

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
March, 3rd, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the first meeting of March 2026, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, March 3, 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 Tara Lauderdale.

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

- Approve to pay the Visa Travel Card payment in the amount of \$5,015.87.
- Approve to pay the Visa Petty Cash Card payment in the amount of \$3,261.02.
- Discuss/Approve to add items to the Work Session agenda:
 - Drainage Issue at 1705 B South Second Street
 - Drainage Issue at Booneville Cemetery
 - Ditch on First Street
- Discuss/Approve a thirty-day extension for the Local Emergency Proclamation.
- Discuss/Approve to increase purchase limit to the amount of \$5,000.00 for Mayor Tucker retroactive to July 1, 2025.
- Discuss/Approve special repairs and adjustments to customer side leaks caused by debris cleanup efforts.
- Discuss/Approve to accept the lowest and best quote for labor on the generator for the Fire Department.
- Discuss/Approve to seek quotes for the replacement of an exposed water line by boring at the creek adjacent to the North Road.

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

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- a) Approve the Board Minutes of 02-17-2026, Special Called Minutes of 02-17-2026, Special Called Minutes of 02-20-2026, Special Called Minutes of 02-23-2026, Work Session Minutes of 02-23-2026, and Special Called Minutes of 02-26-2026.
- b) Approve Bill Dockets.
- c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments.
- d) Approve to refund Mitchell B. Rhoton Sr. in the amount of \$1,578.33 for overpaid property taxes on the property located at PPIN 8488.
- e) Approve to refund FMB in the amount of \$387.86 for overpaid property taxes on the property located at PPIN 19277.
- f) Approve to reimburse Angela Armstrong in the amount of \$405.96 for vehicular dent repair.
- g) Approve the resignation of Police Officer Robert Cook from the Police Department effective 02-13-2026.
- h) Approve for Vance Raines to take the MSTAT in Oxford, MS on March 4, 2026. The cost is \$20.00.
- i) Approve to pay Baby Box insurance in the amount of \$438.88, retroactively, will be reimbursed to the City.
- j) Approve the resignation of Fire Fighter Matthew Brown from the Fire Department effective 03-10-2026.
- k) Approve City Clerk Sharon Ramey and Deputy City Clerk Kelsey Moore to attend the 2026 Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts Conference in Biloxi, MS on April 20-24, 2026. Resignation is \$800.00, lodging is \$819.84, and meals are \$340.00 each, with permission to use a City vehicle and travel card.
- l) Approve Jeff Williams to attend the 2026 Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts Conference in Biloxi, MS on April 20-24, 2026. Resignation is \$400.00, lodging is \$819.84, meals are \$340.00, and mileage is \$473.20.
- m) Approve Mayor Lori Tucker, Alderman Tara Lauderdale, and Alderman LaVaile Shields to attend the 2026 Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts Conference in Biloxi, MS on April 20-24, 2026. Resignation is \$1,200.00, lodging is \$755.00, meals are \$340.00 each, with permission to use a City vehicle and travel card.
- n) Approve Alderman Jimmy Hicks to attend the 2026 Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts Conference in Biloxi, MS on April 20-24, 2026. Resignation is \$400.00, meals are \$340.00, lodging is \$829.00, with permission to use a City vehicle and travel card.
- o) Approve to pay the Visa Travel Card payment in the amount of \$5,015.87.
- p) Approve to pay the Visa Petty Cash Card payment in the amount of \$3,261.02.

Alderman Shields 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, request for approval of New Business, an introduction from Andrew Adams with Day & Night Protection Agency.

Next, Valerie Carter, CAO of Baptist Memorial Hospital-Booneville gave an introduction and an update.

Next, request for approval to waive the fee for the Hardware Building on Friday, April 24th, 2026 for a "PigOutBBQ" fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club-Non-Profit. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, Kineta Booth with Community First Foundation, requesting to waive the fee for the East Side Community Center on Sunday, March 29th, 2026 for

an Easter Egg Hunt. Alderman Lauderdale 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, Sharon Ramey with General Government requesting a motion to approve to activate the Booneville Sidewalk Improvements Phase III Project. 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 the Memorandum Agreement with the Mississippi Transportation Commission for the Booneville Sidewalk Improvements Phase III Project. 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 a motion to approve accepting the Construction Contract Modification from Parsons Earthworks and amend the Board Minutes of 09-16-2025 regarding David Moore on Street Patch Paving with the addition of Smith Street and Adams Street. 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 for a motion was made to schedule a Work Session for 3-17-26 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Upfront Costs of Installing New Gas Mains
- City Building Rentals and Liability Insurance
- Cook Coggin – Debris Cleanup
- Drainage Issue at 1705 B South Second Street
- Drainage Issue at Booneville Cemetery
- Ditch on First Street

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 was made to schedule a Work Session for 3-30-26 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Budget

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 to approve the extension of the Local Emergency Proclamation for thirty (30) days. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request to approve an increase to the purchase limit of \$5,000.00 for Mayor Lori Tucker, retroactive to July 1st, 2025. Alderman Hicks 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 requested approval for cleanup at 304 Ninth (9th) Street, PPIN 4962. A timeframe of sixty (60) days given for property cleanup. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, a request was made by Jon Hill with the Park Department to approve to classify Score Keepers as 1099 NECS. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with Aldermen present all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Bobby Agnew with the Fire Department made a request to approve a pay increase to \$14.21 per hour to Jonathan Grove for completing Firefighter I/II Certification effective 02-20-2026. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to promote Timothy Stevenson to Fire Fighter II at a 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.

Next, approval to hire Christopher Mathis as a part-time Fire Fighter at a rate of \$11.50 per hour effective immediately was made. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request for approval was made to accept the lowest and best quote for labor on the generator for the Fire Department with the best quote being \$4,735.00 from Booneville Heating and Cooling LLC. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration Courtney Moore of the Gas & Water Office asking for approval to adjust bills to average usage after the leak studies were complete, for those properties located at 1115 Martin Luther King and 108 North 5th (Fifth) Street. Alderman Williams made

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

Next, there came for consideration, Police Chief Michael Ramey asked for approval to hire Clinton Franks as a full-time Police Officer at a rate of \$19.04 per hour effective immediately pending drug screen with a fifty cent (\$0.50) pay increase when he completes Academy. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request to approve hiring Matthew Brown as a full-time Police Officer at a rate of \$19.04 per hour effectively immediately with a fifty cent (\$0.50) pay increase when he completes Academy. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with all Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, request was made for approval to hire Austin Mason as a full-time Certified Police Officer at a rate of \$19.54 per hour effective immediately pending drug screen. 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 promote Nicole Ward from part-time to full-time at a rate of \$19.54 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next for consideration there came Cook Coggins asking for approval to relocate an existing four (4)- inch steel gas main on the property located at PPIN 6354. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with that the following vote was had, Alderman Hicks – Aye; Alderman Miller-Aye, Alderman Lauderdale- Aye, Alderman Shields-Aye and Alderman Williams- Nay. With a vote of 4 for and 1 against the motion carried.

Next, request was made to approve to seek quotes for the replacement of an exposed water line by boring at the creek adjacent to the North Road. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

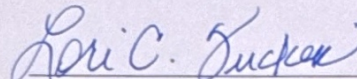
Next the following announcements were made:

- ❖ A6 Ribbon Cutting on March 26th, 2026 at 4:00 PM.
- ❖ Miss Hospitality- March 29,2026

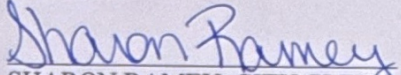
❖ Hospitality Arts Festival- Saturday, April 18th, 2026 at 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Next, Jeff Williams thanked all the clean up crews for doing a good job with clean up.

There being no further business, Alderman Shields 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