

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
January 20, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the second meeting of January 2026, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:30 pm, at City Hall, 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, and 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 Barbara Fields.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sandy Donahue.

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

- a) Discuss/Approve library building updates.
- b) Discuss/Approve to hire Emily McVey as a Seasonal Clerk at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately.
- c) Discuss/Approve to add two items to the Thursday, January 22, 2026, Work Session agenda:
  - Testing of Natural Gas Piping Systems in School Facilities
  - Cook Coggin—Update on projects

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to add the items to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 01-06-2026, Work Session Minutes of 01-05-2026, and the Work Session Minutes of 01-06-2026.
- b) Approve to accept the resignation of Hayden Kelton as full-time Firefighter, effective immediately.
- c) Approve to accept the resignation of Payton Tapp as full-time Firefighter, effective immediately.
- d) Approve Jerius Maxey to attend the 2026 Fire Service Instructors Conference in D'Iberville, MS on March 24-27, 2026. Registration-\$175.00, Meals-\$272.00, Lodging-\$237.00, with use of City vehicle and travel card.
- e) Approve to refund Dennis Johnson in the amount of \$150.00 for the cancellation of his July 25, 2026 rental of the West Side Community Center.
- f) Approve to pay Cook Coggin Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$222,579.00 for the 3-09647-20P Booneville Sidewalk Improvements Phase II Project.

- g) Approve to pay J.M. Duncan, Inc. in the amount of \$118,107.83 for the STP-005-00(042)LPA/109164-701000 Booneville Downtown Intersection Improvements Project.
- h) Approve Mayor Lori Tucker and City Clerk Sharon Ramey to attend the CDBG Application Workshop in Pearl, MS January 27-28, 2026, Lodging - \$183.68, Meals - \$68.00 each, and use of City vehicle and travel card.
- i) Approve Mayor Lori Tucker to attend CMO Elective Evening Classes in Oxford, MS on February 26, 2026. Registration is \$25.00.
- j) Approve to pay Cook Coggin Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$52,402.00 out of the Modernization account for 3-10244-25C Booneville Street Paving.
- k) Approve to pay Cook Coggin Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$46,145.00 out of the Wyninegar Road account for 3-10142-24P Booneville Wyninegar Road Improvements.

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

There next came on for consideration, Rebecca Wood requesting approval to block off the streets by the Old Hardware Building on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a wedding reception event. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Earlene Hannah requesting approval for the use of the Old Hardware Building on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for a birthday dinner celebration. 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, Sandy Donahue with an update on the Library building and requesting approval to seek quotes for bathroom improvements at the library. 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 hire Emily McVey as a Seasonal Clerk at the Library at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. 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 approval for Sandy Donahue to apply for grants for the Library. 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 approval to schedule a work session for Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the following:

- The Penny
- Testing of Natural Gas Piping Systems in School Facilities

- Wyninegar Road Project
- Cook Coggin—Update on Projects
- Cook Coggin—South Main Street Drainage PPIN 6184
- Cook Coggin—North Road Gas Line Relocation

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 for approval to purchase a full-page Ad for the Banner Independent in the amount of \$650.00. This would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi.

Alderman Miller 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 appoint Chris Jones as a School Board member. 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 was made for approval to stop the monthly payroll cycle and add it to the biweekly payroll cycle. 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, Gary Cleveland with the Public Property Department requesting approval for the rezoning change of PPIN 17314. This was the property at Gaston Road and Country Club Road, Rezoning from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Single-Family Residential. Alderman Lauderdale recused herself from the discussion and the vote. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Deb Tubb with the Tourism Department requesting approval of the Downtown Sound System Tourism Resolution in the amount of \$6,000.00. This resolution has been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 for approval of the Depot Park Project Tourism Resolution in the amount of \$26,452.93. This resolution has been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Miller 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 Partnership Banquet/Recruitment Tourism Resolution in the amount of \$5,000.00. This resolution has been approved by the Tourism Board.

Alderman Hicks 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 for approval of the Marketing & Advertising Tourism Resolution in the amount of \$5,000.00. This resolution has been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 for approval of the Miss Hospitality Competition Tourism Resolution in the amount of \$2,000.00. This resolution has been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 of the Hospitality Arts Festival Tourism Resolution in the amount of \$20,000.00. This resolution has been approved by 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, a request was made for approval of the MDOT Phase II Sidewalk Improvement Project Resolution in the amount of \$500,000.00. This resolution has been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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 post for seasonal workers for parks. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to post for two full-time Firefighters at the rate of \$13.70-\$14.21 per hour, depending upon certification. 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 hire Christopher Hindo as a Seasonal Firefighter at the rate of \$11.50 per hour. Alderman Miller 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to promote Karl Courtney to Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division at the rate of \$23.42 per

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

Next, a request was made for approval to hire Josh Walden as Sergeant of the Criminal Investigation Division at the rate of \$22.49 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Hicks 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 for approval to hire Tyler Reece as Sergeant over Patrol at the rate of \$20.67 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

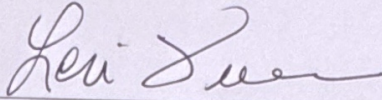
Next, a request was made for approval to post for a Sergeant over Patrol at the rate of \$20.67 per hour. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to accept the lowest and best bid for cameras and LPR's to be paid from Park Tourism. Two bids were received. The first bid was from Flock in the amount of \$537,531.00. The second bid was from Axon in the amount of \$419,874.00. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to lock the bids until the Park Department approves the resolution to purchase cameras. This was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

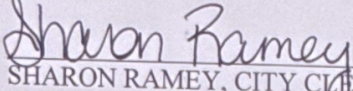
There next came on for consideration, Cook Coggin requesting approval to accept the lowest and best bid for the Wickwood Sewer Repair Project. See attached bid sheet. Alderman Shields made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from Ensco, LLC in the amount of \$42,350.00. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to develop contract documents and advertise for bids on the Highway 45 Gas Line Bore Project. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this issue, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Alderman Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Shields, 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