

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
JUNE 17, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of June 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 5:30 pm, at City Hall, the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following: Mayor Chris Lindley, 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 (by phone), several City employees, and members of the public. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Lindley, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Mayor Lindley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Jeff Williams.

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

- (a) Approve board minutes of 06-03-2025
- (b) Approve to update MML Conference to July 19-July 24th for Lori Tucker, LaVaile Shields, Tara Lauderdale, Jeff Williams, Jimmy Hicks, Sharon Ramey, Kelsey Moore, and Michael Ramey. Lodging \$1,412.00 each Meals \$408.00 each
- (c) Approve refund of \$150.00 on the Westside Community Center rental for Rachel Ford on 06-21-2025
- (d) Approve Trevor Morgan and Jonathan Grove to take Hazard Materials Awareness and Operation July 7-25th, 2025, 2 weeks online and 1 week at the Fire Academy; \$130.00 each for meals, use of city vehicle, and use of travel card, classes paid for by MEMA grant
- (e) Approve Jaycob Pennington to take Hazard Materials Awareness and Operation July 28-August 15th, 2025, 2 weeks online and 1 week at the Fire Academy; \$130.00 each for meals, use of city vehicle, and use of travel card, classes paid for by MEMA grant
- (f) Approve to accept the resignation of James Mercer effective 05-29-2025
- (g) Approve Genevieve Stoop to be reimbursed for the I Care For Animals grant in the amount of \$200.00
- (h) Approve Toni Stoop to be reimbursed for the I Care For Animals grant in the amount of \$200.00
- (i) Approve Lori Tucker Lodging and Meals retroactively for June 11-12th for previously approved conference Lodging \$179.00 Meals \$68.00 to come from Tourism Travel resolution

Alderman Shields 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, Mary Smith with Girl Scout Troop 20365 requesting waiving of the rental fee for the use of the Westside Community Center on Saturday, July 19th, 2025, and to allow funds to be raised to pay for badges and uniforms for Girl Scout

Troop 20365. 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, John Caviness discussing updates on the Safe Haven Baby Box. He stated that the contractor will be able to start on the Baby Box on June 27th and wiring should be put in place by next Tuesday.

There next came on for consideration, Casey Grist with the American Red Cross requesting a motion for a donation from the City of Booneville in the amount of \$5,000.00. Alderman Jeff Williams made a motion for the city to donate \$3,000.00 to the American Red Cross, 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 library requesting that Jack Dewitt be hired as a part-time library employee at \$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, the request by Sharon Ramey General Government, to close the tax collector account and transfer remaining funds to the general fund. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Ramey requested to close the tax redemption account and transfer remaining funds to the general fund. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the consideration to close the fire code account and transfer remaining funds to the fire rebate account. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the motion to table the approval of the Municipal Code until Gary Cleveland had an opportunity to review all the appendices that go with the various codes. 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, the request by Sharon Ramey to accept the FEMA/MEMA funding for the Pearl Daniel disaster. Alderman Miller made said motion,

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

Next, Sharon Ramey requested that she be added to the FEMA/MEMA portal as the account manager and to declare LaVaile Shields as a certifying signature person. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Ramey requested the renewal of the Hazard Mitigation plan per Bud Lindsey. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requested approval of a tourism resolution for Movie Nights in the amount of \$2,000.00 (retroactively). This had already been approved by resolution of 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, Lori Tucker requested approval to pay from the tourism account, the landscaping at the Depot Park area in the amount of \$10,000.00. The Tourism Board had already passed the resolution approving the same. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requests the issue of travel for the Tourism Department be tabled due to information she had found out from David Jones. 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, to open and approve quotes on the Cunningham House roof repairs. Two quotes were received. One from Glen Cooper in the amount of \$9,720.00. The second from Chris Wheeler in the amount of \$11,650.00.

Alderman Lauderdale made said motion to approve the lowest quote from Glen Cooper in the amount of \$9,720.00, pending him providing insurance. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Jon Hill with the Park Department requested approval to terminate employees in good standing, so that they may return to employment with the City of Booneville. Alderman

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

Next, Jon Hill requested he be allowed to hire Jon Ball as a seasonal park employee at \$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.

Next, Courtney Moore with the Gas and Water Office requested that she be allowed to pay the administrative fee of \$105,000.00, with \$52,500.00 coming from the Gas Department and \$52,500.00 coming from the Water Department, with said funds to be paid to the general fund. 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 up for consideration, the request to adjust Wilda Pounds water bill, as the water meter had come back defective. Said water bill would be adjusted to her average bill. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Paul Carpenter requested approval to declare an emergency and rehab at the lift station on 145 South. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Kevin Short with the Street Department requested he be allowed to seek quotes for materials for the replacement of the culvert located on Massey Street. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Kevin Short requested that he be allowed to seek quotes for the labor for the replacement of the culvert located on Massey Street. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Miller discussed part-time fireman shift work. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Jeff Williams thanked Mayor Chris Lindley for his services over the past eight years.

Next, Mayor Chris Lindley requested approval of a time extension on the Water System Improvements Pressure Filter 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, Mayor Lindley requested a motion to hire a new tourism director. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to hire Deb Tubbs at the rate of \$45,000.00, effective immediately. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, General Announcements were made:

- Ribbon Cutting – Bubbles and Bows Grooming on Friday, June 27th, 2025 at 11:00 am located at 501 West Caldwell Drive
- Juneteenth Music Festival – Saturday, June 28th, 2025 at 7:00 pm inside Sunflower Park
- Juneteenth Celebration Parade – Sunday, June 29th, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Line-up for the parade will begin at 4:00 pm located at East Booneville Baptist Church.
- Inauguration of mayor and board of alderman, Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, starting at 4:00 pm at the Booneville Hardware with the regular board meeting starting at 5:30 pm.

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

Lori Tucker

LORI TUCKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sharon Ramey

SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK