

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
August 19, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of August 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 5:30 pm, at City Hall, the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following: Mayor Lori Tucker, Alderman Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Tara Lauderdale, Alderman Carolyn Miller, Alderman LaVaile Shields, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Also present were City Clerk Sharon Ramey, City Attorney Daniel Tucker, several City employees, and members of the public. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Tucker, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Bro. Jonathan Soden.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Tull.

There first came on for consideration, the request for approval to add the following items to the consent agenda:

- (a) Discuss/approve \$4.00 monthly rate for rubbish, effective immediately
- (b) Discuss/approve \$16.05 monthly rate for residential garbage, effective immediately
- (c) Discuss/approve to close 3 Mil account due to increase in Modernization funding for street improvements, effective immediately
- (d) Discuss/approve to increase the cost of cemetery plots to \$400.00, effective immediately
- (e) Discuss/approve to add a Gas & Water Civil Works Supervisor position
- (f) Discuss/approve to set a Work Session
- (g) Discuss/approve to adopt IT Policy, effective immediately
- (h) Discuss/approve appointment of positions and department heads for the city

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve adding the items to the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- (a) Approve board minutes of August 5, 2025, and work session minutes of August 4, 2025
- (b) Approve Booneville/Baldwyn Airport \$5,000.00
- (c) Approve to purchase 2025 Fall Sports Ad with the Banner Independent in the amount of \$450.00
- (d) Approve to reimburse Cindy Jones for participation in the I Care for Animals grant in the amount of \$175.00
- (e) Approve for Courtney Moore, Paul Carpenter, Oscar Joshlin, Christy Horn, Joe McCreary, Scotty Powell and Colby Cardwell to attend the Neptune User Conference in Tupelo, MS on September 11, 2025, at no cost for registration and usage of City Vehicles
- (f) Approve for Courtney Moore to attend the Fall Clerk Program in Oxford, MS on November 19-21, 2025, at a cost of \$325.00 for registration, usage of a City Vehicle, and \$204.00 for meals

- (g) Approve for Courtney Moore, Paul Carpenter, Billy Bridges, Michael Crenshaw, and Shane Jackson to attend the MSRWA Fall Training in Tupelo, MS October 14-16, 2025, at a total cost of \$250.00 per person for registration (\$1,250.00), usage of City Vehicles, and \$204.00 per person for meals (\$1,224.00)
- (h) Approve for Courtney Moore, Oscar Joshlin, Paul Carpenter, Lori Tucker, Bryan McVey, and Carson Brunes to attend the 811 Summit in Biloxi, MS November 4-7, 2025, at a total cost of \$269.00 per person for registration (\$1,614.00), \$272.00 per person for meals (\$1,632.00), usage of City Vehicles, and \$1,523.00 for lodging.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Barbara Field requesting use of the Hardware Building on the first Tuesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for Health and Wellness Community Outreach and Activities for Senior Citizens to include:

- Healthcare education
- Blood Pressure screenings
- Medicare review and education
- Medication review and education
- Lifestyle balanced education
- Targeted scam education
- Chair yoga and physical activity education

Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Sharon Ramey with General Government requesting approval to appoint Matthew Cain and Rochelle Jenkins as Election Commissioners. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to appoint Robert Griffin to the Prentiss County Solid Waste Board. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of the Lathem Time Clock at \$2,500.00 per year with a 25% discount for the first year. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to close the 3 Mil account due to increase in Modernization funding for street improvements, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to increase the cost of cemetery plots to \$400.00, effective immediately. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to add a Gas & Water Civil Works Supervisor position. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of a work session to be scheduled for September 2, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- Rental property fee increase from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per property
- Parks & Rec registration fee increase from \$55.00 to \$60.00
- New food truck policy
- Private lift stations
- Delinquent sewer bills (\$140,000.00 per Courtney Moore)
- Surplus lists from all departments
- New street paving lists from each Alderman's Ward
- Contract with Travis Kitchens
- Mayor to restructure departments
- Develop plan for county items
- Mechanic shop employee duties (Gas & Water)
- Update from Mayor Tucker on Waste Management
- Dog Park update

Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Gary Cleveland with the Public Property Department requesting approval to advertise for a rezoning change for Gary Grimes from A-1 General Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential for residential housing development, PPIN # 14618 and to set date for public hearing of October 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Shields made said motion seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to advertise for a rezoning change for Craig Lauderdale from A-1 General Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential for residential housing development, PPIN # 17314 and to set date for public hearing of October 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Lauderdale recused herself from this issue and left the room. Alderman Shields made said motion seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Debb Tubb with the Tourism Department requesting approval of a resolution for Miss Fall Festival in the amount of \$800.00. This

resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of a resolution for Marketing/Advertising in the amount of \$5,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of a resolution for September Concert Series in the amount of \$4,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval for donation for some of the old park lights to the City of Jumpertown for \$1.00. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Courtney Moore with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to pay the general fund in the amount of \$137,823.56 from the water funds for expenses paid, per David Jones. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to pay the general fund in the amount of \$15,290.90 from the gas fund for expenses paid, per David Jones. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to pay the general fund in the amount of \$16,409.31 from the water fund for mis-paid liability invoices. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to pay the general fund in the amount of \$13,898.92 from the gas fund for mis-paid liability invoices. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by

Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to close the 2019 Gas & Water Bond Account. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to move \$1,000.00 each month to the Gas Reserve Account. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to transfer \$20,800.00 from the CNG account to the Gas System. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to increase the monthly rate for rubbish to \$4.00, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to increase the monthly rate for residential garbage from \$10.05 to \$16.05, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to award the bid for the Highway 145 Lift Station. Three bids were received. The first bid was from J.M. Duncan in the amount of \$188,382.00. The second bid was from Eubank Construction in the amount of \$275,000.00. The third bid was from Mitchell Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$289,750.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from J.M. Duncan in the amount of \$188,382.00. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Kevin Short with the Street Department requesting approval to declare certain vehicles surplus property for the sale of the same. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, James McChristian with the IT Department

requesting approval to adopt an IT Device Policy, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Tucker requested approval for the appointment of the following positions:

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Greg Meyers as Municipal Judge. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Lisa Koon as Public Defender. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Daniel Tucker as City Attorney. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Daniel Tucker as City Prosecutor. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint David Moore as City Engineer. Alderman Williams made said motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

Next, a motion was requested to go into closed session to discuss the appointment of City Engineer and to move the closed session to the end of the agenda. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Sharon Ramey as City Clerk. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Bobby Agnew as Fire Chief. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint James McChristian as IT Manager. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Michael Ramey as Police Chief. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Gary Cleveland as Public Property Director. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Kevin Short as Street Department Manager. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Jon Hill as Park Director. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Oscar Joslin as Gas Manager. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Paul Carpenter as Water/Sewer Manager. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Courtney Moore as Gas & Water Office Manager. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to reappoint Debb Tubb as Tourism Director. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the following announcement was made:

- Back to School Block Party at The Triangle on Thursday, August 21, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Next the Bord went into closes session on the reappointment of City Engineer. While in the closed session, it was decided that an executive session was needed. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go back into open session. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

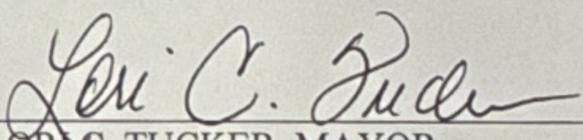
Back in Open Session, Alderman Williams made a motion to appoint David Moore as City Engineer. The motion received no second and died for the lack of a second.

Alderman Hicks made a motion to appoint Cook Coggin Engineering as the City Engineer. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, and the following vote was had.

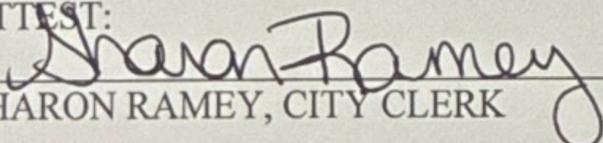
Alderman Hicks—Aye
 Alderman Lauderdale—Aye
 Alderman Miller—Aye
 Alderman Shields—Aye
 Alderman Williams—Nay

With a vote of 4 for and 1 against, the motion carried to Appoint Cook Coggin as City Engineer.

There being no further business, Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


 LORIC. TUCKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


 SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK