

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE
CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
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 February 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, Selectman Jasper Pittman, and Selectman Ken Poole were present. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers. City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond was Absent.

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

Mayor called for a motion to adopt and approve the agenda.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adopt and approve 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 commended the line crew for helping in surrounding areas during the storm.

The Mayor next called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 4.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of January 30, 2023, Special Called Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of January 2023 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
4. 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:	<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 consider resolution to support A 2023 REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO INCLUDE

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FURTHER FEASIBILITY AND STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION FOR A POTENTIAL CONVERSION OF THE C&G RAIL LINE INTO A RAIL TRAIL.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. to 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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services on a Proposal for ARC/ARPA Engineering Services – Wastewater Improvements to Waggoner Engineers who scored the highest points in grading scale.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to declare said Parcel #025 05 0030100 in the name of LOYD MICHAEL WEBB that was sold in error during the 2022 tax sale. Said property was purchased by FIG 20, LLC in the amount of \$136.31. Said monies will need to be refunded to the purchaser of the tax sale.

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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to rescind new hire for deputy court clerk.

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>

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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 upon the Board to hire Shalexis Ewing as the deputy court clerk.

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 called upon the Board to approve hire Tabatha Edwards for daily janitorial service for City Hall and authorize RFQ for quarterly licensed janitorial service in addition to current service.

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 called upon the Board to approve formal recognition of Pete O'Shea's multiple years of community service, in particular serving as Chairman of the local Planning Commission.

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 called upon the Board to advertise for RFQ's for selecting bi-annual bank depositories for the City.

Selectman Keith McBrayer 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>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 2-year comprehensive plan for all department heads within the City.

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:	<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 and adopt presented redistricting plan 4A from GTPDD Toby Sanford. (See attached exhibit)

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve and adopt resolution to engage with PATH to move forward with the street lightening project.

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:	<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

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve a NUNC PRO TUNC, for the minutes of July 12, 2022, approving Waggoner's task order number 2, "Strategic implementation Assistance," to include travel for city officials to Washington D.C. November 15-17, 2022, to lobby Congress for additional funding.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. 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:	<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 proposal for Hybrid Commercial Truck Driving Training.

No representatives were present for discussion on this item. This item was tabled until next month.

Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Shawn Doss to attend a Wastewater Operator Training March 23, 2023, in Pontotoc, MS.

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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel from Lawrence White to attend a Wastewater Operator Training March 23, 2023, in Pontotoc, MS.

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:	<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 travel for Lawrence White to attend a 2023 Operators Expo Training March 29, 2023, in Canton, MS.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel to approve travel for Kevin Acker to attend a EMT Class February 6-8, March 6-8, April 17-19, and May 15-17, 2023, at the MS State Fire Academy.

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 next called upon the Board to approve travel to approve travel for Randle Akins to attend a Water Operator Training on February 27-March3, 2023 in Richland, MS.

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 called upon department heads for reports.

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made request to the Board to accept resignation from Jon Austin Roberts.

No letter was received on this resignation.

Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to the Board to accept letter of resignation from Detective Parker Smith.

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

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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

Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to the Board to accept letter of resignation from Officer Juwan Roberts.

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: Yea

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to re-hire Toni Howard as a full-time police officer.

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: 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 a recommendation to hire Demarco Easterwood as a full-time police officer.

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: Yea

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to hire Jamar House as a full-time police officer.

Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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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

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to hire Chad Lenoir as a part-time police officer.

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: Yea

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to terminate Officer Eddie Washington.

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: Yea

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to accept resignation from Tyrone Kelley 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to advertise for two (2) positions in the water department.

Selectman Keith McBrayer 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

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to advertise for a full-time water operator. 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>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to advertise for a full-time wastewater operator.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a request to the Board to declare outdated law book surplus according to state statute.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to declare outdated law books surplus after CAO Jones has made sure this is okay under state statute. 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

EMA Director Torrey Williams requested that a Certificate of Completion from Emergency Management Institute for Torrey Williams be spread across the minutes. ire Teisha

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

Motion carried

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made a motion for a need for executive session to discuss personnel issues economic development, and litigations. 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: Yea

Motion carried

Mayor called upon the Board to move and remain into executive session to discuss personnel issues, economic development, and litigations.

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: 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 upon the Board to come out of executive session.

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

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

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to increase Willie Bowens hourly rate with the public works department at a rate of one dollar (1.00).

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

Motion carried

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to increase Ervin Deans hourly rate with the public works department at a rate of one dollar (\$1.00). 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>Ye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor reported to the public that Johnny Lowery will be reimbursed for improper towing of vehicle.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor reported to the public to terminate with cause Demarcus Cunningham with the water department.

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>

The Mayor reported to the public that the City Clerk salary will increase by Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) dollars annually.

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

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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: Absent

The Mayor reported to the public that Officer Eddie Washington be terminated for failure to meet necessary academy requirements.

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: Absent

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Selectman Keith McBrayer 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


Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.



SEAL


Rodrick "Rod" Bobo Mayor


Deloris Doss, City Clerk