

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR  
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2024 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi with Mayor Rod “Rodrick” Bobo presiding. Members present were Selectwoman Leta Turner, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Keith McBrayer, and Selectman Ken Poole. Selectman Jasper Pittman was absent. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers and City Attorney Orlando Richmond.

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

The Mayor recognized Mr. Daryl Thomas as a newly elected supervisor for Clay County.

The Mayor called upon the Board for the adoption and approval of the agenda. 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>

Motion carried

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of January 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of January 2024 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 next called upon the Board to approve a resolution of intent for an existing industry’s expansion at Plum Creek with a 10-year tax exemption.

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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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize the Fire Chief permission to apply for a FEMA Assistant Fire Grant.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Mayor Rod Bobo to attend AAMA's 2024 Annual Conference April 24-27, 2024 in Atlanta, GA.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize Neil-Schaffer to advertise for bids for Phase 2 street overlay.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports.

Public Works Director Chris Cox made a recommendation to the Board to hire Chantz Wood as a full - time employee.

Selectman William Binder 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: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

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

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: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire Leolon Cook as a full-time police officer.

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

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

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire Lacorey Tate 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: Yea  
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea  
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent  
Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire Justin Livingston as a part-time police officer.

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: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent  
Motion carried

Utility Manager Eddie Longstreet made a recommendation to the Board for a pay increase to cashier Soletta Morton in the amount of \$14.42 hourly.

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: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

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Motion carried

Utility Manager Eddie Longstreet made a recommendation to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from meter reader Ray Fisher.

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

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to the Board to hire Rico Johnson as a meter reader.

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

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to the Board to hire George Devico as a meter reader.

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

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to the Board to promote James Holiday from laborer to operator with a pay increase in the amount of \$16.48 hourly.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole 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>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to the Board to promote Patrick Collins to a foreman with a pay increase in the amount of \$20.60 hourly.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board and city employees to take advantage of our Healthy You benefits. The Mayor also informed the public that the City's financials are in order.

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to close the meeting for an executive session to discuss legal matters. 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:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to move into executive session to discuss legal matters.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to remain in executive session to discuss legal matters. 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: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

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

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: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

The City Attorney reported to the public on the actions taken in executive session.

While in executive session, The Mayor called upon the Board to approve a resolution of dispute.

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: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to authorize CAO Randy Jones to sign paperwork associated with resolution of dispute.

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

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Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

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Rodrick "Rod" Bobo  
Mayor

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Deloris Doss, City Clerk



