

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
August 5, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of August 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, August 5, 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 Gary Cleveland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debb Tubb.

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

- (a) Discuss/approve water rate increase for water associations
- (b) Discuss/approve not streaming board meetings through social media
- (c) Discuss/approve to reimburse the General account in the amount of \$142,588.68 (tractor is \$85,525.38 and wing is \$57,063.30) from the 2019 Bond account
- (d) Discuss/approve to add Barbara Field to work session for use of the Hardware Building for Senior Adult Program
- (e) Discuss/approve work session for budget amendments

Alderman Shields 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 July 15, 2025, work session minutes of July 14, 2025, special called minutes of July 14, 2025, and special called minutes of July 29, 2025
- (b) Approve bill dockets
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments
- (d) Approve the resignation letter of Clay Hunter effective July 25, 2025
- (e) Approve to reimburse Deborah Haynes for participation in the I Care for Animals grant in the amount of \$200.00
- (f) Approve to reimburse Jerius Maxey for fuel in the amount of \$55.50
- (g) Approve to pay TN Valley Governments in the amount of \$350.00 for membership dues
- (h) Approve to pay Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Prentiss County Tuition Assistance
- (i) Approve James McChristian and Jerius Maxey to attend the Brownfield Conference in Chicago, IL August 5-8, 2025. Registration \$600.00; Lodging \$711.44; Plane Ticket \$1207.72; Travel \$211.20; Meals \$272.00 retroactively (All expenses will be reimbursed through the ASAP grant)
- (j) Approve to pay MS DOR in the amount of \$12.00 for a tag for 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe (retroactively)
- (k) Approve Michael Crenshaw to attend the Wastewater Short Course in Columbus, MS August 11-15, 2025. Classes \$450.00; Meals \$340.00; and use of city vehicle
- (l) Approve to reimburse Daniel Tucker for lodging for MML Conference in Biloxi, MS in the amount of \$1,311.62

- (m) Discuss/Approve Sharon Ramey and James McChristian to attend Edmunds GovTech Conference in Charlotte, NC September 28-October 2, 2025. Registration to be paid by Edmunds GovTech; travel and lodging to be paid by Sharon Ramey and James McChristian

Alderman Lauderdale 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, Dr. Todd English, Superintendent of Booneville City Schools, requesting approval of their Ad Valorem Tax request in the amount of \$2,792,691.03 for Operations; \$469,625.00 for General Obligation Bonds and \$162,989.00 for Three Mill / 10-20 Year Notes. Alderman Lauderdale 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, David Odel and John Floyd requesting approval of the employee health insurance. There was an overall 15% increase for the City group coverage. (See attached Sheet). 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, Mary Smith with the Girl Scouts requesting approval to waive the fee for the West Side Community Center for the Bridge ceremony on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Kent Geno with Cook Coggin Engineering gave an update on the bridges inside Booneville City Limits.

There next came on for consideration, Sharon Ramey with General Government requesting approval of the following individuals for appointments to the Park Board:

- Jon Hill—Park Director
- Katie Conn—Mayor Appointed
- Ellis Long—Mayor Appointed
- Wilda Pounds—At Large Appointed
- Nena Allen—At Large Appointed
- Junior Burns—Ward 1 Appointed
- Kevin Lindley—Ward 2 Appointed
- Kim Bingham—Ward 3 Appointed
- Valerie Williams—Ward 4 Appointed

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 the following individuals for appointments to the Zoning Board:

- Danny Inman
- Greg Windham
- Ronnie Walden

- John Caviness
- Matthew Cain

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 post for a board member for Prentiss County Solid Waste. Alderman Lauderdale 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 the final resolution for ACCO brands 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for the next ten years in the amount of \$6,983,754.00. 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 reauthorize petty cash fund for City Hall in the amount of \$5,000.00. 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 reauthorize petty cash fund for Gas & Water in the amount of \$5,000.00. 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 adopt National Flood Insurance Program MEMA ordinance and map. 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 of a work session to be scheduled for August 18, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- Spay and Neuter Grant
- Maintenance mechanic shop employee
- Booneville Cemetery drainage
- Greg Sparks' yard
- BSU Project update
- IT policy
- Waste Connection
- Rubbish
- AMR meters and change-out
- Barbara Field—use of the Hardware Building for Senior Adult Program
- Discuss new street paving list

Alderman Miller 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 to not stream board meetings through social media. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields. The following voted was made on the motion:

- Alderman Hicks—For
- Alderman Lauderdale—For

- Alderman Miller—For
- Alderman Shields—For
- Alderman Williams—Against

With a board vote of 4 for and 1 against, the motion carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to reimburse the General account in the amount of \$142,588.68 (tractor is \$85,525.38 and wing is \$57,063.30) from the 2019 Bond account. Alderman Shields 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 work session to be scheduled for August 19, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the budget amendments. 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, Gary Cleveland with the Public Property Department requesting approval of a rezoning change for Charles Michael from A-1 General Agricultural to C-3 Highway Commercial for increasing the growth of business for Booneville, PPIN # 11584. Alderman Shields made a motion for a hearing to be held at the first board meeting in September, September 2, 2025, regarding this request. This was 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 to accept the lowest and best bid on the Cunningham House roof repair. Two bids were received. One bid was from Chris Wheeler for cedar shakes in the amount of \$11,650.00. A second bid was from Glen Cooper for cedar shakes in the amount of \$10,720.00. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from Glen Cooper in the amount of \$10,720.00, upon proof of insurance. This was 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 Tourism training and travel expenses 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 Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting “Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of a resolution for Tuesdays At The Triangle in the amount of \$4,500.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 of a resolution for Retail Blitz in the amount of \$3,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Miller 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 time extension for the Tourism Assistant job posting through August 22, 2025. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval to hire David Cartwright as a part-time Seasonal employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. 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 to hire Dredgo Grove as a part-time Seasonal employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, 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 of a change order for lighting with the Multi-Purpose Project at Sunflower Park. Alderman Hicks 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval of a Fire Service Contract Agreement with the County. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this issue. This was 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 post for three full-time Firefighter positions at the rate of \$12.70 per hour (uncertified) and \$13.21 per hour (certified). Alderman Miller 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 to post for a full-time Sergeant position at the rate of \$15.21 per hour. 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, Courtney Moore with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to repay ARPA Funds in the amount of \$19,740.00 from an overpayment in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. 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 for the Booneville School District to have a \$4,246.58 gas credit from July 1 – September 30, 2025. Alderman Miller 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 for the National Guard Armory to have a \$80.36 gas credit from July 1 – September 30, 2025. 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 to move \$100,000.00 back from the Gas fund to the Gas Construction fund. Alderman Lauderdale 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 to post for a Meter Reader position at the rate of \$13.00 to \$14.00 per hour, based on experience. 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 to hire Colby Cardwell as a Meter Reader at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screening. Alderman Shields 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 for increasing Prentiss County Solid Waste charge for rubbish. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this issue. This was 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 water rates for water associations. Alderman Lauderdale 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to hire Jessie Pannell as part-time Seasonal help at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale 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 to hire Gage Cunningham as full-time Water and Sewer Maintenance at the rate of \$14.50 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screening. 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 hire Briar Campbell as full-time Water and Sewer Maintenance at the rate of \$14.50 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screening. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire H. L. Brinkley as a part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$11.50 per hour, effective immediately.

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 post for a Patrol Sergeant at the rate of \$19.17 per hour. 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, Kevin Short with the Street Department requesting approval to get quotes for asphalt repairs on culverts and patching the following streets:

- Young Street (by Plumrose)
- Dogwood Stand
- North Street
- Washington Street
- Hare Road
- Pearl Daniel Drive

Alderman Hicks 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 by Paul Carpenter to terminate Carol Warren effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Williams discussed an audit for Gas & Water. Alderman Williams made a motion to check on the cost of such an audit. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a Motion was made by Alderman Williams to check on the cost of an independent audit at the gas and water department and general government, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a motion was requested to go into closed session regarding a personnel matter within the Water Department. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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.

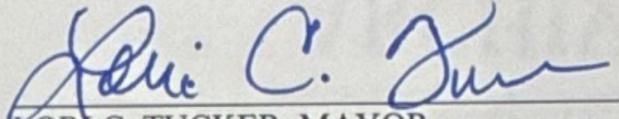
Alderman Shields made a motion to go back into open session. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, Alderman Williams made a motion to terminate Tommy Pannell, effective immediately, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

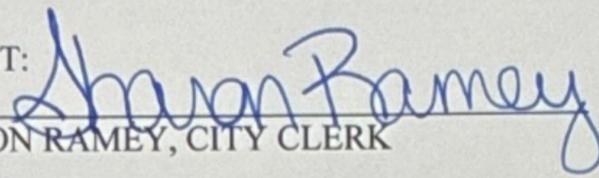
Next, the following announcement was made:

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

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


LORI C. TUCKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK