

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting on the 8th Day of April 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 91 6th Street West Point, Mississippi with Mayor Rodrick “Rod” Bobo presiding. Members present were Selectman Keith McBrayer, Selectwoman Leta Turner, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Ken Poole, and Selectman Cole Bryan. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, Deputy, Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers. and City Attorney Orlando Richmond. CAO Randy Jones was absent.

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

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

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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of March 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of March 24, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of March 2025 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve the recommendation letter from the West Point Planning Commission on the rezoning application for Ridgewood East Apartments.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Recused</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Recused</u>
Selectman Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve and authorize CAO Randy Jones to coordinate and execute documents for potential lease at an appraised value of city property next to the wastewater plant for use as a pasture.

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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board accept the lowest bid for Asphalt Overlay and Striping East Half Mile Street.

Selectwoman Leta Tuner made the motion to accept the lowest bid from Gregory Company LLC.in the amount of \$218,877.20. 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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to accept and approve a recommendation from the West Point Planning Commission for a 24-month variance to allow William Corner Package to relocate to 6645 Highway 45 South.

Selectman Cole Bryan made the motion. Motion died for lack of second.

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve blighted property as public nuisance under Section Code 21-19-11 belonging to Robert Smith property located 123 Little St. Parcel # 082D415F 0350000.

The Mayor declared the Board and the public in a public hearing on said properties.

The Mayor called upon said owner of property. Member of said property stated that the property was blighted.

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Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectman William Binder 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 voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve blighted property as public nuisance under Section Code 21-91-11 belonging to Aikan Properties LLC. property located 84 Little St. parcel #082D4151 0100000.

The Mayor called upon said owner. Member of said property stated that the property was blighted.

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 voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor declared the Board and the public out of public hearing.

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve travel for Mayor Bobo to attend the 2025 African American Mayors Association Annual Conference April 16-18, 2025 in Wahington, DC.

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:	<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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve travel for Pump Operator Seth White to attend Instructor I class May 12-15, 2025 at the MSFA.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve travel for Chief Operator Shawn Doss to attend MS Rural Water Association, Inc. 2025 Annual Management and Technical Conference May 27-30, 2025 in Biloxi, MS.

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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve travel for Assistant Chief Michael Edwards 2025 MACP Summer Conference June 16-20, 2025 in Biloxi, MS.

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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve travel for Captain Tara Sloan to attend Mississippi Command College for training July 13-18, 2025 in Oxford, MS.

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>
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Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board for department head reports.

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to accept a letter of resignation from Officer Kevin Camp.

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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to accept a letter of resignation from Officer Alexander Newman.

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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to hire Mr. Harold Harris as Captain of Patrol in the police department.

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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to hire Mr. Raymond Hacklera a Certified Police Officer.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to hire Mr. Dakota Wilson as a Police Officer.

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 Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board for a need for an executive session. There was no need for an executive session.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

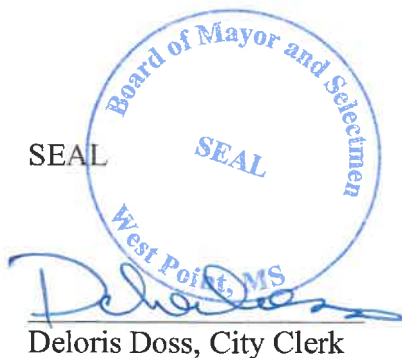
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Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

SEAL



Deloris Doss, City Clerk



Rodrick "Rod" Bobo
Mayor

