

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting on the 11th Day of February 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, and Selectman Ken Poole. Selectman Cole Bryan was absent. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, Deputy, CAO Randy Jones 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 by CAO Randy Jones.

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:	<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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor upon the Board to approve the consent agenda items 1-3.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of January 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of January 2025 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
3. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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>Absent</u>

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Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve the Resolution Supporting Federal Tax Exemption of Municipal Bonds.

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve *the cost estimate for the selected streets for the paving project. (See attached exhibit)*

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve *an engineering agreement for the E. Half Mile Paving project. ((See attached exhibit)*

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

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Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve *the authority for John Freeman Neel-Schaffer, Inc. to advertise for bids on E. Half Mile.*

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 voted: Yea
Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve *sponsorship with Sally Kate Winters Family Services Child Abuse Prevention Month.*

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve Level amount of \$500.00. 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 voted: Yea
Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve *FY 2023 Water/Sewer Audit with WWS.*

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 voted: Yea

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Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Absent
Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve blighted property as public nuisance under Section Code 21-19-11 belonging to *West Point Charity Club 246 W. Brame Ave. Parcel #082D415G 0070000*.

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

The Mayor called said owner of West Point Charity Club. No one was present.

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor declared the Board out of public hearing.

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve *acceptance of school board member Elizabeth Bailey's resignation letter*.

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

Motion carried

There was no action taken on the appointment of replacement for Mrs. Susan Baily position. This subject will be taken up in the March meeting if ready.

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve *and declare weapons from the police department as surplus. (See attached exhibit)*

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

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

Utility Manager Eddie Longstreet made a request to the Board to hire Brady Slupik as an Apprentice Lineman with the Electric department.

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>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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

Utility Manager Eddie Longstreet made a request to the Board on a pay increase for Cashier Soleeta Morton in the amount of \$15.45.

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>Absent</u>

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Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to the Board to approve a forty-mile radius on take home vehicles for supervisors only.

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a request to the Board to hire Matthew McWain temporary full-time as a meter technician in the water department.

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

Motion carried

CAO Randy Jones made a request to the Board to hire Tyrone Robinson as a temporary full-time laborer in the water department.

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

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The Mayor called upon the Board for a need for an executive session.

The Mayor called upon the Board to close the meeting to determine the need for 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>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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to remain in the executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

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:	<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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

While in the executive session the Board considered the recommendation from Supervisor Mart Holcombe to terminate Rico Johnson as a Meter Reader.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to terminate Rico Johnson as a Meter Reader. 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>

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Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Absent

Motion carried

While in executive session, Utility Manger Eddie Longstreet made recommendation to Board to terminate Jordan rogers as a Lineman for lack of job performance immediately. R

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to terminate Lineman Jordan Rogers effective immediately. 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 voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Absent

Motion carried

While in executive session, Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept recommendations form the Planning Commission on Transformative Living houses.

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 voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Absent

Motion carried

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to the 90 days to comply with the City's Zoning Ordinances. 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 voted: Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Absent

Motion carried

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

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>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor made a report to the public on action taken in executive session.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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:	<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>Absent</u>


Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

SEAL



Deloris Doss, City Clerk


Rodrick "Rod" Bobo
Mayor

