

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR  
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
Tuesday, September 10, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2024 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi with Mayor Rod “Rodrick” Bobo presiding. Members present were Selectman Keith McBrayer, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Ken Poole entered meeting later, and Selectman Cole Bryan. Selectwoman Leta Turner was absent. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers. City Attorney Orlando Richmond was present.

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

The Mayor called 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>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</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 consent agenda.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of August 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of August 2024 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
3. 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:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Cole Bryan voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve the Contract Award bid to Perma Corp. of Columbus, MS in the amount of \$2,195,845.00 for West Church Hill Road Sewer Replacement project, contingent upon approval of the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) regarding the receipt of only one (1) bid.

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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>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 to approve a blighted property as public nuisance under Section Code 21-19-11 belonging to Margaret Shelton, 59 Mosley Avenue, Parcel #083C414B 0390000.

The Mayor called upon the Board to enter in a public hearing on said property. The Mayor called on property owner Margaret Shelton or anyone her to represent. No one came forth.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to declare said property as public nuisance. 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 declared the Board to come out of the public hearing.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve spreading across the minute's acceptance letter in the FEMA National Emergency Management Advanced Academy.

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>

Motion carried

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve authorization of the Mayor to become signatory official for the Department Homeland Security Grant.

Selectman Willaim 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 next called upon the Board to approve the vehicles surplus and removed it from the inventory at the Police department.

Selectman Ken Poole 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 next called upon the Board to approve awarding proceeds from National Opioid Settlements.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to table this item. 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 next called upon the Board to approve an ordinance limiting distance between dispensaries and liquor stores.

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Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to advertise for public hearing in legal form of changing of the zoning ordinance. 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 next called upon the Board to approve travel for LaDaniel Jenkins to attend Mississippi Rural Water Association Certification Class October 13-17, 2024 in Pearl, 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>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 to approve travel for travel for Chief Operator Shawn Doss to attend Mississippi Rural Water Association 2024 Fall Training Class October 15-17, 2024 in Tupelo, 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>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 to approve travel for EMA Director Torrey Williams to attend Advance I Class October 6-11, 2024 in Pearl, MS.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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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 to travel for travel for Long-term Coordinator Dorothy Ryland to attend Mid-Winter Emergency Management /Educational Conference November 18-22, 2024 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>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 to travel for Selectman Binder to attend MML 2024 Small Town Conference October 9-10, 2024 in Vicksburg, MS.

Selectwoman Ken Poole 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 next called upon the Board to approve travel for City Clerk Deloris Doss to attend Winter Clerk Conference "Elections Matter" December 11-13, 2024 in Flowood, MS.

Selectman Ken Poole 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>
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Selectman William Binder voted: Yea  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea  
Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers to attend Winter Clerk Conference "Elections Matter" December 11-13, 2024 in Flowood, 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: 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 next called upon the Board for department head reports.

Utility Manage Eddie Longstreet made a request to the Board to accept lowest and best bid for backup UPS system from Applied Technology Group, LLC in the amount of \$10,222.30. (See attached bid)

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

Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to the Board to hire Raven Ivy as a part-time certified police officer.

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: Absent  
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire Jaylen Goins as a non-certified police officer.

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

CAO Randy Jones made a recommendation to the Board to promote Jake Pollard as lead foreman in the water department. CAO Jones will get the correct hourly rate.

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer the motion to close the meeting for legal 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: Absent

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea

Motion carried

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to remain in executive session to discuss legal 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:	<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 come out of executive session.

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 reported to the public that there was no action taken in the executive session.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Selectman Ken Poole 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


Meeting Adjourned.




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Deloris Doss, City Clerk

  
Rodrick "Rod" Bobo  
Mayor