

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND  
SELECTMEN  
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPT  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

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The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2023 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Rodrick “Rod” Bobo presiding. Selectman William Binder, Selectman Ken Poole, Selectman Keith McBrayer, and Selectwoman Leta Turner were present. Selectman Jasper Pittman was absent but became present later in the meeting. Also, present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers and City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond.

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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to adopt and approve the agenda with an amendment to add item 10 with Adrew Nolin with Affordable Benefits.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adopt and approve the agenda with amendment to item number 10. 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 approve the consent agenda items 1-3.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of November 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of November 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:

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 called upon the Board to show recognition to the WPHS Football Team for the 12- State Championship.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to table this item for the January meeting if the team is available for recognition. 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 called upon the Board to hear from Representative Andy Boyd.

The Mayor next 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 Allen Poss ET UX & Tabitha 266 Seitz Street, West Point, MS 39773, Parcel No. 1A308B 0110000.

The Mayor called upon the Board to declare a public hearing for said landowner of blighted property. No one was present. The Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to declare said property public nuisance.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to Fred Zepponi's request for an easement pertaining to parking for potential Justice Building economic development project. The Mayor recused himself at this time and Vice-Mayor Leta Turner presided over this item.

Selectman Ken Poole made a motion to table this item until the City Attorney speaks with Mr. Zepponi on drafting more information relating to this said item. 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 returned to his proper seat and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve Recommendation of Award (ROA) letter that outlines the bids received on December 1<sup>st</sup> for the West Point Drainage Improvements project (The Wall) and recommends contracting with Burns Dirt Construction, Inc. of Columbus, 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: 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 approve spreading across the minutes the FCC License Renewal for W&L Department.

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 called upon the Board to hear from Mr. Andrew Nolin about Affordable Benefits. The Board will take information presented under advisement.

The Mayor called for department head reports.

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne informed the Board that the fire department has two new certified firefighters to complete the academy. Their names are Jalen Calmes and Austin Donahoo. The Mayor and Board congratulated the gentlemen.

Public Works Director Chirs Cox made the Mayor and Board of Henry Eley retirement.

Police Chief Avery Cook made the Board aware of the letter of resignation from Joseph Redmond.

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

Police Chief Avery Cook made the Board aware of the letter of resignation from Assistant Police Chief Kennedy Meaders.

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

CAO Randy Jones recommended to the Board to accept a bid for Waste-Pro dumpster pickup.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board for a need for executive session. Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to close the meeting to go into executive session for 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:	<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

Selectwoman Let Tuner made the motion to stay in executive session to discuss litigations. 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>
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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

While in executive session, Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to allow the City Attorney to represent on an issue concerning a dispute with utility billing with the Electric department.

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

Next, Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to contact Comcast relating to pole rental. 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

Selectman Keith McBrayer 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:

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 made the report to the public from executive session.

The Mayor called upon the Board to adjourn the meeting.

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>

Meeting Adjourned.



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Deloris Doss, City Clerk

  
Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor