Tuesday, March 12, 2024 5:30 P.M.

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting on the 13th 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, and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Selectman Ken Poole was via telephone. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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 called upon the Board for the adoption and approval of the agenda. 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: <u>Yea</u> Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of February 7, 2024 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
- 2. Approval of February 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3. Approval of February 2024 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
- 4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectwoman William 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:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Progressive Foundation of Clay County, Incorporation.

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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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve to approve a Nunc pro tunc resolution Authorizing the Golden Triangle Planning and Development District to Prepare and Submit an Appalachian Regional Commission Application for West Point, MS. (See attached)

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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

<u>Absent</u>

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve a resolution Authorizing the City of West Point to Commit funds other than ARC Funds to a Project (East Half Mile) under the Mississippi Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Program. (See attached)

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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve a Recommendation (Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint) from PryorMorrow for the West Point City Hall Roof and Replacement and Interior Renovation.

Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows
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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:

Yea

Selectman William Binder voted:

Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve a Recommendation (Roof Core Sampling) from PryorMorrow for the West Point City Hall Rood and Replacement and Interior Renovation.

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:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

<u>Absent</u>

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve standby pay for wastewater department crews commensurate with Electric Department.

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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve declaring specific surplus property for disposal IAW state statute.

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

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Selectman William Binder voted:

Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to receive a donation of private property from TRIMAX to the City of West Point. Said property is located directly across the street from the old Artex building and is approximately six acres that is in a flood zone.

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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

<u>Absent</u>

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve sponsorship for the 3rd Annual Cottrell Street Music and Heritage Festival May 10-11, 2024.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to increase sponsorship amount to \$8,000.00 for the festival. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Selectwoman Leta Tuner amended the motion for the reason of the increase in sponsorship is for the improvement of the morale for the city and the advertising services for the City of West Point.

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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for the Board and employees to attend MML Conference June 23-27, 2024 in Biloxi, MS.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion with the exception of Court Clerk Carla Golden. 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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for the Mayor and Board to attend trip to Washington, D.C on April 10-12, 2024.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Selectwoman Leta Turner amended the motion to include Utility Manger Eddie Longstreet.

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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Dorothy Ryland to Biloxi for Affordable Housing Conference April 15–19, 2024.

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:

Recused

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

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Motion carried

Yea

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Dorothy Ryland to Biloxi for the annual MS Partners in Preparedness Conference April 29 ~ May 3, 2024.

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:

Recused

Absent

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer: Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Boad to approve travel for Tyun Robinson to attend Fire Academy April 7–May 23, 2024 in Pearl, MS.

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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Boad to approve travel for Courtney Gardner to attend Fire Academy April 7-May 23, 2024 in Pearl, MS.

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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Boad to approve travel for Robert Fair to attend Fire Academy April 7-May 23, 2024 in Pearl, MS.

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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:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Via Phone
Absent
Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon Clay County Sheriff Eddie Scott with information relating to Crimestoppers fees.

Sheriff Eddie Scott made a recommendation to the Board to increase these assessment fees to \$2.00 according to Miss Code 45-39-17.

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: <u>Yea</u> Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Via Phone
Absent
Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports.

Public Works Director Chris Cox made a recommendation to the Board to hire one full-time employee and to move three part-time employees full-time.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to hire Leon Billups as a full-time truck driver. 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:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

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Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to move Sammie Kelley from part-time to full-time. 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:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Via Phone
Absent
Yea

Motion carried

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to move Rico Smith from part-time to full-time. 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: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Via Phone

Absent

Yea

Motion carried

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to move Dennis Collins from part-time to full-time. 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: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Deputy Court Clerk Shalexis Ewing.

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>Via Phone</u> Selectman Keith McBrayer: <u>Absent</u>

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Willaim 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 Via Phone

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectinan Kelin McBrayer:

<u>Absent</u>

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Willaim 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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire Cameron Hines as a non-certified full-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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBraver:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

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Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to move Justin Livingston form parttime to full-time certified 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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

Utility Manager Eddie Longstreet made a recommendation for a pay increase for Lineman Lyndon Robertson to \$25.87 an hour.

Selectoman 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 Yea

Selectman William Binder voted:

Via Phone

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Absent

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Utility Manager Eddie Longstreet made a recommendation for a pay increase for Apprentice Lineman Ethan Donahoo to \$25.87 an hour.

Selectoman 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:

Via Phone

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to the Board to authorize him to advertise RFQ's engineering services at the airport.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion. Selectman Willaim Binder seconded the motion.

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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:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yia Phone

Absent

Yea

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to the Board to authorize him to request bids for the upcoming AIP project.

Selectoman William Binder 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:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yia Phone

Absent

Yea

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to the Board to accept the lowest quote for sewer line replacement by Yamato.

Selectoman William Binder 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:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yia Phone

Absent

Yea

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to the Board to accept the lowest quote for lead and copper identification.

Selectoman Jasper Pittman made the motion. Selectman William 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: <u>Via Phone</u> Selectman Keith McBrayer: <u>Absent</u>

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board for a public appearance.

Mrs. Kimberley Coffin from Hope Credit Union introduced herself to the Mayor, Board and City. No action taken.

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

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to close the meeting for an executive session to discuss personnel 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:

Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Absent

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to remain in executive session to discuss personnel matters. 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:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

While in executive session, Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to suspend Brad Davis for 5 days without pay for failing to complete a work-related task. 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:

Absent

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

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

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:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor reported to the public on the action taken in executive session.

The Mayor called for a motion 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:

Yea

Selectman William Binder voted:

Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Absent

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned

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Rodrick "Rod" Bobo

Mayor

Deloris Doss, City Clerk

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