

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
JULY 1, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of July 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 5:30 pm, at the Booneville Hardware Building, 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 James McChristian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Tolar.

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

- (a) Discuss/approve to designate Mayor Lori C. Tucker as the applicant agent on FEMA Project 4874
- (b) Discuss/approve to declare an emergency for repairs on Murphy Well and Well #4, due to lightning strike

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve adding the items to the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 June 17, 2025, and special called minutes of June 17, 2025
- (b) Approve bill dockets
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments
- (d) Approve to pay Mitchell George in the amount of \$523.02 for Aflac insurance overpayment
- (e) Approve to pay Gary Cleveland in the amount of \$147.25 for gas reimbursement for travel to BOMA conference

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

There next came on for consideration, Sandy Donahue with the George E. Allen Public Library requesting approval to hire Shelby Langford as a part-time library clerk at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. 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, Terry Tolar with the VFW announcing an invitation to the Mayor & Board of Aldermen to attend a new monument dedication ceremony on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

There next came on for consideration, Sharon Ramey with General Government requesting approval to appoint Mayor Lori C. Tucker as the voting delegate at MML. Alderman Hicks 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 appoint Mayor Pro Tempore. Alderman Williams made a motion to appoint Alderman LaVaile Shields as Mayor Pro Tempore. 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 add the Mayor Pro Tempore to all bank accounts. Alderman Hicks 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 to appoint Mayor Pro Tempore as the alternate voting delegate at MML. Alderman Williams 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 to remove Chris Lindley from all bank accounts. 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 to add Mayor Lori C. Tucker to all bank accounts. 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 to name Sharon Ramey as the certifying official on the Massey Street culvert replacement project. 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 name Mayor Lori C. Tucker as the primary agent on the Massey Street culvert replacement project. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by

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

Next, it was announced that the city would be doing the work for the replacement of the Massey Street culvert project. A track hoe would be necessary to do the work and two quotes to rent a track hoe were received. One from Power Equipment in the amount of \$3,693.28 and the second from Lilly Company in the amount of \$2,801.44. Alderman Shields made a motion to accept the lowest and best quote from Lilly Company in the amount of \$2,801.44. 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 of the final resolution granting exemptions for Marathon Cheese for the 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 the final resolution granting exemptions for Pro Via. Alderman Williams 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 the final resolution granting exemptions for ACCO. 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 designate Mayor Lori C. Tucker as the applicant agent on FEMA Project 4874. 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, Gary Cleveland with the Public Property Department requesting approval to declare an emergency on the AC at the Gas & Water Office. 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 accept the lowest and best quote from Bryant's Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$8,800.00 for the AC at the Gas & Water Office. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval to accept the lowest and best bid from H&H Electrical in the amount of \$1,289,250.00 for the Booneville City Park Lighting Improvements Project. Four bids were received; Geosurfaces-\$1,850,000.00; H & H Electrical - \$1,289,250.00; Savannah Electric - \$1,420,000.00; and Advance Electric - \$1,700,000.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best quote from H&H Electrical in the amount of \$1,289,250.00, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 for an emergency repair to the Murphy Well and Well #4, due to lightening. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval to accept the lowest and best bid for the Annual Leak Survey. Two quotes were received. One quote was from Michael Sullivan in the amount of \$45,296.00 and the second quote was from E. Daniels in the amount of \$17,450.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best quote from E. Daniels in the amount of \$17,450.00. 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, Kevin Short with the Street Department requesting approval to accept the lowest and best quote for materials for the replacement of the culvert on Massey Street. Two quotes were received. One quote was from G&O Supply in the amount of \$10,472.40 and a second quote was from Fulton Pipe & Construction Company in the amount of \$9,300.00. Alderman Hicks made a motion to accept the lowest and best quote from Fulton Pipe & Construction Company in the amount of \$9,300.00. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report a request was made for approval of a work session on July 14, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. with the following items to be discussed:

- (a) IT Policy
- (b) Park field lighting funding
- (c) Garbage contract/pick-up
- (d) Lighting pilot lights

- (e) Rubbish
- (f) Garbage

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 go into a closed session regarding a personnel issue within the Gas & Water Department. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

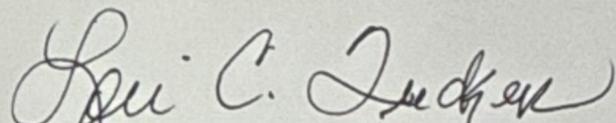
Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go back into open session. This was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that no action was taken.

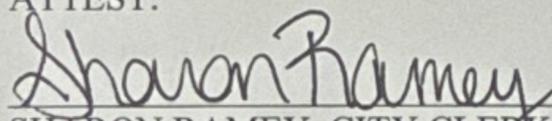
Next, the following announcements were made:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade
- Grand re-opening of Walmart on July 4, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

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

  
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 LORI C. TUCKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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 SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK