

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND
SELECTMEN FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday March 17, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi met in a Special Called Meeting at City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, MS 39773 on the 17th day of March 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Mayor Harmon A. “Robbie” Robinson, presiding; Selectwoman Leta Turner, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Ken Poole, Selectman Keith McBrayer, Deputy Clerk Delores Doss, and CAO Randy Jones. Selectman Jasper Pittman and City Attorney, Orlando Richmond, were absent.

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order and called upon Selectman William Binder to offer an invocation. Next, the Mayor stated the reason for the Special Called Meeting was to address items requiring immediate attention

NEW BUSINESS

1. Declare state of emergency for COVID-19 virus
2. Approve financing for lease purchase of two (2) police patrol cruisers
3. Approve part-time hire for Public works – Parks Department

Mayor Robinson then called upon Mr. Torrey Williams, EMA Director to provide an update to the most recent status and activities subsequent to the Presidential declaration of a “State of Emergency” for the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic and to present to the Board the formal City’s proclamation that a “Local Emergency Exists” and a Resolution requesting the Governor declare a “State of Emergency”.

After Mr. William’s presentation, Mayor Robinson asked if there were questions. Subsequent to the questions and ensuing discussion, Mayor Robinson called for a motion to “Proclaim a Local State of Emergency Exists”.

Selectman William Binder made a motion to approve the following proclamation that a “Local State of Emergency Exists”. Selectwoman Leta Turner made a second to the motion.

PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
(by City Council or County Board of Supervisors)

WHEREAS, City of West Point the City Council /or Board of Supervisors does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said City /County, caused by COVID-19
(Severe storm, tornado, damaging wind, flash flooding, river flooding, drought, wildfire fire, structural fire, hail, hazardous material incident, epidemic, terrorism, earthquake, other)

occurring on or about 10:00 AM on the 15 day of March, 2020; and WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency in order to provide for the health and safety of the citizens and the protection of their property within the affected jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that in accordance with Section 33-15-17(4), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, a local emergency now exists throughout said City /County; and shall be reviewed every thirty (30) days until such local emergency is no longer in effect and proclaimed terminated by the City Council / Board of Supervisors of the City / County of West Point, State of Mississippi

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that all City / County agencies and departments shall render all possible assistance and discharge their emergency responsibilities set forth in the City / County Emergency Operations Plan.

DATE: 3/17/20

Harmon A. Robinson
Mayor / President of Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Delores Doss
Clerk of City / County
Clerk of Board of Supervisors

Leta Turner
Councilperson / Supervisor

William Binder
Councilperson / Supervisor

Ken Poole
Councilperson / Supervisor

Keith McBrayer
Councilperson / Supervisor



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Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the result was as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to adopt the following resolution to have Governor Tate Reeves declare a "State of Emergency".

RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM

A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Board of Supervisors (City Council)
of the County of West Point found that due to the impact (or imminent threat)
of COVID-19 a condition of extreme peril
(earthquake, flood, hazard, hurricane, severe storm, other)
to life and property did exist in West Point County, and

WHEREAS, on , 20 , in accordance with State Law 33-15-17(d) the
Board of Supervisors declared that an emergency does exist throughout said county; and

WHEREAS, it has now been found that local resources are unable to cope with the
effects of said emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED that a copy of
this declaration be forwarded to the Governor of Mississippi with the request that he proclaim
the County (City) of West Point to be in a State of Emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Torrey J. Williams Ken Poole
(Person) (Title)
is thereby designated as the authorized representative of the County (City) of

 for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries
and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal assistance.

DATE: 3/17/2020

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors for City
County of

State of Mississippi

MEMA

Mayor Robinson
Mayor (Mayor/President)

William Binder
Board Member

Ken Poole
Board Member

Keith McBrayer
Board Member

Jasper Pittman
Board Member



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Selectwoman Leta Turner made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the Governor to declare a "State of Emergency".
Selectman Ken Poole made a second to the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the result was as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson then called upon CAO Randy Jones to present the quotes for lease purchase of two (2) police interceptor patrol vehicles.

Mr. Jones presented the following quotes for lease purchase financing of the two (2) police cars:



March 10, 2020

The City of West Point
Attention: Randy Jones, Chief Administrative Officer
Emailed
West Point, MS 38773

RE: Loan Proposal

Gentlemen:

This letter is intended to respond to your email on March 10, 2020, requesting proposals to provide financing for two (2) new police patrol vehicles. Subject to normal credit underwriting, Cadence Bank would offer the following:

GENERAL TERMS

Borrower:	The City of West Point
Loan Amount:	\$56,770.00
Repayment:	Quarterly payments beginning July 1, 2020 for forty-eight (48) months
Rate:	2.72%
Fee:	\$0.00
Guarantors:	None
Collateral:	(2) new police patrol vehicles

*Interest
\$2,624.26*

Cadence Bank appreciates this opportunity to provide financing for you. If the proposed terms are acceptable to you, please sign this proposal in the space provided, and we will begin the documentation process immediately. Otherwise, the terms and conditions offered herein will expire at the close of business on Friday, April 3, 2020.

Thank you again for considering Cadence Bank for this opportunity, and we look forward to partnering with you on your future success.

Sincerely,

Heath Serris
Vice President, Columbus

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3/10/2020

Sent via: rjones@wpnet.org

City of West Point MS

It is a pleasure to submit for your consideration the following proposal to provide lease-purchase financing based on the terms and conditions set forth below:

1. Lessor: BancorpSouth Equipment Finance, a division of BancorpSouth Bank
2. Lessee: City of West Point MS
3. Equipment Description: 2 police vehicles
4. Equipment Cost: \$65,770.00
5. Lease Term: 4 Years
6. Lease Payments: (These are approximate payment amounts. The actual payment will be determined at funding date.)

See attached AM schedule
Areas
7. Lease Rate: 2.97%
8. Funding Date: This proposal is contingent upon the equipment being delivered and the lease funded prior "increase in current prime rate of 4.25%. Any extension of the funding or delivery date must be in writing.
9. Purchase Option: Title is passed to Lessee at lease expiration for no further consideration.
10. Non-appropriation/Termination: The lease provides that Lessee is to make reasonable efforts to obtain funds to satisfy the obligation in each fiscal year. However, the lease may be terminated without penalty in the event of non-appropriation. In such event, the Lessee

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VIA Email

March 10, 2020

Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of West Point, Mississippi
C/o Mr. Randolph Jones

Re: Lease Purchase Financing - Two New Police Vehicles

Board Members:

We understand that the City of West Point, Mississippi is considering lease-purchase financing for Two New Police Vehicles (hereinafter the "Equipment") under the authority of Sec. 31-7-13(e) of the Miss. Code of 1972, as amended. The Equipment's total cost is as listed below and 100% of the total cost will be lease purchase financed.

The rates provided below assumes that the debt will be designated as "bank-qualified" tax exempt within the meaning of Sec. 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. If it is determined that the City is ineligible to issue bank-qualified debt this calendar year, different rates will apply.*

<u>Amount Financed:</u>	<u>Terms**:</u>	<u>Rate:</u>
\$59,770.00	16 quarterly payments @ \$3,730.45 per quarter	3.24%

- * Determination of taxability would be the responsibility of the City's legal counsel.
- ** The City will certify that the Equipment will not be replaced by other equipment, performing the same or similar functions, until the term of the financing option expires.

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March 10, 2020

Bruff Sanders

Re: The City of West Point

Dear Bruff,

We appreciate the information you have provided and we are pleased to provide you with the following lease proposal. This proposal is subject to final credit approval and assumes use of our standard documentation. Unless previously extended in writing, this proposal will expire 30 days from today's date. Pricing does not include applicable taxes.

Lessor:	The City of West Point
Lessor:	BancLeasing, LLC and/or its Assigns
Equipment Type:	(2) 2020 Dodge Chargers
Equipment Cost:	\$55,770
Base Lease Commencement:	1st of the month following total equipment installation & acceptance
Payments Due:	In arrears (1st of the month)
Purchase Option:	\$1.00
Base Lease Term:	48 Months
Quarterly Payments:	\$3,775 (plus tax if applicable) beginning July 1, 2020
End-of-term:	Purchase equipment for \$1.00
Interim Rent:	Interim rent will be charged at a daily rate of .02639% from the date of any/all progress payments made to vendors until the Commencement Date of the lease. Personal Guarantees may be required
Miscellaneous Conditions:	The lease rate is fixed from the Commencement Date to the end of the initial lease term. It may be adjusted on the Commencement Date to reflect any upward change in either the Prime Rate of interest or like-term U.S. Treasuries as published in the Wall Street Journal.
Lease Rate Adjustment:	
Lease Accounting:	The lessee and/or its accountants are responsible for determining Lessee's accounting treatment of any lease schedule, including lease classification and tax treatment.

\$4,650.00 Interest

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or if you need additional information.

Kind regards,

Agreed To & Accepted By:

Richard Lee
Senior Account Executive
BancLeasing, LLC
PH: 214.778.1842
FX: 214.778.1841
rlee@bancleasing.com

Lessee: The City of West Point

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Toll Free: (877) 274-5327 Ext. 1843 Direct: (214) 778-1842 Fax: (214) 778-1841

After Mr. Jones' presentation, Mayor Robinson asked if there were questions. Subsequent to the questions and ensuing discussion, Selectman Keith McBrayer had to excuse himself at 10:11 a.m. Mayor Robinson then recommended the Board accept the lowest and best quote from Cadence Bank and to authorize Mr. Jones, CAO, to execute the pertinent documents.

