

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the second meeting of March 2026, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 James McChristian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brant Sappington.

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

- 1) Approve the resignation of Thomas Burcham from the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Department effective 03-31-2026.
- 2) Approve to pay Holders Home Center in the amount of \$899.00 for a refrigerator at the Fire Department Station Two (2).
- 3) Discuss/Approve to post for a Park Maintenance position at the rate of \$14.00-\$16.00 per hour depending on experience.

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

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to add City Building Rentals to agenda, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with 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 03-03-2026.
- b) Approve Paul Carpenter and Billy Bridges to attend the Mississippi Rural Water Expo in Brandon, MS March 23-25, 2026. Registration is \$125.00 per person, lodging for two (2) nights is \$445.76 per person, meals for three (3) days are \$204.00 per person, with permission to use City vehicle.

- c) Approve to send Clinton Franks to the Academy in Tupelo, MS on Monday, April 6, 2026.
- d) Discuss/Approve to send Matthew Brown to the Police Academy in Tupelo, MS on Monday, April 6, 2026.
- e) Approve Deb Tubb to attend District Deep Dive in Starkville, MS on Friday, March 27, 2026. Mileage is \$117.60.
- f) Approve Deb Tubb to attend Preservation Boot Camp in Jackson, MS on April 22-23, 2026. Mileage is \$263.20, and meals are \$68.00.
- g) Approve to pay Moore Engineering Company, INC. in the amount of \$8,069.20 for Park Lighting Project.
- h) Approve to pay H&H Electrical LLC in the amount of \$95,821.75 for City Park Lighting Improvements.
- i) Approve Courtney Moore to apply for CMC graduation with a cost of \$125.00.
- j) Approve the resignation of Thomas Burcham from the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Department effective 03-31-2026.
- k) Approve to pay Holders Home Center in the amount of \$899.00 for a refrigerator at the Fire Department Station Two (2).

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

Next there came for consideration, Superintendent, Dr. Todd English requesting a motion to approve a bond referendum for April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. 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 by Rochelle Jenkins with Sunflower Community Committee for approval of the use of Sunflower Park and waive the fee for the East Side Community Center for the Juneteenth Parade and Blue Festival on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. 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 for a motion to approve to allow a sno-cone truck at Swift Park for a private birthday party on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, was made by McKayla Smith. They would not be selling to the public. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next there came for consideration, Sharon Ramey with General Government Department, made a request to approve a half-page (1/2) ad in the Banner Independent Progress Edition for the amount of \$450.00. This ad would promote the City of Booneville. Alderman Hicks 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 a Work Session to be scheduled on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss/approve Cook Coggin Engineering (CCE) Updates and ED

Opportunity and Investor Introduction. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval was requested to reschedule the April 21, 2026, Board Meeting to April 28, 2026. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request to approve authorizing the required procurement of engineering services for the proposed CDBG Sewer Improvements application and project. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval was requested to authorize Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District to provide administration services for the proposed CDBG Sewer Improvements application and project. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 taking quotes on cemetery mowing. Alderman Shields made said motion, 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 quote for emergency cleanup of the Booneville Cemetery was made. There were two (2) quotes received, one from Extreme Soft Wash in the amount of \$10,250.00 and one for \$8,400.00 from Branch Brothers. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the lowest and best quote of \$8,400.00 from the Branch Brothers, seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 transfer of ExMark mower units 1932 and 3388 from the Parks Department to the Public Property Department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval a resolution in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Wayne Michael Backstop Project was requested. (Tourism fund to be reimbursed with insurance settlement from Ice Storm Fern). This had been approved by the Park Tourism Board. Alderman Shields 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 a Park Maintenance position at the rate of \$14.00-\$16.00 per hour, depending on experience. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 hiring Tristin Gerber as a full-time Fire Fighter at the rate of \$13.70 per hour effective 03-19-2026, pending drug screen. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval was requested to post for a Fire Fighter II position at a rate of \$14.49 per hour. Alderman Lauderdale 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 posting for a Fire Fighter position at a rate of \$13.70-\$14.21 per hour, depending on certification. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a motion was requested for approval to hire Cole Street as a part-time Fire Fighter at the rate of \$11.50 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screen. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Chief Michael Ramey with the Police Department made a request to approve to hire Nathan Wright as a full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of \$19.54 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screen. 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 Kenneth Prince as a full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of \$19.04 per hour, effective immediately pending a drug screen, with a fifty cent (\$0.50) pay increase upon completion of the Academy. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve sending Kenneth Prince to the Police Academy in Tupelo, MS on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Alderman Shields 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 accept the resignation of Police Officer Kaley Willis, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, Kevin Short with the Street Maintenance Department made a request for approval to post a full-time Street Maintenance position at \$14.50-\$16.00 per hour, based on experience. Alderman Hicks 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, to approve and accept the lowest and best quote for the replacement of a waterline at the creek adjacent to the North Road. There were two (2) quotes received; the first from Buzz Plaxico Dozer Services was a quote of \$13,635.00 and the other from Eubanks Construction in the amount of \$30,500.00. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the lowest and best quote of \$13,635.00 from Buzz Plaxico Dozer Services, seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 the Weather Emergency Multi-Unit Shutoff Policy. Alderman Lauderdale 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 go into a Closed Session to determine if an Executive Session was needed. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, it was determined that an Executive Session was needed to discuss/approve utility deposits and a request was made to approve going into said session. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

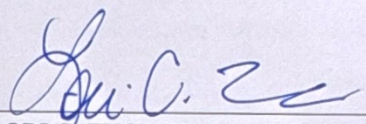
Next, it was requested to approve returning to an Open Session. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve a policy that any multi-unit rental would be subject to a \$60.00 Water Utility Deposit. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

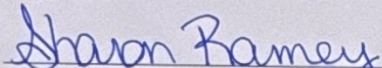
Next, it was announced that the Cruise In Classic Car Show would take place on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M at The Triangle.

Next, announced was Keep Booneville Beautiful on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. (Cleanup Day volunteers are needed)

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

  
LORI C. TUCKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK