

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE
CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting the 14th Day of September 2021 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Rodrick “Rod” Bobo presiding; Selectwoman Leta Turner, Selectman William Binder, .Selectman Ken Poole, Selectman Keith McBrayer and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond followed by Pledge of Allegiance lead by CAO Randy Jones.

The Mayor called for a motion to adopt the agenda. 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 called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to approve the consent agenda including items 1 and 2:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of August 5, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Claims Docket for August 2021 Claims/Financial Reports-No reports
3. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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 upon the Board to approve the Emergency Declaration for Thunderstorm and Wind Damage Occurring September 1, 2021 referencing Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated §33-17-15.

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>

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called up the matter to amend the City of West Point Organizational Cart.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: 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 for Board to approve a \$100.00 sponsorship for Progressive Foundation of Clay County Inc.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: 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 call up the matter of EMA directors' recommendation to hire a long-term coordinator.

Selectman William Binder recused himself of this matter.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to table this item. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a 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 approve an inter-local agreement for the hire of shared employee with the City of West Point and Clay County.

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Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to table this item until next month's meeting. 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: 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 the matter to approve a proposed resolution of intent to grant an Ad Valorem tax exemption for Project "Coco" by the Golden Triangle Development LINK.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a 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 Board approval to advertise for consultant firm for Planning, Engineering, and Inspection Services Agreement contact with Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc. for Project No STPD-7973-00(006)/105723-813000 Mill and Overlay-Eshman Avenue.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: 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 approve travel for Court Clerk Carla Golden to attend Municipal Court Hybrid Conference in Philadelphia, MS September 22-24-2021.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Yea

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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 up the matter to hire Mr. Sherman Carouthers as the Deputy CAO.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to hire Mr. Sherman Carouthers as the Deputy CAO for the City of West Point. Selectman Jasper Pittman Seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a 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 hire Ms. Deliah Vaughn as the Accountant for the City of West Point.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a 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

They Mayor next called up the matter to hire Ms. Sherry Williams as the Office Manager with the City of West Point Electric Department.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. 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: 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 to hire Mr. Jarrod McDaniel as the Park and Recreation Director.

Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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 enforce facial covering inside all city buildings for the next 30 days.

Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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 upon Code Enforcer Mr. Eddie Longstreet for update on blighted properties.

Mr. Longstreet gave a report on grass cleanup and notices that have been sent out to businesses.

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

The Mayor next called up the matter of hearing department head reports. Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made the recommendation to the Board to accept letter of resignation from Ty Miller.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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>

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Chief Wilbourne recommended to the Board that he would advertise to fill the position of Ty Miller.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to advertise periodically or maybe quarterly. 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

Public Works Assistant Fred Ivy reported on picking up brush. Police Chief Avery Cook made recommendation for the Board to accept letter of resignation from Chantise Henius.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

Police Chief Avery Cook made the recommendation to the Board to accept Alex Cook letter of resignation.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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

Police Avery Cook made the recommendation to the Board to hire Charles McComic as Animal Control.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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

Police Chief Avery Cook made the recommendation to the Board to hire 2(two) Part-time officers being Joshua Lewis and Damien Dow.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to hire Joshua Lewis as a part-time police officer. Selectman Kena Poole seconded the motion.

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

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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

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to hire Damien Dow as a part-time police officer. 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

Park & Rec Jarrod McDaniel reported on flag football and the tournaments coming up. Building Inspector Jeremy Klutts gave report on 2(two) new houses and 1(one) restaurant.

CAO Randy Jones reported on the quotes from bank.

The Mayor next called up the matter for a need to go into executive session,

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion for a need to go into executive session. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

The Mayor called upon the board to move to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a 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 motion to come out of executive session.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to come out of executive session. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Yea

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Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor made the report to public from executive session. Water Superintendent Marty Holcombe was informed by the Board to get water fixed on 45 as soon as possible.

There was a recommendation by Public Works Director to terminate Steadman Carouthers.

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

Motion carried

There was a recommendation by Public Works Director to terminate Devion Coleman.

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

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a 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

Police Chief Avery Cook made the recommendation to the Board to terminate Vasquez Clark.

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

Motion carried

Police Avery Cook made the recommendation to the Board to terminate Michael Lewis.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner 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

Keith Fortenberry made the recommendation to the Board for pay increase for Ray Earnest in the water department.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. 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

Keith Fortenberry made the recommendation to the Board for a pay increase to Jerry Johnson in the water department.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. 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

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner

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>

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Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea


Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

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Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor


Deloris Doss, City Clerk