

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND
SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Wednesday, July 7, 2021 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a special called meeting the 7th day of July 2021 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs at City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Rodrick M. Bobo, presiding; Selectwoman Leta Turner, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Ken Poole, Selectman Keith McBrayer and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Also present City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet, and City Attorney Orlando Richmond. CAO Randy Jones joined via telephone conference.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by City Attorney Orlando Richmond followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor noted that the purpose of the meeting was to follow the agenda before the Board.

1. Accept lowest bid for main sewer replacement from 4-D Construction Company and authorize CAO Randy Jones to execute all documents on behalf of the City.
 2. Recommendations from WPPD Chief Avery Cook
 3. Recommendation from CAO Randy Jones- West Point Water & Sewer Department
 4. Board of Mayor and Selectmen recommendation to Agencies and Board Appointments
 5. Special administrative staff appointments
- Executive session as required
Adjourn

The Mayor next called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adopt the agenda. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to accept the lowest bid for main sewer replacement from 4-D Construction Company in the amount of \$685,959.00 and to authorize CAO Randy Jones to execute all documents on behalf of the City of West Point. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried.

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The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook who recommended to the Board to hire Benny Bush as a police officer. Officer Benny Bush is already a certified officer.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the recommendation. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook who recommended to the Board to hire Michael Lewis as a policer officer. Mr. Michael Lewis is not certified and will need to attend the police academy for certification.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the recommendation. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up CAO Randy Jones who joined the meeting via telephone conference to make the recommendation of Steven Luker as foreman in the Water & Sewer Department at \$20.82 an hour to replace Byron Acker who retired.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to accept the recommendation. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to fill a vacancy on the West Point Housing Authority Board. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to appoint Cole Bryan to a five (5) year term expiring January 20, 2026. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to make appointments to the West Point Growth Alliance Board to represent the City. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to appoint Mayor Rodrick Bobo and Selectman William Binder to represent the City for the next four (4) years. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to make appointments to the North Mississippi Industrial Development Authority Board (NMIDA). Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to appoint Mayor Rodrick Bobo and CAO Randy Jones as alternate to represent the City for the next four (4) years. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to appoint West Point Election Commissioners for a four (4) year term. Selectman William Binder made the motion to appoint Hubert Caston to a four (4) year term as an Election Commissioner. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea
Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to appoint Bettye Swift to the West Point Election Commission for a four (4) year term. Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea
Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to appoint Percy Jones to the West Point Election Commission for a four (4) year term. Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea
Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of the reappointment of Orlando “Rod” Richmond as City Attorney for a one (1) year term.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea
Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter of the appointment of City Prosecuting Attorney. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to reappoint Michelle Easterling as City Prosecuting Attorney for a 1 (one) year term, ending July 1, 2022.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Nay</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of the appointment of City Municipal Judge. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to reappoint Bennie Jones as City Municipal Judge for a 1 (one) term, ending July 1, 2022. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of the appointment of City Municipal Judge. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to reappoint Mark Cliett as City Municipal Judge for 1 (one) term, ending July 1, 2022. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of the appointment of City Public Defender. Selectman William Binder made the motion to reappoint Robin Brown as City Public Defender for a 1 (one) year term, ending July 1, 2022. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of a need to go into executive session according to Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated Section 25-41-7, and to determine if there is a need to remain in executive session. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next declared the meeting closed and called for a motion to remain in executive session according to Section 25-41-7 (4) (a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 for personnel matter. Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to remain in executive session. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor called for a vote to return to open session. Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to come out of executive and return back to open session. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook who recommended the Board that Jarron Jefferson be terminated effective June 30, 2021, as a police officer from the department. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of the appointment of the CAO for the City of West Point. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to reappoint Randy Jones as CAO for a 1 (one) year term, ending July 1, 2022. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of the appointment of the Municipal Clerk position for the City of West Point. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to appoint Delores Doss as City Clerk for a 1 (one) year term, ending July 1, 2022. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Nay</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to adjourn. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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Eddie A. Longstreet
Eddie A Longstreet, City Clerk

Rodrick M. Bobo
Rodrick M. Bobo, Mayor