

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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 May 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 91 6th Street West Point, Mississippi with Mayor Rodrick “Rod” Bobo presiding. The members present were Selectman Keith McBrayer, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Ken Poole, and Selectman Cole Bryan. Selectwoman Leta Turner was absent. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and City Attorney Orlando Richmond. Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers 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 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: Absent

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea

Motion carried

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

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of April 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of April 17, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of April 2025 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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: Absent

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea

Motion carried

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Motion carried

Selectman William Binder made the motion on the 4th Criteria. 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>Absent</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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion on the 5th Criteria. 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>Absent</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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion on the 6th Criteria. 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>Absent</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

Selectman Willaim Binder made the motion on the 7th Criteria. 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>Absent</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 invoices for the East Half Mile Road project from the GTPDD in the amount of \$5,000.00 for administrative services application.

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

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Absent</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 upcoming CDBG application from GTPDD.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion approved based on CAO Randy Jones recommendation of choosing Option 2. Said motion died for lack of second.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to approve the matching amount of \$500,000.00. 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>Absent</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 a letter of recommendation from Atwell and Gent to secure UMS inspection service for all substations.

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>Absent</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 approve letter and proposal from Utility Maintenance Specialists to provide Annual Substation Testing & Maintenance Services.

Selectwoman 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>Absent</u>
--------------------------------	---------------

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve a resolution to set the public hearing for proposed zoning ordinance amendments and provide reference for public access prior to the hearing.

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

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Absent

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve the preparation of Selectmen orders for the public access to expressly enumerate data centers and Public utility facilities to the list of permitted uses for properties listed as I2 light industrial and to clarify the rezoning of the 91-acre parcel on Yokohama Boulevard from AO (agricultural Open to 1-2 light industrial).

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

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Absent

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve a summer accounting internship for the Water/Light department.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to hire Ms. Maddie Rushing as a summer accounting internship. Selectman William Bidner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Absent

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea

Motion carried

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve blighted property as public nuisance under Section Code 21-19-11 belonging to Viola Harris Estate reference address 9 Carver St, Parcel # 083B411C 0340000 West Point, MS.

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

The Mayor called upon said owner of property. No one was present.

Selectman William Bidner 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>Absent</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 21-19-11 belonging to Eddie Westbrook and Erin Branson Estate reference address 54 W. Morrow St., Parcel # 082A410A 0530100 West Point, MS.

The Mayor called upon said owner. No one was present.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectwoman 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>Absent</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 21-19-11 belonging to Eloise Carter reference address 34 W. Morrow St., Parcel # 082A410A 0640000 West Point, MS.

The Mayor called upon said owner. No one was present.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectwoman 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>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea
Motion carried

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

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve travel for Accreditation Manager Queenie Deanes to Summer Training Workshop June 17-20, 2025 in Biloxi, 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:	<u>Absent</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 Mayor and Board of Selectmen to attend the 94th MML Annual Conference July 21 - 23, 2025 in Biloxi, MS.

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>Absent</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 Utility Manger Eddie Longstreet, Code Enforcer Johnny Samuel, Chief Wastewater Operator Shawn Doss (Registration only), Public Works Director Chris Cox, Asst. Director Demarius Brown, Assistant Chief Michael Edwards, City Clerk Deloris Doss, CFO Natasha Rose, Court Clerk Carla Golden, and Purchasing Clerk Mary Wright to attend the 94th MML Annual Conference July 21 - 23, 2025 in Biloxi, MS.

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>Absent</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>

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve travel for Fireman Gabriel Harpole to attend a Rope Awareness and Operations class June 23-26, 2025 at the MSFA in Pearl, 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>Absent</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 Chief Water Operator Lawrence White to attend a MS Rural Water Association, Inc. 2025 Annual Conference May 27-30, 2025 in Biloxi, MS.

Selectman Keith McBrayer 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:	<u>Absent</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 Narcotic Officer Reginald Adams to attend a Surveillance for Drug Enforcement class May 20-23, 2025 in Pearl, MS.

Selectman Ken Poole 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:	<u>Absent</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 next called upon the Board for department head reports.

Utility Manager Eddie Longstreet made recommendation to the Board to accept letter of resignation from Apprentice Lineman Taj Smith effective April 30, 2025.

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

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>Absent</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

Utility Manager Eddie Longstreet made a recommendation to the Board to approve performance increase to Apprentice Lineman Elisha Halbert to \$27.00 per hour to coincide with his skill level.

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>Absent</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

Public Works Director Chris Cox made a recommendation to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Laborer Jessie Hall.

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>Absent</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

Assistant Chief Michael Edwards made a recommendation to hire Joshua Birchfield as a full-time certified 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>Absent</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>

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Motion carried

Assistant Chief Michael Edwards made a recommendation to hire Jacob Anderson as a full-time non-certified officer.

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to hire Terrance Clemons as a full-time laborer in the Wastewater department.

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>Absent</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

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Wastewater operator Randell Atkins.

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>Absent</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. The Mayor closed the meeting to determine the need for executive session.

Selectman Ketih McBrayer made the motion for a need for executive session. 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>Absent</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

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to remain in the executive session to discuss legal matters. 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>Absent</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

While in executive session Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to reconsider the temporary 18-month variance on William Corner Package Store with new location at the Tower Center effective May 13, 2025.

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>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Nay</u>
Selectman Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

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

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>Absent</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

City Attorney Orlando Richmond made the report to the public from the executive session.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>

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

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea
Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

SEAL

SEAL

Deloris Doss, City Clerk


Rodrick "Rod" Bobo
Mayor