

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND  
SELECTMEN FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of October 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 Jasper Pittman were present. Selectman Ken Poole was present shortly after. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, 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 a Pledge of Allegiance by CAO Randy Jones.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to adopt and approve the agenda with an amendment to re-appoint position to the Golden Triangle Development Link Board.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adopt and approve the agenda with the amendment re-appoint position to the Golden Triangle Development Link Board.

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 re-appoint Mrs. Carolyn Poston to the Golden Triangle Development Link Board.

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 voted: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve the consent agenda items 1-4a.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of September 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of September 28, 2023 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of September Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal
  - A. Re-appointment board member to Golden Triangle Development Link

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 FY 2023 tax delinquent due date set for November 22, 2023.

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

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The Mayor called upon the Board to approve the closing of City Hall at 4:30pm daily during tax season until November 22, 2023 for the daily balancing of all cash drawers and daily deposits.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to be effective immediately and to return to regular business hours on November 23, 2023. 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 called upon the Board to approve and declare surplus of City light globes to Growth Alliance for sale in the amount of \$1.00.

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

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve blighted property as public nuisance under Miss Code Section 21-19-11 Health, Safety, Welfare Property Declaration belonging to Francis D Miller 784 Griffin St., Parcel # 082D115D-0400000.

The Mayor opens a public hearing on said property. No one was present.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to approve said property as blighted. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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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 upon the Board to approve blighted property as public nuisance under Miss Code Section 21-19-11 Health, Safety, Welfare Property Declaration belonging to Gary L. & Shirley Moore 60 Washington St, Parcel # 082D415D-0070000.

The Mayor called on Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. and Shirley Moore. No one was present.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve said property as blighted.  
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 called upon the Board to move to item 14 to discuss the decrease in medical rates from BCBS of MS effective September 1, 2023. (Andrew Noland Affordable Benefits)

No action was taken on this item.

The Mayor called upon the Board to move to item 15 to approve travel for Officer Bob Moore to attend Tactical Officer Survival School October 17-19, 2023, in Hattiesburg, MS.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 called upon the Board to move back to item 10 to approve participation in the 2024/2025 Update of the District 4 of Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve designating Torrey Williams, EMA Director, as Designated Representative for Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Renewal.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve designating Torrey Williams, EMA Director, as applicant agent for mitigation projects to include disasters DR4598, DR4538, DR4478, DR4536, DR4450, DR4429 and tornado of March 2022.

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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 authorizing Delores Doss, City Clerk, to sign the state-local disaster assistance agreement.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to discuss the decrease in medical rates from BCBS of MS effective September 1, 2023. (Andrew Noland Affordable Benefits)

No action required on this said item.

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve travel for approve travel for Officer Bob Moore to attend Tactical Officer Survival School October 17-19, 2023, in Hattiesburg, MS. 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 voted: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports.

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made a recommendation to the Board to withdraw the hire status of Justin McVay as a firefighter.

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

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made a recommendation to the Board to hire Curtis Randle as a firefighter.

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: Yea

Motion carried

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Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to accept letter of resignation from police officer Michael Banks.

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

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to accept letter of resignation from police officer Paul Vaughan.

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

Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers made a recommendation to the Board to start the application process for the selection of Engineers for STAG Grant.

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>



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

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to accept a letter of resignation from wastewater laborer Maurice Bowen.

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

Motion carried

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

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

Motion carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to move and remain in executive session for personnel issues with the County. Selectman Willima 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

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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 called upon the Board to come out of executive session.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor made the report to the public that no action was taken in executive session.

The Mayor called upon the Board to adjourn the meeting.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to adjourn. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

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Meeting Adjourned.

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Deloris Doss, City Clerk

  
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Rodrick "Rod" Bobo Mayor

