

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE
CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting the 8th Day of November 2022 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 Keith McBrayer, and Selectman Jasper Pittman, Selectwoman Leta Turner, 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 present also.

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

The Mayor expressed sincere prayers for Selectman Keith McBrayer and family.

The Mayor called for a motion to adopt and approve the agenda for November 8, 2022 with an amendment of the agenda for a presentation from TVA and to also move items 9 and 12 afterwards.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adopt and approve the agenda with the amendments. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 3.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of October 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of October 2022 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
3. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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 Mr. Josh Wooten with TVA to present a presentation to the Mayor and Board of Selectman.

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve the City's portion of the 3% increase in the Sharing Agreement for Maintenance Supervisor and AC & Heating Technician.

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 next called upon the Board to accept and approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement from the county relating to relocation of the 911 center to the EMA location.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion pending legal agreement to transfer ownership to Clay County and the insurance on swapping the buildings along with the assistance of the purchase of a sign in the amounts of \$2500-\$3000. 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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept the lowest and best bid for the Overlay and Striping of City Streets to Falcon Contracting Co., Inc. for the amount of \$482,801.00 and authorize Mayor to sign all documents.

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>Absent here and remaining of meeting</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Nay</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve declared said Parcel # 083C414E 0170000 assessed to

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B & M Enterprises LLC sold in error to FIG 20 LLC at the City Land sale held on April 4, 2022. The said purchaser FIG 20 LLC will need to be refunded in the amount of \$613.27.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to re-appoint Mr. Bruff Sanders to the Golden Triangle Development Link.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to re-appoint Susan Chandler to the West Point Planning Commission as a regular member for the 4-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2026.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to re-appoint Mary Ann Briggs to the West Point Planning Commission as an alternate member for the 4-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2026.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion.

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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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize the Golden Triangle Planning Development District to prepare and submit United States of Agriculture, Rural Development application for West Point, MS 39773.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve an agreement with Watkins Ward and Stafford for temporary accounting services.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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

The Mayor next called upon the Board approves travel for EMA director Torrey Williams to attend MCDEMA Conference November 14-17, 2022 in Choctaw, 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea
Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for EMA director Torrey Williams to attend Planning Emergency Operations December 11-16, 2022 in Pearl, MS. This item was tabled.

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports.

Public Works Director Fred Ivy requested for pay increases on several employees in department. This item was tabled for further information. Public Works Director Fred Ivy reported that an employee from the department resigned.

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to accept letter of resignation from Officer Michael Banks.

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

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to hire Trey Defelica as a police officer.

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

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to hire Kymbotric Mason as a police officer.

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: Yea

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The Mayor next called for public appearance. Ms. Vernon Langford came forth with a concern on the Dog Park.

No action was taken on this.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner made a motion for a need for executive session to discuss personnel issues. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion carried

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

Selectman William Binder made the motion to terminate Telly Gandy with the Public Works Department.

Selectman Jasper Pittman 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>Yea</u>

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Motion carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to terminate Markeesha Curry with the Electric department.

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

Mayor Bobo broke the tie vote with a Yea to terminate Ms. Curry.

Motion Carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion for a pay increase to IT Roy Cox. 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

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

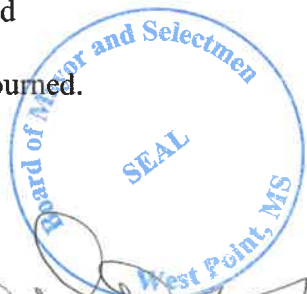
Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

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Deloris Doss, City Clerk


Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor