

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR  
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2023 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, and Selectman Ken Poole were present. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers. City Attorney Orlando Richmond was also present.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by City Attorney Orlando Richmond followed by a Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept the best and lowest bid for lease purchase financing for Wastewater UV lighting. There were two (2) bids presented from Cadence Equipment Finance and Bank of Commerce. The best and lowest bid was from Cadence Equipment Finance with a lease rate of 5.39% for 4 years.

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:	<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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept the best and lowest bid for lease purchase financing for LED streetlighting. There were two (2) bids presented from Cadence Equipment Finance and Bank of Commerce. The best and lowest bid was from Bank of Commerce with a lease fixed rate of 6.05% for 10years.

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:	<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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept Contract for Service with Clay County Circuit Clerk for the purpose of redistricting in the amount of \$750.00.

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to re-appoint Mr. Johnny Samuel to serve another five-year term as a commissioner for West Point Housing Authority.

Selectman Ken Poole 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:	<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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept the contract for truck driving training with Elvira Trucking Academy.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion pending City Attorney approval of contract with said tuition in the amount of \$4,000.00 for a group of four (4) people.

Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept an ordinance prohibiting the use of compression release engine brakes (or “Jake Brakes”) within the City of West Point, MS.

No action was taken on this item.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept the lowest and best bid to purchase a Bobcat zero turn lawn mower in the amount of \$9905.64 from GRIGGS CARQUEST.

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:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept and submit a Resolution requesting the Clay County Board of Supervisors to direct/ request Tombigbee River Water Management District to make needed and necessary repairs to Town Creek ditch running 250 ft. from Church Hill going south to Adventure ATV.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept the lowest and best bid for the roof replacement at the Civic Center. There were three (3) bids presented from WJM Construction Company LLC, Shurden's Roofing LLC, and Hollis Residential Roofing, Inc.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the best and lowest bid to Hollis Residential Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$39, 140.00. 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: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Fred Ivy, Public Works Director and to appoint an Interim.

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: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

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Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to appoint an Interim director for Public Works Department

Selectman William Binder made the motion to hire Chris Cox as Interim Public Works Director.

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:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to discuss salary for Interim later.

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:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept engagement letter from Watkins, Ward and Stafford for the City of West Point Audit year ended June 30, 2022.

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

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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:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Queenie Dean to attend Accreditation Managers, Training Officers, and Associators Summer Training Meeting June 21-23, 2023, in Biloxi, MS.

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:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Randal Akins to attend Wastewater Certification Testing May 25-26, 2023 in Senatobia, MS.

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

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers to attend MML Conference June 25-29, 2023, in Biloxi, MS.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Stephen Ross, Public Defender.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve invoice #1 to Falcon Construction for Eshman overlay.

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:	<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: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports.

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made a request to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Samuel Harrel.

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

Motion carried

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made a request to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Devon Eades.

Selectman Ken Poole 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: Absent

Motion carried

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made a request to the Board to hire Gabriel Harpole 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



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

Motion carried

Public Works Interim made a request to the Board to re-hire Joey Wright on a part-time basis and not to exceed annual salary of \$20,000.

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

Motion carried

Public Works Interim made a request to the Board to promote Randal Whitmire from part-time to full-time employee.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman William Binder

COO Bob Edwards recognized the line crew for their job well done in helping during the storms.

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to hire Charles Castle as a full-time laborer with the water 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: Absent

Motion carried

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COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to hire Fearyeae Temple as a laborer in the Water Department.

Selectman Ken Poole 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:	<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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to hire Maurice Bowen for the position of Wastewater Treatment Operator.

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:	<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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to re-hire Wes Milsaps for the position of crew leader in the Water Department.

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:	<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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to hear a public appearance from Mr. Doug Hannah on personal property and street issues. No action was taken.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to hear a public appearance from Mr. Ryck Adams Morales Nadal SBA office. No one was present.

Mayor next called upon the Board for a need for an executive session. There was no need for an executive session.

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

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

SEAL



  
Deloris Doss, City Clerk

  
Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor