

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
April 7th, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the first meeting of April 2026, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, at 5:30 pm, at City Hall, 203 North Main Street, 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 Jeff Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Tolar.

There first came on for consideration, a request for approval to add the following to the agenda.

- 1) Approve to hire Jessica Mullins as a part-time custodian at the rate of \$12.50 per hour effective immediately.

Alderman Hicks made a motion to add item to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Then next came on for consideration, the request to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

- a) Approve Board Minutes of 03-17-2026, Work Session Minutes of 03-17-2026, Special Called minutes of 03-26-2026, and the Work Session Minutes of 03-30-2026.
- b) Approve Bill Dockets
- c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments
- d) Approve Shawni Jacobs to obtain her Notary Public Commission and pay the Secretary of State in the amount of \$25.00 for the application fee
- e) Approve Candice Williams to renew her Notary Public Commission and pay the Secretary of State in the amount of \$25.00 for the application fee
- f) Approve to reimburse Josh Walden in the amount of \$56.85 for meals traveling to Dallas, TX while transporting inmates
- g) Approve the resignation of Patrol Sergeant Tyler Reese from the Booneville Police Department effective April 6, 2026
- h) Approve to pay Debris Tech in the amount of \$33,402.26 for Winter Storm Fern Debris Removal Monitoring
- i) Approve Gary Cleveland to attend the 2026 B.O.A.M. Conference in Gulf Port, MS June 7th-12th, 2026, registration is \$275.00, lodging is \$1,411.75, meals are \$340.00, with permission to use a City vehicle and travel card
- j) Approve to pay Peoples Bank in the amount of \$50,409.38 for the 2019 Bond, \$21,300.00 from General and \$29,109.38 from Gas & Water
- k) Approve to reimburse Jerius Maxey in the amount of \$100.00 for fuel

- l) Approve to pay J.M. Duncan, Inc. in the amount of \$84,266.20 for the Booneville Downtown Intersection Improvements Project
- m) Approve to pay Cory Lee Leadership in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Six Week Building Leadership & Transforming Culture-Spring 2026
- n) Approve to pay Edmunds GovTech in the amount of \$23,000.00 for Software Subscription & Cloud Hosting, \$11,500.00 from the City and \$11,500.00 from Gas & Water
- o) Approve the resignation of full-time Water/Sewer Maintenance Technician Briar Campbell from the Water Department retroactive to 04-02-2026
- p) Approve the purchase of two (2) tags for the new 2026 Nissan Frontiers at the cost of \$24.00 to the MS DOR for the Gas & Water Department
- q) Approve the resignation of Patrol Officer Jordan Davis from the Police Department effective 04-10-2026
- r) Approve to pay H&H Electrical, LLC in the amount of \$64,462.50 for City Park Lighting Improvements
- s) Approve to pay W.G. Harrell Construction, LLC in the amount of \$155,642.19 for Partial Payment Request No. 4 for the Roadway Repairs To Wyninegar Road Project

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

Next there came for consideration, Kineta Booth of Community First Foundation requesting approval to waive the fee for the East Side Community Center at Sunflower Park for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25, 2026. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Ramey presented Leon Hays of PCDA with a request to approve waiving the fee for the Hardware Building on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 for an Industrial Appreciation Luncheon. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request for a motion to approve to waive the fee for the East Side Community Center at Sunflower Park for the children of the Boys & Girls Club on Monday, June 29, 2026 was made by Angelique Jumper with the Boys & Girls Club. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Terry Tolar for the VFW requested a motion to approve a resolution to declare Friday, May 22, 2026 as "Buddy Poppy Day". Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen presenting and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next there came for consideration, Sharon Ramey with General Government Department, made a request to approve the following changes to the building rentals of the West Side Community Center at Swift Park, the East Side Community Center at Sunflower Park, and the Old Hardware Building retroactive to 03-17-2026:

- ❖ Only residents of the City of Booneville and Prentiss County may be permitted to rent or obtain a building rental fee waiver.
- ❖ Cease all background checks, Booneville Police officer security requirements, and all security fees.
- ❖ \$2,000,000.00 (2 million) event liability insurance policy is only required for events that will be serving alcohol at the Old Hardware Building.

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

Next, a request was made for approval of the Public Assistance State And Local Disaster Assistance Agreement for FEMA-DR-MS-4899. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval was requested to designate Sharon Ramey as the applicant agent for Disaster 4899MS and Mayor Lori Tucker as the certifying official for Disaster 4899MS. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request to approve to hire Jack Dewitt as part-time Library Clerk at the rate of \$11.00 per hour retroactive to March 24, 2026. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval was requested to hire Sherry Morgan as part-time Library Clerk at the rate of \$11.00 per hour retroactive to March 24, 2026. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request to approve accepting the lowest and best bid for the remaining debris removal due to Ice Storm Fern 2026 and continuing emergency risk to the citizens of Booneville.

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

Next, approval to schedule a Work Session for April 28, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., to discuss the following:

- ❖ Bid on loans for Ice Storm Fern 2026
- ❖ Duplex garbage cans
- ❖ Cook Coggin-Presentation of Street Analysis and Preservation Program
- ❖ Policy Handbook

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

Next, a request was made to approve to hire Jessica Mullins as a part-time custodian at the rate of \$12.50 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen present, and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Gary Cleveland with the Public Property Department made a request to approve the lowest and best bid for Property Cleanup of 104 Jumper Circle, PPIN 5428, Bid # 2601. Only one bid was received from May Equipment LLC in the amount of \$6,950.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to rebid, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a motion to approve the lowest and best bid for cleanup of the Booneville Cemetery, but no bids were received. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to rebid, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, Deb Tubb with the Tourism Department requested a motion to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement between First Baptist Church and the City of Booneville for the Green Space during the Hospitality Arts Festival. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, Jon Hill with the Park Department requested approval to hire part-time employees for Concessions at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, sixteen (16) hours or less per week, effectively immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval was requested to hire Triton Meeks as full-time Park Maintenance at the rate of \$14.00 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Bobby Agnew with the Fire Department made a request to approve promoting Jonathan Grove to Fire Fighter II at the rate of \$14.49 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, Courtney Moore with the Gas & Water Office requested approval to transfer Unit 208, Ford F150 to the Street Department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Paul Carpenter with The Water Department requested approval to post for two (2) seasonal employees for the Water Department at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with Aldermen present, and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval requested to post for a full-time Water/Sewer Maintenance Technician at the rate of \$15.00-\$17.00 per hour depending on experience. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, approval to hire Terry Warren as full-time Street Department Maintenance at the rate of \$15.00 per hour effective 04-13-2026 pending drug screen was requested by Kevin Short with the Street Department. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request to approve posting for two (2) seasonal Street Maintenance positions. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, a request, by Cook Coggin, for approval to change Order No. 1 to the Booneville Street Paving 2025 Phase I Project, with Falcon taking a \$10,000.00 reduction. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval requested to pay Falcon Contracting Co. Inc. in the amount of \$733,292.99 for Partial Payment Request No. 1 for the Booneville Street Paving 2025 Phase I Project. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration a motion to approve and score engineering proposals and SFR loan documents for the SRF Water Project. Cook Coggins Engineering was the only bid received. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration a motion to approve and score engineering proposals and SFR loan documents for the SRF Sewer Project. Cook Coggins Engineering was the only bid received. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next Alderman Williams made a motion to allow Mayor Lori Tucker and when necessary, Sharon Ramey to sign any documents associated with the SRF Water and Sewer Project, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request to approve advertising for construction quotes for the Booneville Street Striping Phase I Project paved areas. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval requested to approve Change Order #3 for the MCWI funded Horizontal Pressure Filter Project. The change was the increase in price by \$52,052.30 or which the city would be responsible for \$31,485.36. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, City Attorney, Daniel Tucker made a request to approve an ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances for the City of Booneville, MS. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve legal publication in the Banner Independent to notify the public of the adoption of the Code of Ordinances. Alderman Williams made said motion,

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

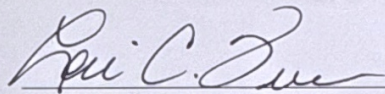
There next came on for consideration, Mayor Lori C. Tucker requesting approval to stop the disconnect fee for all customers during the mid-winter months of December 1st – April 1st. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, it was announced Keep Booneville Beautiful would be on Saturday April 11th, 2026.
(Cleanup Day volunteers are needed)

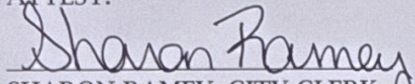
Next, announced was the Hospitality Arts Festival that will be on Saturday, April 18th, 2026.

Next, announced was Pig Out with Kiwanis at the Hardware Building on Friday, April 24th, 2026 between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

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


LORI C. TUCKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK