

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE
CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting the 10^h Day of May 2022 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 Keith McBrayer were present. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers, and City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond. Selectman Ken Poole and Selectman Jasper Pittman were absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by Selectman William Binder followed by Pledge of Allegiance by CAO Randy Jones.

The Mayor called for a motion to adopt and approve the agenda for May 10, 2022.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adopt and approve the agenda. 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>Absent</u> |
| Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: | <u>Yea</u> |
| Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: | <u>Absent</u> |

Motion carried

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

Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve the consent agenda including items 1 through 3.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Approval of April 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of April 2022 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
3. 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>Absent</u> |
| Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: | <u>Yea</u> |
| Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: | <u>Absent</u> |

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve an application of Plum Creek Environmental Technologies, LLC for exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes for a period of ten years as authorized by Section 27-31-101, SEQ., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to emulate the same exemptions the County has in place for this application. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve an resolution for the employment of professionals in connection with the City's intention to issue Urban Renewal Revenue Bonds in an agreement principal amount of not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (4,500,000). (See attached resolution)

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Selectman Keith McBrayer had discussion and comments on this said resolution.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve and amend the penalties of the Public Nuisance Code.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to table this item until further information is given. 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve and direct City Clerk to hold a payroll check of a deceased city employee pending on an estate being open. (See attached information)

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion pending language being changed of living heirs. 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

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize COO Bob Edwards to advertise for a Level IV Wastewater Operator.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize COO Bob Edwards to promote Mr. Shawn as Wastewater Operator and Mr. Lawrence White as Water Treatment Operator. COO Bob Edwards stated that both gentlemen are certified operators.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for EMA Director Torrey Williams to attend a MCDEMA meeting May 25-27, 2022 in Pearl River, MS.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize travel for Police Chief Avery Cook to attend a MACP Annual Conference June 14- 17, 2022 in Biloxi, MS.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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| Selectman William Binder voted: | <u>Yea</u> |
| Selectman Ken Poole voted: | <u>Absent</u> |
| Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: | <u>Yea</u> |
| Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: | <u>Absent</u> |

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize travel for Accreditation Manager Queenie Dean to attend MS Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission June 15-16, 2022 in Biloxi, MS.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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:

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize travel for Code Enforcer Eddie Longstreet to attend MML Conference June 27-29, 2022 in Biloxi, MS.

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>Absent</u> |
| Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: | <u>Yea</u> |
| Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: | <u>Absent</u> |

Motion carried

They Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize travel for Allen Flynt to attend a Task Force Training June 7-8, 2022 in Grenada, MS

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:

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| Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: | <u>Yea</u> |
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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent
Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports. Public Works Assistant Director Fred Ivy made a recommendation to the Board to hire two (2) employees for truck driver and seasonal help.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to hire Matthew Ivy as a full-time truck driver. 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to hire Bryson Johnson as part-time seasonal help. 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

Next, Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne presented the Board with a verbal resignation from Mr. Cody Ware.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the verbal resignation from Chief Wilbourne on Mr. Cody Ware.

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

Motion carried

Fire Chief Wilbourne also wanted permission from the Board to advertise for this vacancy.

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

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| Selectman William Binder voted: | <u>Yea</u> |
| Selectman Ken Poole voted: | <u>Absent</u> |
| Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: | <u>Yea</u> |
| Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: | <u>Absent</u> |

Motion carried

Police Chief Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire Mr. Donavon Jeffers as a non-certified police officer.

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:

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

Motion carried

Police Chief Cook made the recommendation to hire Mr. Stephen Kemp as a certified police officer.

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:

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

Motion carried

Recreation Director Jarrod McDaniel made a recommendation to the Board to hire two (2) part-time seasonal workers for three (3) days a week.

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:

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

Motion carried

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CAO Randy Jones made a request to the Board for permission to advertise for a public hearing on the FY 2023 budget.

No vote was required.

The Mayor next called upon the Board for a need for an executive session.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion for a need of executive session to discuss personnel issues. 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>Absent</u> |
| Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: | <u>Yea</u> |
| Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: | <u>Absent</u> |

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to move into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

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:

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

Motion carried

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to terminate Ms. Tykeria Harris from the police 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>Absent</u> |
| Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: | <u>Yea</u> |
| Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: | <u>Absent</u> |

Motion carried

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to come out of executive session. 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> |

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

Motion carried

The Mayor reported to the public of the termination of Ms. Tykeria Harris.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

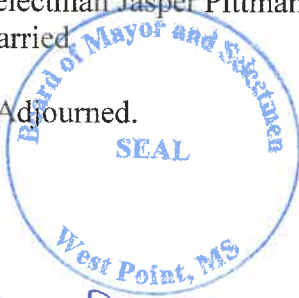
Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

SEAL



Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor

Deloris Doss, City Clerk