

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE  
BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 7, 2025  
AGENDA**

Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Town Hall

Meeting called to order  
Pledge to the flag

Roll Call

Adopt the agenda

Approve the minutes for September 2, September 8, September 11, and September 16, 2025

**Adoption/Approvals**

- 2024-2025 Municipal Compliance Questionnaire
- 2023-2024 FYE Audit Report

**Public Comments:**

**Reports:**

Water/Maintenance  
Fire  
Police  
Animal Control  
Park  
Code Enforcement  
Attorney  
Mayor  
Clerk

Pay Claims

Adjourn

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
October 7, 2025**

Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Town Hall

Meeting called to order: Mayor Shelton Shannon  
Pledge to the flag  
Roll Call: Brandy Smith

Mayor Shelton Shannon- present  
Renee Morris - present  
Sedrick Mabry – present

Vice Mayor Sextus Shannon- present  
Charles Heard- present  
Nathan Chisolm - present

Adopt the Agenda:

Michael Dozier, 471 CR 1009, requested to be added to the agenda

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to approve adding Michael Dozier, 471 CR 1009, to the agenda and to adopt the amended agenda.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approve September 2, 8, 11, and 16, 2025 minutes:

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to adopt the September 2, 8, 11, and 16, 2025 minutes.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Adoption/Approvals**

- **2024-2025 Municipal Compliance Questionnaire-** Brandy Smith presented the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire to the Board and asked were there any questions.
  - Nathan Chisolm made the motion to adopt the 2024-2025 Municipal Compliance Questionnaire.
  - Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **2023-2024 FYE Audit Report-** Brandy Smith explained to the Board that she and Mayor Shelton Shannon discuss the report with the auditors over the telephone: standard audit for the population size; good report; General Fund, Water, and Sewer accounts had surplus; didn't receive many grants, General Fund increased due to transferring funds from water and sewer; and included the funds from the 2 CDs; not a lot of long term debt which is good; 2 item were out of compliance: issued claims in excess over the budgeted amount (small percentage) and inventory on fixed assets not being properly tagged.
  - Sextus Shannon made the motion to adopt the 2023-2024 audit report.
  - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Public Comments:**

- **Michael Dozier, 448 State Park Road-** Water Tap Fee, *present-* Spoke on the behalf of the Mike Dozier Estate at 471 CR 1009; the owner was his father who is deceased; the property remained vacant for several years after the original owner (Chris Graham) died and later Mike Dozier took over the property before he died; the property originally had a



tap but is no longer there; was told that a \$700.00 tap fee must be paid in order to have water; Public Works Director Jim Curry explained why the original tap was removed (leak in the line and had to remove; the lot was vacant therefore ); Michael Dozier would like to reach some type of agreement concerning paying for the tap, pay half or no charge at all; Board said that we have to treat everyone the same--current new developers have to pay the fee also; after hearing both sides, Attorney Jamie Franks advised the Board that the law that states everyone must get treated the same cannot pick and choose which citizen; favoritism which is illegal; Michael Dozier asked to see the bylaws of the tap fees that were adopted by the Town; after taking a seat, the Board continued with the meeting; Michael Dozier interrupted and asked will there be a vote on the matter, the Board said no and he became irate and Attorney Jamie Franks told him to leave.

## Reports

**\*Mayor Shelton Shannon praised Clerk Brandy Smith for doing an outstanding job keeping the Town in compliance and always seeking budgeting advice from the Town auditors.**

Water/Fire: Public Works Director/Fire Chief Jim Curry, *present-*

- **Water loss update:** still looking for the leak
- Worked on five water taps and three sewer taps
- **Sewer Bore:** two houses on State Park Road behind Dollar General; \$10,000.00 estimated cost from Adams Directional Drilling; the company will supply the pipe (4 inches) and can use the Modernization Fund money; a better way to bore the pipe instead of digging up 113 Lisa Lynn property
  - Nathan Chisolm made the motion to approve allowing Adams Directional Drilling to bore for the two sewer taps located along State Park Road (behind Dollar General) in the estimated amount of \$10,000.00 using the Modernization Fund.
  - Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **New Cell Phone Service Contract:** would like to switch from C-Spire to Verizon due to frequent interrupted services with C-Spire
  - Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve Public Works Director Jim Curry to switch cell phone services from C-Spire to Verizon.
  - Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Fire:** 0 fire calls and 8 EMR calls; helicopter training course was a success.

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept both the water and fire reports.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Police: Police Chief Keith Foster, *present-*

- Plantersville Police Department participated in the Shannon High School Homecoming parade.
- Chief Keith Foster attended a meeting with Commissioner Sean Tindell and another meeting with District Attorney Jason Herring, House Representative Rickey Thompson, and surrounding chiefs in the area.
- Attended a community meeting with the Lee Branch of the NAACP in Shannon with Lee County NAACP President Charles Moore; wasn't aware it was to discuss checkpoints



- Clarified with public officials about the false narrative surrounding narcotic and the Town; there is no drug problem on main street in front of Driskills; during the time of the news interview, all agencies weren't working together after Police Chief Keith Foster discussed with them, now all agencies are working together.
- **Lee County/Tupelo Adult Jail Housing Invoice:** memo was sent to Police Chief Keith Foster that they will no longer accept inmates until invoice is paid in full; Brandy Smith explained that the auditor told the Board that the county cannot charge municipalities more than what the state charges (\$25.00); Chief Keith Foster said that we are not in contract with Lee County; Lee County charge \$40.00 per day for inmate
  - Nathan Chisolm made the motion to rescind the motion that agrees to pay the county \$25.00 per day per inmate and amend to say to agree to pay the county \$40.00 per day per inmate.
  - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Charles Heard made the motion to accept the police report.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Animal Control: Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel, *absent*; Assistant Melody Lessel read the report on his behalf- *present*

- New Call procedure for North MS Animal Care and Control- dispatched through 911 starting October 7, 2025; dial 911 or non-emergency number 662-869-2911
- Twelve calls/messages received for the month.
- One stray dog pick up/ three warning letters/ one welfare follow up

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to accept the animal control report.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Code Enforcement: Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Alex Soderstrom, *present*-

- **131 Meadowbrook-** Case closed but the lawn will not be mowed anytime soon.
- **804 Central Street-** from Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis notes: tools were stolen; haven't showed up to any meetings except one; Attorney Jamie Franks suggests to move forward with public hearing for condemning the property; Alex Soderstrom will contact Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis about the formal hearing due to failure to comply with Board and haven't been seen in four months; hearing will be scheduled for the November 2025 meeting.

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to accept the code enforcement report.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Park: Event Coordinator Stephanie Brown, *present*, but no report

Attorney: Attorney Jamie Franks, *present*-

- **Easements-** Report that all easements for the CDBG project have been signed and notarized except one, Robert Huffman; spoke with Public Works Director Jim Curry concerning the matter and Robert Huffman and Polly Huffman are no longer together; the easement can be signed separately instead of jointly; will rewrite a new easement for Robert Huffman to sign.
- **County Jail Inmate Fees-** MS Codes Section 47-1-39, 47-5-901, and 47-5-905 discusses this matter; the cost can't exceed the state fee.



Nathan Chisolm made the motion to accept the attorney's report.  
Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor: Mayor Shelton Shannon, *present*, but no report

Clerk: Clerk Brandy Smith, *present*-

- Brandy Smith thanked the Board for the prayers during the passing of her grandmother.
- **Easements:** As Town Attorney Jamie Franks stated, the CDBG Sewer Grant easements have been signed and ready to file; lack 1 easement from being signed and filed with the county; James L. Smith easement has been signed and ready to file
- **MCWI/ARPA Update:** \$34,283.32 was deposited for the Town to pay the Cook Coggin Engineers for the designs, etc. (July 1, 2025 meeting); the invoice is \$51,425.00; need approval to pay this invoice; originally we left \$16,000.00 in the ARPA checking account; total in the checking account now is \$50,664.38; short \$760.62; talked to audit suggest to pay the short fall from another fund and repay it after we close ARPA CD; CD matures in Dec 2025; wait to close when it matures to avoid penalties; although the reimbursement request 1 has been approved for payment, need the Board to approve allowing ARPA money to be borrowed from General Fund/Water/Sewer until the CD matures to refund it back
  - Nathan Chisolm made the motion to allowing ARPA money to be borrowed from General Fund/Water/Sewer to pay project invoices until the ARPA CD matures to refund it back to those fund accounts.
  - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **BBI Computer Update-** will come Wednesday, 10/8/2025 to update the clerks' computers
- **Training:**
  - Small Town Conference: Renee Morris, Philadelphia, MS Oct 15-16, 2025 and also will be attending CMO Course, Foundations of Municipal Government, November 20, 2025 in Oxford; \$25.00
  - MsRWA Public Water System Board Management Training: Sedrick Mabry and Nathan Chisolm, October 14, 2025, Tupelo, MS at the Cadence Bank Arena
- **Winter Clerk Conference:** Brandy Smith, Registration fee \$275.00; December 9-12, 2025, Flowood, MS; courses include privilege license, transient vendors, etc.
  - Charles Heard made the motion to approve Brandy Smith to attend the Winter Clerk Conference, December 9-12, 2025 in Flowood, MS with all expenses paid by the Town.
  - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Grievance/Donations:** illegal to pay from the accounts that has the Town's federal tax ID attached; can't pay from employees checks; must benefit the Town; wise to continue to get donations to cover the cost of special events.
- **ESG Invoices:** Received invoices in the mail today; dealing with sewer repairs etc. from FYE 2025; talked with Public Works Director Jim Curry to confirm correct invoices; total: \$14,455.00 from Modernization Fund

- Nathan Chisolm made the motion to approve paying the ESG Invoices in the amount of \$14,455.00 from the Modernization Fund.
- Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Christmas Parade:** Saturday, December 6, 2025; Middle schools' band will perform; new route—will start at Plantersville Middle School and end at Oak Hall Factory; Christmas in the Park will be at the Plantersville Community Center; have contacted Stephanie Brown about business options for donations.
- **CLI Update:** Project is underway; Cocktail King Competition; raising funds for Beds for Kids; April 18, 2026 at Queen Meadery
- **General/Special Election:** November 4, 2025; spoke to Dawn Coon for clarification; no election in Plantersville; can resume having the meeting on November 4, 2025

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept the clerk's report.  
Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### Pay the Claims

Sextus Shannon made the motion to pay the claims.  
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### Adjourn

Charles Heard made the motion to adjourn.  
Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date 10-31-2025  
Mayor Shelton Shannon

ATTEST:  
Brandy Smith Date 10/31/25  
Clerk Brandy Smith