobo voted: “Aye”
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”
Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

CAO, Randy Jones gave the Board an update on the Street Projects in the City of West that had been completed.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to close the meeting to see if there was a need for an executive session

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: “Aye”
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”
Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to close the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

The motion received a second from Selectman Keith McBrayer.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: “Aye”
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”
Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Selectman Jasper made the motion to close the executive session meeting.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: “Aye”
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”
Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross announced to the public that no action was taken in the executive session.

Selectman Keith McBarayer made the motion to adjourn.

The motion received a second from Selectman Jasper Pittman.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: “Aye”
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”
Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”
Motion carried.

(SEAL)

H. Scott Ross, Mayor

Lela Q. Jack, City Clerk