

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND
SELECTMEN FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting on the 11th Day of July 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. Selectman Jasper Pittman was absent.

Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, and CAO Randy Jones. Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers and, and City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond were absent also.

Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by Rev. Eddie Longstreet followed by Pledge of Allegiance by CAO Randy Jones.

Mayor called upon the Board to amend the agenda to add item for discussion of ARC application with Mrs. Phylis Benson with GTPDD.

Selectman Ketih McBrayer made the motion to amend 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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to adopt and approve the agenda.

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:

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: Absent
Motion carried

The Mayor next called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 5.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of June 21, 2023 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of June 22, 2023 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of June Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
5. 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:

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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve the City of West Point Wastewater Rehabilitation Application Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)/ARPA/MDEQ presented by Mrs. Phylis Benson with GTPDD.

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

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept RFPs for banking depositories for City of West Point. There were three (3) depositories in the names of Bank of Commerce, Cadence Bank, and The First Bank. All said banks will be used for depositories.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept Bank of Commerce for a depository. 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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept Cadence Bank for a depository.

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept The First Bank for a depository. 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>

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent
Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve retirement of *MCRG bad debt list*.
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: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve authorization of EMA Director Torrey Williams to Submit Notice of Intent – Tornado Sirens.

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: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve authorization of EMA Director Torrey Williams to Submit Notice of Intent – Drainage Seitz/Pine Acres/Crepe Myrtle.

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

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent
Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve authorization of EMA Director Torrey Williams to Submit Application for Debris Burning at Landfill to DEQ.

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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve *authorization to issue RFQ's for Joe Bryant Road fire protection.*

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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to *declare a state of emergency repair of drainage obstruction.*

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

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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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports.

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made the Board aware of the retirement of Reginald Gardner effective June 30, 2023. Fire Chief also thanked Mr. Gardner for his years of service.

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made recommendation to the Board to hire James Minor as a full-time 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:	<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

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made recommendation to the Board to hir Tyun Robinson as a full-time fireman.

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

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Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made a recommendation to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Xavier Moye.

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

Next, Interim Public Works Director Chris Cox made a request to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Tabatha Edwards.

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

Next, Police Chief Avery Cook made recommendation to the Board to hire Davion Rice as a full-time police officer.

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>
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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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

Next, COO Bob Edwards made a recommendation to the Board to hire Makayla Drake as a full-time receiving clerk along with cashier duties at the Electric department.

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

Next, EMA Director Torrey Williams made a request to the Board to spread MOU Between the Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission and the City of West Point.

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

Next, EMA Director Torrey Williams made a request to the Board for reimbursement of overpayment in the amount \$712.84 for Project PW9.

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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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to close the meeting to determine a need for an executive session.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made a motion to close the meeting for a need for 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:	<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

Mayor called upon the Board to move and remain in executive session to discuss personnel issues.

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

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Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to accept recommendation from COO Bob Edwards to promote Tanya Taylor ad Billing Manager with a pay increase to Tanya Taylor in the amount of \$23.11.

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

Next. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to table Superintendent of Water/Wastewater department. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Selectman Ken Poole made a countermotion to accept recommendation from COO Bob Edwards. Motion died for lack of second. The Mayor informed the Board that this would go back to the original motion of Selectman Keith McBrayer to table this item.

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor called upon the Board to come out of executive session.

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

The Mayor made a report to the public from the executive session.

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The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

SEAL



Deloris Doss, City Clerk

Rodrick "Rod" Bobo Mayor

