

MINUTE BOOK NO. I-3 – CITY OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

APRIL 15, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

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Be It Remembered that a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Batesville was held on the third Tuesday of April, being the 15th day of April 2025, at 2:00 p.m., when and where were present the following, to-wit:

Mayor Hal Ferrell; Aldermen Stan Harrison, Dennis Land, Teddy Morrow, Bill Dugger and Bobby Walton. Also present were City Clerk Shonnah Weaver; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; Assistant Chief of Police Barry Thompson; Chief Building Official Andy Berryhill; Code Enforcement Officer Hughye McDaniel; Public Works Director Newt Benson; Fire Chief Tim Taylor; Deputy Fire Chief David Tarver; Civic Center Director Rodney Holley; Administrative Assistant Sulli Woods; Park & Recreation Director Heath Fullilove; and Jeremy Weldon of The Panolian

A quorum being present, the meeting was duly opened by the Mayor, and after the invocation given by Michael Bates, the following business was taken up.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Dugger and upon unanimous vote taken, the agenda of March 15, 2025, was approved with additions.

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CITY OF BATESVILLE
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 15, 2025
2:00 P.M.| CITY HALL
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hal Ferrell

INVOCATION: Michael Bates

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR’S WELCOME STATEMENT: “To all in attendance, pursuant to Order by the Board of Aldermen, adopted on March 1, 2022, in order to address the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, you must be on the agenda, and pursuant to Order adopted March 23, 2023, you must sign the sign-in sheet with a complete address.”

APPROVE AGENDA

- April 15, 2025

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

- April 1, 2025- Regular Meeting
- April 3, 2025- Adjourned Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request permission for Newt Benson to attend the Global Damage Prevention Summit in Dallas, TX 9/16/25 – 9/18/25. MS811 will pay for lodging. I’m asking The City to pay for travel and per diem.
2. Approval for Detective Justin Davis, Captain Richard Stonestreet, Lt. Jason Irby, Sgt. Greg Jones, and Sgt. Matthew Brown to attend the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Association Training 2025 Conference June 8-13, 2025, in Bay St. Louis, MS. All expenses will be paid/reimbursed by the city.

PAY REQUEST AGENDA

1. Approval of payment to Riverside Traffic Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$16,900.00 in connection with restriping.
2. Approval of payment to South Panola in the amount of \$154.00 in connection with five ferns for the Code office and two ferns for court.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Request permission to hire Malik Gleaton in the street department on the weed eater crew for \$14.00/hr.
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3. Request permission to hire Terance Doyle in the street department on the weed eater crew for \$14.00/hr.
4. Request permission to hire Gredrecus Ford in the street department on the weed eater crew for \$14.00/hr.
5. Request permission to hire Hunter Bryant in the wastewater treatment plant for \$15.00/hr.
6. Approval of promotion of Justin Hudson from firefighter to Driver/Operator on Shift A. His rate of pay will be \$16.44. Effective April 17, 2025.
7. Approval to promote Patrol Sergeant Chandler Williams to the rank of Lieutenant. His salary will increase to \$27.72 per hour. Effective April 17, 2025.
8. Accept the resignation of Bill Furniss from the Police Department. Effective April 15, 2025.

VISITORS

1. Marshall Welsh- Gospel Music and BBQ fundraiser on May 3, 2025, on Batesville Square
2. Linda Mitchell- support of 1st community fitness camp & campers
3. Chris Pope- The Grace Place- release of funds
4. Zach Schnor- environmental project to take green waste and shut off carbon and methane emissions.
5. Connie Quick- Scared Youth Ministries

BIDS**PERMANENT VISITORS**

- Panola Partnership
- North Delta Planning and Development
- Mendrop Engineering Resources
- Panola County Board of Supervisors and department heads
- State or Federal legislators representing any part of Panola County
- Any person engaged in contractual business with the City of Batesville
- The Panolian Jeremy Weldon or his proxy

PUBLIC HEARING – 3:00 P.M.**REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS****CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – ANDY BERRYHILL**

1. Update on 111 Patton Lane clean-up
2. Discuss Zoning use #26.000 Special Events

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE – BARRY THOMPSON

1. Approval to declare one metal cabinet as surplus property.

CITY ATTORNEY – COLMON MITCHELL

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CITY CLERK – SHONNAH WEAVER

- 1. Approval to pay 2025 election workers
- 2. Fair Housing Resolution
- 3. Transfer of \$300,000.00 from tourism to multi-purpose building.

FIRE CHIEF – TIM TAYLOR

- 1. Approval of specifications and obtain quotes for overhead door at station 1
- 2. Accept donations in memory of Bobby York.
- 3. Request to declare surplus property: exmark zero turn mower
- 4. Request approval to destroy old Fire Department retained records for Murphy Oil Company from June 13, 2002- February 9, 2025.
- 5. Request approval to purchase 14 refurbished portable radios with lapel mics (Intergraded Communications \$44,096.00) and 10 remote microphones (Intergraded Communications \$5,049.00)
- 6. Approval to purchase bunker gear through MS State Contract- Sunbelt Fire in the amount of \$40,418.00

CIVIC CENTER DIRECTOR – RODNEY HOLLEY

- 1. Upcoming events at the BCC (flyers attached, please display on the TV screen)
- 2. Ladder improvement plan when flags at BCC entrance are in need of replacement (info attached)
- 3. MS Wolfpack football game

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR – HEATH FULLILOVE

- 1. Boy Scouts to use the Batesville Mounds on April 25-27, 2025.
- 2. Elite 100 Baseball Camp at American Legion Park on June 14 & 15, 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – NEWT BENSON

- 1. Requesting permission to accept Bond Recommendation for timber project off MLK South.
- 2. Requesting permission to accept a change order **(\$2,925.00)** from Marchbanks Specialty, per the approved written proposal, for additional metal roof decking for the Sludge Press Building at the WWTP.

OTHER MATTERS BY MAYOR OR ALDERMAN:

POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Possible executive session – Personnel
- 2. Insituform Roof with Joe Azar
- 3. Newt’s Vacation
- 4. Easements on Hwy 6 East

ADJOURNMENT

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IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, the minutes of the April 1, 2025, regular meeting and April 3, 2025, adjourned meeting were approved.

IN RE: SIGNATURE SHEET FOR MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2025

BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2025

Signature Sheet

Please print name clearly	City
Connie Quick	City
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Zack Schnoor	City
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Joe Aaron	City
Please print name clearly	City
Henry Fullilove	City
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Bonny Holtz	City
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DENNIS DARBY	BATESVILLE PD
Please print name clearly	City
BARRY THOMPSON	BATESVILLE PD
Please print name clearly	City
Jimmy McCloud	207 Bels St, Batesville
Please print name clearly	City
Tim Taylor	Batesville PD
Please print name clearly	City
David Tarver	132 VAN VOIS
Please print name clearly	City
Greg Smith	MEK
Please print name clearly	City
Andy Berryhill	City
Please print name clearly	City
Joel Taylor	City
Please print name clearly	City
Kati Overall	BPD
Please print name clearly	City
Holly White	BPD
Please print name clearly	City
Marshall Welsh	13191 Hwy 6 West Batesville, 38606
Please print name clearly	City
Josh Hawkins	385 Hwy 51 N Batesville
Please print name clearly	City
Parrell Dixon	NO PD
Please print name clearly	City

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IN RE: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Land and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the following matters and items on the consent agenda be, and they are hereby approved:

- 3. Request permission for Newt Benson to attend the Global Damage Prevention Summit in Dallas, TX 9/16/25 – 9/18/25. MS811 will pay for lodging. I’m asking The City to pay for travel and per diem.
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IN RE: APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the following matters and items on the pay request agenda be, and they are hereby approved:

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IN RE: APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Land and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the following matters and items on the human resources agenda be, and they are hereby approved:

- 1. Request permission to hire Malik Gleaton in the street department on the weed eater crew for \$14.00/hr.
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IN RE: JR HOUSE FOR MEN

The Mayor recognized Marshall Welsh who appeared before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen requesting permission to host a Gospel Music and BBQ fundraiser on the Batesville Square on May 3, 2025, for the men at JR's House.

Upon motion of Alderman Dugger and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, the request above be and it is hereby approved with said event being coordinated with the Batesville Police Department and Batesville Street Department.

IN RE: MATCHING FUND DONATION - THE GRACE PLACE

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Dugger and upon unanimous vote taken, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Grace Place, Inc. has requested the City to make a matching funds donation to The Grace Place, Inc. to assist in their funding; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen believe that The Grace Place, Inc. provides a valuable service to the City, the community and to the youth of the City and community and that it would be in the best interest of the City to make a donation to The Grace Place, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-19-65 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 authorizes the governing authorities of any municipality to expend monies from the Municipal General Funds to match any other funds for the purpose of supporting social and community service programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen as follows:

1.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby find and determine that The Grace Place, Inc. provides a social and community service program of the same kind and nature of those set forth in Section 21-19-65 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 and is encompassed therein; and

2.

That the Board does hereby order that the City donate to The Grace Place, Inc. the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to match, dollar for dollar, any other funds received by The Grace Place, Inc. from Cube Ice Co Inc., for support of their organization, said donation being contingent upon receipt of proof of matching funds.

RESOLVED this the 15nd day of April, 2025.

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IN RE: YOUTH MINISTRY

The Mayor recognized Connie Quick, a volunteer of Youth Ministry Scared Straight, who appeared before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen requesting for the City of Batesville to donate to their ministry for providing food to the Police Department.

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, the request above be and it is hereby taken under advisement.

IN RE: NATURAL WASTE SOLUTIONS

The Mayor recognized Zach Schnor of Natural Waste Solutions who appeared before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen requesting permission to have an environmental project to take green waste and shut off carbon and methane emissions in the City of Batesville.

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Dugger and upon unanimous vote taken, the request above be and it is hereby approved.

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IN RE: CONTRIBUTION TO PANOLA PARTNERSHIP

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chapter 824, Local and Private Laws of 1992, as amended from time to time and last amended by Senate Bill 2518, Mississippi Legislative, 2023 Regular Session, authorizes the City of Batesville, Mississippi [“City”], to levy and collect the tax specified therein for the purpose of providing funds for the promotion of tourism, economic development, and industry in the City and the surrounding area, and authorizes the City to expend said funds for the purpose of carrying out programs and activities designed to attract visitors, tourists, and industry in order to promote and enhance the tourism, industry, and economic development of the City and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Section(s) 21-19-44 and 21-19-44.1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, authorizes municipal governing authorities of municipalities to appropriate, contribute, and donate to, or expend budgeted funds for, local economic development organizations; and

WHEREAS, Panola Partnership, Inc. is a local economic development organization and is a Mississippi non-profit corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Mississippi for the purpose of promoting economic development, commerce, trade, business, education, and industry in Panola County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen do hereby find and determine that the Panola Partnership, Inc. is an organization to which the City may appropriate, contribute, and donate to, or expend budgeted funds for, pursuant to the authority of Section(s) 21-19-44 and 21-19-44.1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen do hereby find and determine that monies contributed to the Panola Partnership, Inc. for special events pursuant to Section(s) 21-19-44 and 21-19-44.1 and are used for the purpose of carrying out programs and activities designed to attract visitors, tourists, and industry in order to promote and enhance the tourism, industry, and economic development of the City and the surrounding area; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen do hereby find and determine that the City is authorized by Section(s) 21-19-44 and 21-19-44.1 and Chapter 824, Local and Private Laws of 1992, as amended from time to time and last amended by Senate Bill 2518, Mississippi Legislative, 2023 Regular Session, to contribute funds received from the tax authorized by said Senate Bill to the Panola Partnership, Inc. for special events for the purposes set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Batesville, Mississippi, as follows:

1.

That the recitations set forth above are true and correct.

2.

That the City of Batesville shall set aside and appropriate from the City’s tourism and industry promotion tax fund and expend and contribute such funds to the Panola Partnership, Inc. for special events in the amount of \$100,000.00, and the City Clerk is authorized to do so.

RESOLVED, this the 15th of April, 2025.

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IN RE: REQUEST FOR FUNDS - MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chapter 824, Local and Private Laws of 1992, as amended from time to time and last amended by Senate Bill 2518, Mississippi Legislative, 2023 Regular Session, authorizes the City of Batesville, Mississippi ["City"], to levy and collect the tax specified therein for the purpose of providing funds for the promotion of tourism, economic development, and industry in the City and the surrounding area, and authorizes the City to expend said funds for the purpose of carrying out programs and activities designed to attract visitors, tourists, and industry in order to promote and enhance tourism, industry, and economic development of the City and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Section(s) 21-19-44 and 21-19-44.1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, authorizes municipal governing authorities of municipalities to appropriate, contribute, and donate to, or expend budgeted funds for, local economic development organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street Program is a program administered by the Panola Partnership, Inc., a Mississippi non profit corporation, a local economic development organization and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Mississippi for the purpose of promoting and enhancing economic development, commerce, trade, business, education, tourism and industry in Panola County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen do hereby find and determine that the Main Street Program is an organization to which the City may appropriate, contribute, and donate to, or expend budgeted funds for, pursuant to the authority of Section(s) 21-19-44 and 21-19-44.1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended and the aforesaid House Bills; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen do hereby find and determine that monies contributed to the Main Street Program pursuant to Section(s) 21-19-44 and 21-19-44.1 and are used for the purpose of carrying out programs and activities designed to attract visitors, tourists, and industry in order to promote and enhance tourism, industry, and economic development of the City and the surrounding area; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen do hereby find and determine that the City is authorized by Section(s) 21-19-44 and 21-19-44.1 and Chapter 824, Local and Private Laws of 1992, as amended from time to time and last amended by Senate Bill 2518, Mississippi Legislative, 2023 Regular Session, to contribute funds received from the tax authorized by said Senate Bill to the Main Street Program for the purposes set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Batesville, Mississippi, as follows:

1.

That the recitations set forth above are true and correct.

2.

That the City of Batesville shall set aside and appropriate from the City’s tourism and industry promotion tax fund and expend and contribute such funds to the Main Street Program in the amount of \$40,000.00, and the City Clerk is authorized to do so.

RESOLVED, this the 15th day of April, 2025.

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IN RE: APPROVAL FOR MAYOR TO SIGN

The Mayor recognized Darrell Dixon of North Delta Planning and Development District who appeared before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen requesting that the Mayor sign the MCWI Quarterly report.

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the above request be, and it is hereby granted.

MCWI Grant Quarterly Progress Report (Effective 1-1-25)

Instructions: This report is required to be submitted to the Documents Portal tab of the MCWI Grant Portal on the following dates:

- Reporting Period January 1 – March 31: Due April 15th
- Reporting Period April 1 – June 30: Due July 15th
- Reporting Period July 1 – September 30: Due October 15th
- Reporting Period October 1 – December 31: Due January 15th
- **PLEASE NOTE:** This report format has been revised as of January 1, 2025. All reports require detailed information regarding the obligation status of funds and project status. See Schedule A: Contract Execution Status.

1. Reporting Period: 01/01/2025 - 03/31/2025

2. Summarize Activities undertaken or completed during the reporting period.

A contractor has been procured for the part of the project that will erect a Wastewater Treatment Plant. A contract is being prepared for execution in the next quarter. A Modification Request is being prepared for submission to MCWI program staff.

3. Upload photographs demonstrating activities undertaken or completed during the reporting period (JPEG or PDF file format accepted) in conjunction with the filing of this report. Are you submitting photos? No [Yes/No/NA]

4. Contract Bidding Information

A. Number of Contracts Bid & Awarded	<u> 3 </u>
B. Number of Contracts Anticipated throughout project	<u> 5 </u>
C. Percentage Bidding Complete [Divide A by B] x 100	<u> 60 </u> %

5. Were any modifications made to construction contracts (i.e. change orders) during the reporting period? No [Yes/No]. If Yes, upload a copy of the contract modification or change order in conjunction with the filing of this report.

6. Were any modifications made to professional services contracts during the reporting period? No [Yes/No]. If Yes, upload a copy of the contract modification in conjunction with the filing of this report.

7. Construction Data	
D. Percentage completed during the reporting period (Photos required).	<u> 0 </u> %
E. Percentage of total project completed as of the end of this reporting period.	<u> 0 </u> %

8. Project Costs	
F. Total project costs expended to date	<u> 0 </u>
G. Total requested for reimbursement to date	<u> 0 </u>

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9. Are there any specific events that have arisen that put the project at risk of not being contractually obligated, on budget, and on schedule to be closed out by September 30, 2026? Examples could include lack of available contractors, materials delays, contract issues, adverse weather conditions, etc. No [Yes/No]
Please contact MCWISubrecipient@horne.com if urgent circumstances arise.

The Modification Request is being prepared because it has been determined the project scope regarding the construction of a new water well can not be completed by September 30, 2026.

10. Has your most recent financial statement and/or single audit report been submitted to the Documents Portal Tab of the MCWI Grant Portal? No [Yes/No] If submitting with this report, please describe below the nature of any audit findings, if any.

11. Have you had any indications of Fraud, Waste or Abuse? No [Yes/No]
If yes, please provide specific details.

12. Do you expect to fully expend all MCWI Funds? Yes [Yes/No]
If no, please provide specific details (return money to Program, reallocate to remaining active project(s)).

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Schedule A: Contract Execution Status (do not include MOU's in this section)

Please provide executed and pending Procurement Name*, vendor name, date, full contract amount, and award funds to be used for reimbursement for relevant vendors. For Award Funds, refer to the Approved Funding Amounts at the bottom of the original application in the MCWI Portal (MCWI + Local ARPA + Transferred ARPA = Award Funds).

Example 1 [1:1 Match]: \$200,000 MCWI + \$100,000 Local + \$100,000 Transfer = \$400,000 Award Funds

Example 2 [2:1 Match]: \$100,000 MCWI + \$50,000 Local = \$150,000 Award Funds

Example 3 [Other Funds]: \$100,000 MCWI + \$100,000 Local + \$50,000 Other Funds = \$200,000 Award Funds**

***Procurement Name:** Name used internally to identify procurement (Phase A-Lift Station, B-Pump, etc.).

****Other Funds not included in Award Funds calculation.**


Executed Contracts:

Procurement Name	Procurement Type	Vendor Name	Date Executed	Contract Amount	Award Funds*
Engineering Services	Engineering	Mendrop Engineering	06/04/24	\$ 187,950.00	\$ 111,976.00
Legal Services	Administrative	Revere Legal	06/03/24	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,418.00
Architectural Services	Engineering	Sozo Architects	07/16/24	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 63,212.00
*Portion of contract value that will be covered by award funds				\$ 301,950.00	\$ 180,606.00

Pending/Expected Contracts:

Ending/Expected Contracts:					
Procurement Name	Procurement Type	Anticipated Advertisement Date	Expected Execution Date	Estimated Contract Amount	Estimated Award Funds*
Construction	Construction	01/29/25	04/22/25	\$ 989,680.00	\$ 989,680.00
Construction	Construction	05/30/25	06/30/25	\$ 3,300,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
				\$ 4,289,680.00	\$ 2,989,680.00

By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information supplied is true, complete, and accurate for the purposes of this Quarterly Progress Report. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims, or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).


Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative

591-2-DW-5.15

Agreement No.

Hal Ferrell

Printed Name

4/15/2025

Date _____

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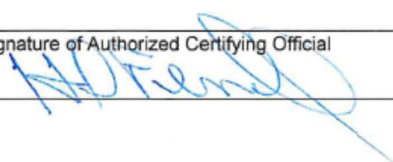
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PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT
SF-PPR

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1. Federal Agency and Organization Element to Which Report is Submitted Delta Regional Authority		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency	
		3a. DUNS Number KER8LSLLJVN5	
		3b. EIN	
4. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including zip code) City of Batesville, MS 103 College Street Batesville, MS 38606		5. Recipient Identifying Number or Account Number	
6. Project/Grant Period Start Date: (Month, Day, Year) End Date: (Month, Day, Year)		7. Reporting Period End Date (Month, Day, Year)	
01/07/2025 01/07/2027		March 31, 2025	
		8. Final Report? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		9. Report Frequency <input type="checkbox"/> annual <input type="checkbox"/> semi-annual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> other (if other, describe: _____)	
10. Performance Narrative (attach performance narrative as instructed by the awarding Federal Agency) What has happened since the last report? The City of Batesville has executed a contract with Mendrop Engineering Resources for engineering services on the project. Is the project on track to meet the approved timeline? Yes, the project is on track to meet the approved timeline. What issues or delays have occurred and what is the plan to address them? No issues or delays are currently hindering the project. What will occur in the next quarter? In the next quarter, the procured engineers will get environmental information for clearance and draft plans and specifications for bidding. How can DRA help? There is no request at this time.			
11. Other Attachments (attach other documents as needed or as instructed by the awarding Federal Agency)			
12. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.			
12a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Hal Ferrell, Mayor		12c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) 662-563-4567	
		12d. Email Address mayor@batesville.ms	
12b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 		12e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 4/15/2025	
		13. Agency use only	

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IN RE: 113 PATTON LANE

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Dugger and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Greg Smith of Mendrop Engineering Resources and the Legal Department title search and survey 113 Patton Lane, if necessary.

IN RE: SURPLUS PROPERTY

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Dugger and upon unanimous vote taken, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the following equipment is obsolete and is not needed for municipal purposes and therefore, the equipment should be and is hereby declared to be surplus property and further ordered that said equipment, having no value shall be disposed of as junk, described as follows, to-wit:

- (1) metal cabinet city #00309

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IN RE: ORDINANCE

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, the following Ordinance was adopted:

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CITY OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

That Section 2-4 of The Code of Ordinances, City of Batesville, Mississippi, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph after the existing paragraph:

If the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find as fact that circumstances exist or will exist at city hall that prevent or adversely impact the holding of a meeting there or if the first Tuesday or the third Tuesday of a month is the same day that an election governed by Federal or State of Mississippi law is being held, and City Hall is a polling place for the election, then the location of the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that day will be Room _____ of the Batesville Civic Center located at 290 Civic Center Drive, Batesville, Mississippi.

ORDAINED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on the 15th day of April, 2025.

Hal Ferrell, Mayor

ATTEST:

SHONNAH WEAVER, CITY CLERK

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IN RE: APPROVAL TO PAY 2025 ELECTION WORKERS

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the following 2025 Election workers for the General Election be paid as follows:

Poll Workers/managers	\$200.00 per day
Receiving & Returning Poll Managers	\$50.00 (\$25.00 each way)
Training for Election Personnel	\$12.00 per hour
Resolution Board	\$200.00/election day
Election Commissioners	\$20.00 per hour except on election day

IN RE: FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, the following Proclamation was adopted:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, April marks the anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the exclusive province of the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be as effective, if not more so, than Federal efforts; and

WHEREAS, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that in the pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all men and women, (the) City of Batesville, Mississippi, does hereby join in the national celebration by proclaiming;

the MONTH OF APRIL, 2025
as
FAIR HOUSING MONTH

and encourages all agencies, institutions, and individuals, public and private, in (the) City of Batesville to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing law;

and acknowledge the North Delta PDD Area Fair Housing Event to be conducted virtually via the information below on April 30, 2025 at 3:00 PM.
Zoom: <https://bit.ly/NDPDD25FH> or
Call in: (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID : 81450977958 Passcode: 748438

Signed and sealed this ____ day of April, 2025.

Attest

Chief Elected Official

APRIL 15, 2025

IN RE: FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, the following Resolution was adopted:

City of Batesville , Mississippi
FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS OF (the) City of Batesville , Mississippi that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law).

It is the policy of (the) City of Batesville , Mississippi to encourage equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. Therefore, the City does hereby pass the following Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources, (the) City of Batesville will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under Federal and State laws by referring them to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (the) City of Batesville shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

(The) City of Batesville , MISSISSIPPI will, at a minimum: 1. Adopt and publicize the Fair Housing Resolution; 2. Post Fair Housing Posters in prominent public areas; 3. Provide Fair Housing Brochures Fair Housing information to the public; 4. Declare April as Fair Housing Month by Proclamation or Resolution; and 5. Acknowledge the North Delta PDD Area Fair Housing Event to be conducted virtually via the information below on April 30, 2025 at 3:00 PM.

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/NDPDD25FH> or

Call in: (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID : 81450977958 Passcode: 748438

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Resolution shall be in effect April 1, 2025.

Attest

Chief Elected Official

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**IN RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS - TOURISM TO MULTI PURPOSE
BUILDING**

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Land and upon unanimous vote taken, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Batesville, Mississippi, is authorized under Chapter 824, Local and Private Laws of 1992, as amended by Chapter 912, Local and Private Laws of 1997, as amended by House Bill Number 1587 of the 2016 Mississippi Legislative Session, as further amended by Senate Bill 2518 of the 2023 Mississippi Regular Legislative Session, to collect certain revenue and expend same for the purpose of establishing, promoting, and developing tourism, economic development and industry and related matters within the city and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Batesville Civic Center is owned and operated by the City to help establish, promote, and develop tourism, economic development and industry and related matters within the City and surrounding areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen does hereby find and determine that the Batesville Civic Center is owned and operated by the City in a manner that helps to establish, promote, and develop tourism, economic development, and industry and related matters within the city and the surrounding area.

2.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen does hereby find and determine that the Batesville Civic Center attracts visitors and tourists to the City and will help to promote and enhance the tourism, industry, and economic development of the city and the surrounding area.

3.

That the city shall set aside, appropriate, expend and transfer from the revenues received pursuant to said Chapter 824 and said amendments, a sum not to exceed \$300,000.00 to the fund for the Batesville Civic Center known as the Multi-Purpose Building Fund for use in the operation and maintenance of the Batesville Civic Center.

RESOLVED this the 15th day of April, 2025.

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**IN RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR OVERHEAD DOOR AT
STATION 1 & OBTAIN QUOTES**

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the following specifications for overhead door at Station 1, be and they are hereby approved, and further ordered that Fire Chief Tim Taylor be and he is hereby authorized to obtain quotes for said overhead door at Station 1.

City of Batesville
Fire Department
April 2025

Specification for Repair of Overhead Bay Door

Location

The work shall be performed at Fire Station #1 located at 132 Van Voris Street in Batesville, MS.

The work to be done under these specifications consists of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, plant and tools for the repair of an overhead door on Fire Station Number 1. The work shall be performed in accordance with these specifications. All work, incidental materials and services not expressly called for in the specifications, if applicable, but are necessary for the proper completion of the job, shall be performed by the Contractor at no increase in cost to the City of Batesville. Workmanship shall be what is considered to be standard of the industry and normally found in the installation of overhead door systems.

Removal

Work shall include the removal of 3 damaged door sections on existing #1 overhead entrance. The contractor is responsible for removal and proper disposal of the damaged sections.

Doors

Work shall include supplying 5 new and unused door sections consisting of one bottom section and two (2) intermediate sections for the damaged door. The section shall be 12 foot-2 inches by 24 inches each. the doors sections shall have weather stripping on the bottom. The doors shall be Overhead door Model 521, Clear anodized Aluminum with tempered clear 1/4inch thick glass.

Hinges

Work shall include replacing all hinges and rollers on the damaged sections and restoring the lifting mechanism and devices to original state.

Undiscovered Damages

In the event there is undetected damage which is discovered during the repair process, the contractor shall notify the Fire Chief or his designated representative immediately to discuss additional materials and labor cost. This shall be done prior to and continuing work on the project.

Disposal

The existing heaters and thermostats shall be disposed of by the contractor.

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Quote Requirements;

- Must be on the supplier's official letterhead or form(s) To the City of Batesville MS, Fire Department.
- Must have Brand, Model number and other pertinent information of the unit being quoted.
- Must be signed by an authorized representative of the supplier.
- May be emailed to the address below
- Must be valid for up to NLT 90 days
- All cost must be included
- Delivery time (in weeks) after purchase order is issued by the City.
- Quotes may be Email as a PDF file to firechief@batesvillefire.com
- Vendor must accept Purchase Orders, Net 45, from the City of Batesville, MS.
- Invoices must be submitted by the 25th of the Month for processing and shall be submitted to;

City of Batesville MS, Fire Dept
P.O. Box 689
Batesville MS, 38606

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IN RE: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION- FIRE DEPARTMENT

On motion made by Alderman Dugger, second by Alderman Land and unanimously carried upon a vote being taken there, it was ordered that the donation made to the Batesville Fire Department by private citizens of funds in memory of Bobby York, be and it is hereby accepted, and will be used for the Free Smoke Detector Hand Out Program.

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IN RE: SURPLUS PROPERTY - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Walton and second of Alderman Dugger and upon unanimous vote taken, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the following equipment is obsolete and is not needed for municipal purposes and therefore, the equipment should be and is hereby declared to be surplus property and further ordered that said equipment, shall be disposed of through govdeals.com, an online auction, described as follows, to-wit:

- exmark zero turn mower Model Number LZX29KA606.

IN RE: SURPLUS PROPERTY

Upon motion of Alderman Walton and second of Alderman Land and upon unanimous vote taken, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the following equipment is obsolete and is not needed for municipal purposes and therefore, the equipment should be and is hereby declared to be surplus property and further ordered that said equipment, having no value shall be disposed of as junk, described as follows, to-wit:

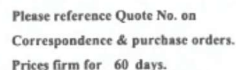
- The Fire Department retained records for Murphy Oil Company from June 13, 2002-February 9, 2025.

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The City of Batesville received the following quotes for 14 refurbished portable radios:

INTERGRADED COMMUNICATIONS	\$44,096.00
NASHVILLE COMMUNICATIONS	\$49,576.00

Upon recommendation of Fire Chief Tim Taylor and upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the quote from Intergraded Communications in the amount of \$44,096.00 be and it is hereby approved and accepted as the lowest and best quote. Copies of the quotes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and a copy of the accepted quote follows:



QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	DISC	TOTAL
14	Motorola Portable APX6000XE	2,775.00		38,850.00
14	XE RSM APX6000	325.00		4,550.00
14	PROGRAMMING	39.00		546.00
	AN UPCHARGE OF 2% MC/V/DIS OF GROSS SALES BE ADDED			
	WE ARE GOING GREEN WITH PAPERLESS INVOICES			
	ADP/AES Encryption Enabled.			
	Flashcode: DQ106j-211490-5			
	Q806: ASTRO IMBE Digital Operation			
	QA02006: APX XE Rugged Radio			
	G996: Over the Air Provisioning			
	Q498: Hardware Multikey Encryption			
	w/ OTAR			
	QA01767: ASTRO 25 Trunking Radio			
	Authentication			
	QA00569: Primary Band: 700/800			
	QA00583: Enable Bluetooth Operation			
	QA01749: Legacy SW System Key			
	Enable			
	QA01843: Man Down Operation			
	H38: SmartZone Systems Operation			
	QA09008: Group Services			
	QA01833: Extreme 1-Sided Noise			
	Reduction			
	QA00782: Enable GPS/GNSS Operation			
	Q947: APCO Packet Data Interface			
	Q173: SmartZone Omnilink MultiZone			
	Operation			
	QA00580: Enable TDMA Operation			
	Q361: ASTRO 25 9600 Baud Trunking			
	Continued on following page			
		Item Summary		43,946.00
		Subtotal		43,946.00
		Inbound Frt		150.00
		Sales Tax		.00
		Grand Total		44,096.00

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IN RE: **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 10 REMOTE MICROPHONES– MS STATE CONTRACT**

Upon motion of Alderman Dugger and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Fire Chief Tim Taylor be and he is hereby authorized to purchase ten remote microphones from Integrated Communications/Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$5,049.00 through MS State Contract.

 **MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS**

QUOTE-3084685

Billing Address:
BATESVILLE, CITY OF
103 COLLEGE ST
BATESVILLE, MS 38606
US

Quote Date:04/09/2025
Expiration Date:06/08/2025
Quote Created By:
Leslie Houston
leslie.houston@iciwireless.com

End Customer:
BATESVILLE, CITY OF
Chief Tim Taylor
firechief@batesvillefire.com
662-609-4703

Contract: 21726 - MISSISSIPPI-MSWIN
AGREEMENT: STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Payment Terms:30 NET
MSWIN3429

Summary:
Any sales transaction resulting from Motorola's quote is based on and subject to the applicable Motorola Standard Terms and Conditions, notwithstanding terms and conditions on purchase orders or other Customer ordering documents. Motorola Standard Terms and Conditions are found at www.motorolasolutions.com/product-terms.

Line #	Item Number	Description	Qty	List Price	Sale Price	Ext. Sale Price
1	PMMN4107BBLK	AUDIO ACCESSORY-REMOTE SPEAKER MICROPHONE,XE500 REMOTE SPKR MIC WITHOUT CHANNEL KNOB, BLACK	10	\$594.00	\$504.90	\$5,049.00

Grand Total


\$5,049.00(USD)

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IN RE: **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE BUNKER GEAR– MS STATE CONTRACT**

Upon motion of Alderman Dugger and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Fire Chief Tim Taylor be and he is hereby authorized to purchase bunker gear from Sunbelt Fire in the amount of \$40,418.00 through MS State Contract.



8050 McGowin Dr.
Fairhope, AL 36532
Phone (800) 642-8484
Fax (251) 928-9933

Quote

Date:3/21/2025

CustomerBatesville Fire Dept

NameChief Tim Taylor

Address102 Woodland Street

CityBatesvilleState MsZIP 38606

Phone/Cell662-563-6610

Billing Address

Batesville Fire Dept

P. O. Box 689

Batesville, MS 38606

Sergio firesafety@batesvillefire.com

Qty	Description	Unit Price	TOTAL
7	Globe Athletix turnout coat and pants with gold PBI stretch outer shell, Titanium w/Nomex Nano thermal liner, and Crosstech black moisture barrier Coats include: 3" NYC style red/orange Comfort triple trim 13P-B radio pocket on left chest with self mic strap above Sunlance flashlight holder on right chest with self mic strap above Self hanger loop 2x8x8 cargo/handwarmer pockets Grey Nomex Wristers with thumb loop Black suede cuffs Zipper/Velcro front Closure with T-Collar & zipper gripper First initial and last name in 3" R/O Scotchlite letters on hanging letter patch " BFD" on top line A to be straight American Flag	\$ 3,335.00	\$ 23,345.00
7	Pants: 3" R/O Comfort triple trim around cuffs Black suede cuffs Silizone Padded knees Black padded H-back rip-cord suspenders Velcro closure with Nomex belt 2x10x8/11 cargo pockets Right pant pocket to be open Removeable Tool pouch in the left pant pocket to be 3 slotted Dragonhide knees	\$ 2,439.00	\$ 17,073.00
MS STATE CONTRACT 8200078720			
		SubTotal	\$ 40,418.00
		Shipping	
		Tax Rate(s)	0.00% \$ -
			0.00% \$ -
		TOTAL	\$ 40,418.00

Sales Rep Alan Gho

Phone

Cell

email azho@sunbeltfire.com

Office Use Only

IN RE: **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE**

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Civic Center Director Rodney Holley purchase a Glidesafe 32-ft fiberglass extension ladder from Lowe’s in the amount of \$529.00.

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IN RE: MS WOLFPACK FOOTBALL GAME

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that MS Wolfpack football may rent the Civic Center arena floor, north parking lot, and two rooms for the teams to get dressed. The tailgate will begin on June 14, 2025, at noon with kick off time at 7:00 p.m. The premises will be vacated immediately after the game.

IN RE: APPROVAL FOR BOY SCOUTS CAMPOUT - BATESVILLE MOUNDS

Upon unanimous consent, it was requested that the use of the Batesville Mounds April 25-27, 2025, by the Boy Scouts, in order to hold a campout, be and it is hereby approved.

IN RE: ELITE 100 BASEBALL CAMP

Upon motion of Alderman Land and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the request for the use of the American Legion Park on June 14-15, 2025, in order to hold Elite 100 Baseball Camp, be and it is hereby approved.

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IN RE: PATTON LANE PARK

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Greg Smith of Mendrop Engineering Resources and Public Works Director Newt Benson get information about installing a bridge across the ditch to Hope Ministry from Patton Lane Park.

IN RE: BOND RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the City of Batesville accept the bond recommendation for timber project off MLK South.

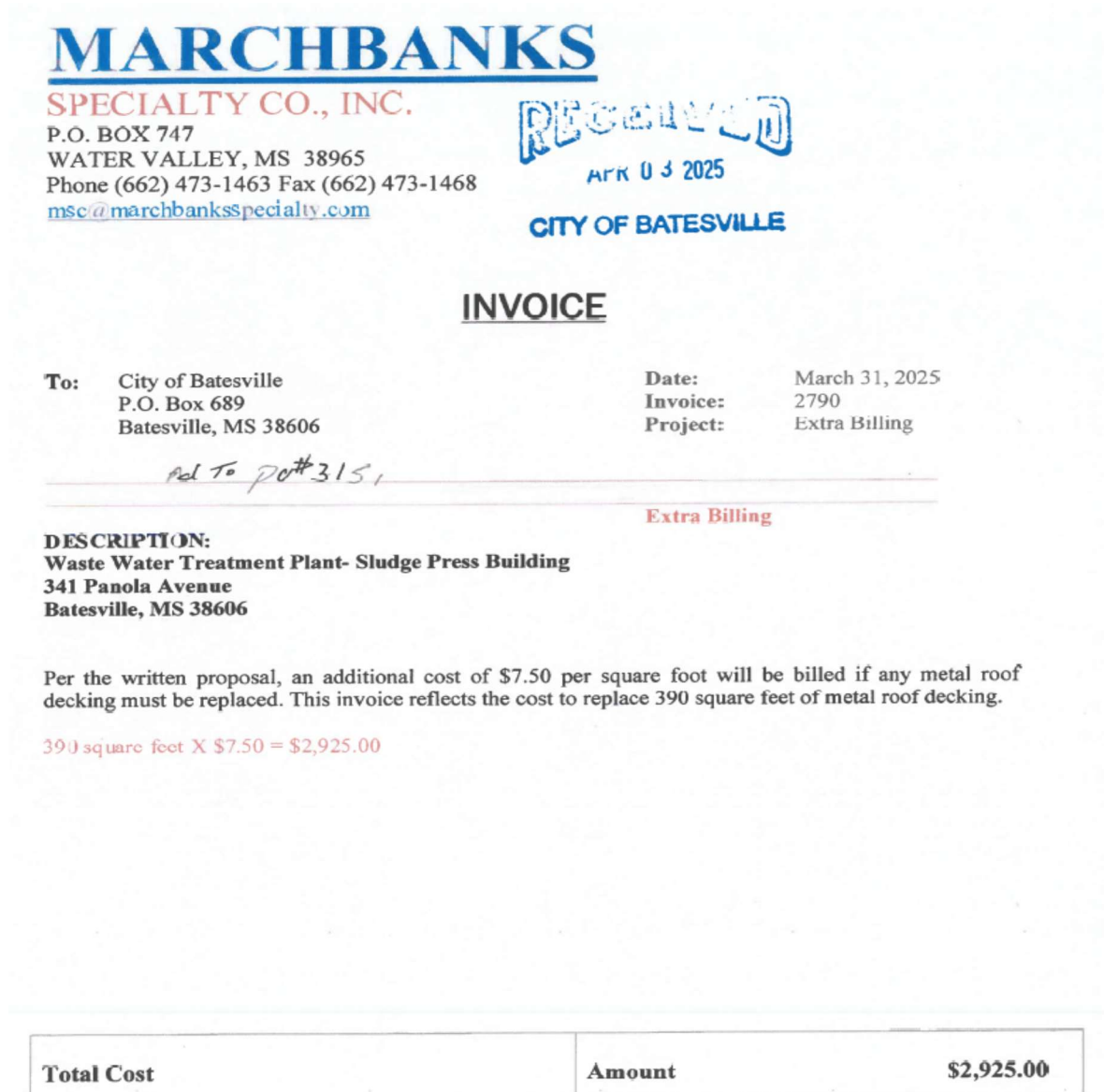
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IN RE: CHANGE ORDER – MARCHBANKS SPECIALTY

There came on for discussion the approval of Change Order Number 1, set out below in connection with the additional metal roof decking for the Sludge Press Building at the WWTP.

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Land and unanimously carried upon the affirmative vote of all board members present, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City found and determined that the changes or modifications to the original contract as shown in the Change Order are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the City, are necessary or incidental to the completion and scope of the work as originally bid, are not outside the scope of the original contract, are commercially reasonable, are not made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes and the increased contract amount by \$2,925.00 is reasonable and ordered that said Change Order No. 1, shown below, be and the same is hereby approved resulting in a revised contract price of \$20,340.00:



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IN RE: MAYOR TO SIGN

Upon motion of Alderman Dugger and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Mayor Hal Ferrell be & he is hereby authorized to sign the City of Batesville Projects DR-4350.

**Bringing Progress to North Mississippi**

Hal Ferrell, Mayor • Shonnah Weaver, CMC, City Clerk •
Colmon Mitchell, City Attorney

4-17-25

Mr. Alex Hopkins
Grant Specialist
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

RE: City of Batesville Projects DR-4350

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

The above-mentioned project consisted of five sites originally. The sites included a ditch repair on Sand Creek near a field, a ditch repair on Brewer Road, a ditch repair by a Daycare site, and another ditch repair of Sand Creek off Broadway Street.

On behalf of the City of Batesville, I would like to request that MEMA discontinue this project, and the proposed funds forfeited. The reason behind this decision is related to the time it has taken, and the process is still ongoing. The city has incurred substantial professional fees during this process, and we no longer feel that the return is worth the investment.

We do hope that MEMA will give the City consideration on other endeavors and are eager to work with MEMA in the future. Please reach out with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Hal Ferrell
Mayor, City of Batesville

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IN OPEN SESSION

Alderman Harrison moved that the meeting be closed to determine whether or not the Mayor and Board of Aldermen should declare an executive session. Thereafter, upon the affirmative votes of Aldermen Walton, Land, Dugger, Morrow and Harrison it was ordered that the meeting be closed in order to determine whether or not the Board should declare an executive session.

IN THE CLOSED MEETING

Mayor Ferrell announced that the meeting is closed to determine whether or not the Mayor and Board of Aldermen should declare an executive session. Present in the closed meeting were: Mayor Ferrell; Aldermen Land, Harrison, Dugger, Morrow and Walton; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; City Clerk Shonnah Weaver; and Administrative Assistant Sulli Woods.

On motion made by Alderman Harrison, seconded by Alderman Morrow, and unanimously carried upon the affirmative votes of Aldermen Land, Walton, Dugger, Morrow and Harrison it was ordered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen go into executive session in order to discuss personnel matters, acquisition of real property, appealable order, potential purchase of real property, leasing city property, and real estate matter.

IN OPEN MEETING

The Mayor announced that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will go into executive session for discussing personnel matters, acquisition of real property, appealable order, potential purchase of real property, leasing city property, and real estate matter and that the total vote on the motion to go into executive session was five (5) aldermen in favor and no aldermen opposed. Those present in the open meeting were Mayor Ferrell; Aldermen Harrison, Land, Dugger, Morrow and Walton; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; City Clerk Shonnah Weaver; and Administrative Assistant Sulli Woods

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IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Ferrell announced that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are in executive session. Those present in executive session were Mayor Ferrell; Aldermen Harrison, Walton, Dugger, Morrow and Land; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; City Clerk Shonnah Weaver; and Administrative Assistant Sulli Woods.

There came on for discussion of a personnel matter. (Public Works Director Newt Benson was present for this conversation.)

There came on for discussion acquisition of real property. (Public Works Director Newt Benson was present for this conversation.)

There came on for discussion of an appealable order. (Public Works Director Newt Benson, Panola Partnership Director Joe Azar, and Darrell Dixon of North Delta Planning and Development were present for this conversation.)

There came on for discussion of a personnel matter. (Chief Building Official Andy Berryhill was present for this conversation.)

There came on for discussion of potential purchase of real property. (Public Works Director Newt Benson was present for this conversation.)

There came on for discussion of leasing city property. (Public Works Director Newt Benson was present for this conversation.)

There came on for discussion of real estate matter.

There came on for discussion of a personnel matter. (Public Works Director Newt Benson and Parks and Recreation Director Heath Fullilove were present for this conversation.)

IN OPEN MEETING

The Mayor announced that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are now in open meeting. Those present were Mayor Ferrell; Aldermen Land, Harrison, Dugger, Morrow and Walton; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; City Clerk Shonnah Weaver; and Administrative Assistant Sulli Woods.

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IN RE: LEASING CITY PROPERTY

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that if an individual has an event on the Batesville Square, they will be required to pay a \$200.00 deposit for clean up and obtain liability insurance in addition to signing the contract.

IN RE: QUIT CLAIM DEED

Upon motion of Alderman Walton and second of Alderman Dugger and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Mayor Hal Ferrell and City Clerk Shonnah Weaver sign a quit claim deed.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 o'clock p.m., April 29, 2025, at the City Hall at 103 College Street, Batesville, Mississippi.

In accordance with Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, a notice of said regular meeting has been posted in the City Hall and a copy of said notice follows these minutes.

Mayor

Clerk of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Batesville, Mississippi

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NOTICE OF PLACE, DATE, HOUR AND SUBJECT MATTER
OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

The adjourned meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, shall be held on the following subject matter at the following place, date, and hour, to-wit:

Place: City Hall, 103 College Street, Batesville, MS 38606

Date: April 29, 2025

Hour: 2:00 p.m.

Subject Matter: To transact any and all business that may be transacted at a meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

The meeting may be conducted through teleconference or video means. Participation is available to the general public at said location.