

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE
CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting the 12th Day of October 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, Deputy CAO Sherman 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 Ken Poole made the motion to adopt the agenda. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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: | <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 Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the consent agenda including items 1 thru 6:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of August 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of September 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of September 22, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of August Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
5. Approval of September Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
6. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: | <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 2021-2022 tax collection due and delinquent date set for November 15, 2021. 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:

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

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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 accept the lowest bid tabulation for Electric Line Right-Of-Way Line Clearing Services to Grays Power Supply, LLC Oakland, MS, in the amount of \$537,440.00.\$ (See Attached Bid Tabulation)

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: 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 accept a letter of agreement with Watkins, Ward and Stafford. For services to be rendered to the City of West Point Accountant along with any cross training with employees at City Hall. for the remaining of the FY.

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: 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 to appoint Mrs. Carolyn Poston to the LINK board for another term. Selectman William Binder 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 next called up the matter to approve the employee performance evaluation.

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Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion pending modifications at any time. Selectman Ken Poole also stated that the Board will revisit this item for final draft at a later date pending information from CAO Randy Jones and Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers.

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 resolution to enter into an agreement with the Municipal Intercept Company, LLC to collect debt owed to the City of West Point, MS.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to table this item until next month's board meeting. Selectman Ken Pooler 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 choose a firm for ARPA funds. The Mayor stated that there were two (2) firms that were in question as to the best firm being Calvert Spradling Engineers and Waggoner Engineering Inc.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion for Calvert Spradling Engineers. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made an alternate motion to table until more information is given on firms. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the vote.

The Mayor called for a Roll call vote

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 stated that the first vote died due to alternate motion accepted by Selectman Jasper Pittman.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to accept an interlocal agreement with County/City.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to table this item until finance committee gets reports. Selectman William Binder 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: | <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 quotes for the purchase of a backhoe for the Water department.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept John Deere quote in the amount of \$94,778.19 and to authorize CAO Randy Jones and Deputy CAO Sherman Carothers to apply for funds through Golden Triangle Planning and Development District. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to transfer the backhoe to Public Works Department to the Water Department.

Selectman William Binder 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: | <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 up the matter to hire Mr. Caleb Angle as a Lineman with Water/Light Department.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to hire Mr. Caleb Angle. Selectman Ken 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: | <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

Selectman Keith McBrayer stated that this hire will be filling the position of Devon ALLday who retired.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to hire Mr. Xavier Moore as a Meter Reader with the Water/Light department.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion. Mr. Moore will be on a probation period at Level 3 with hourly rate at \$11.33 starting November 1, 2021.

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

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| 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 continue a 30 day mandate on wearing mask in All City buildings.

Selectman William Binder 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:

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| 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 up the matter to authorize travel for Torrey Williams EMA Director to attend Mid-Winter Conference November 14-19, 2021 in Biloxi, MS.

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:

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| 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 purchase UV lighting for Wastewater plant.

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:

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

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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 authorize Sewer Main rehab.

No action was taken on this only for information.

The Mayor next called up the matter of hearing department head reports.

The Mayor called up Ms. Sherry Williams to address the Board with things that needed to be corrected at the Electric Department as far as water in the basement.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to authorize Serve-Pro to test for black mole at the Electric Department and test and treat water in the basement. . 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

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne requested to hire certified John Alston Roberts as a fireman.

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

Next Police Chief Avery Cook made the recommendation to hire Tykeria Harris as a certified police officer.

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

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Next Police Chief Avery Cook made the recommendation to hire Kevin Casey as a non-certified police officer.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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| 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 Fred Ivy requested to get quotes for a purchase of a garbage truck, tractor, and knuckle boon.

CAO Randy Jones reported on income statement for Water and Electric.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to authorize CAO and Deputy CAO to get quotes on garbage trucks through USDA.

Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

All other department head reports are in board packet with no action needed.

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 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:

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| 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 come out of executive session.

Selectman Ken Poole 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:

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

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

Motion carried

The Mayor reported to the public on action taken in executive session.

There was action taken by the City Attorney on two public works employees for the misuse of city property during city time to be suspended four (4) days without pay effective 10/12/2021. Also, there will be a rental fee of \$100 to be paid to the City of West Point.

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent.

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

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Deloris Doss, City Clerk

Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor