



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025 – 6:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM - 305 MONROE STREET**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER Mayor Will Purdie

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Invocation was led by Alderman Wilbanks. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman Oliver.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Jimmy Baldree

All members were present.

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Purdie recognized Amis Lawn and Landscaping for voluntarily cleaning the area surrounding Governor Leakes' grave as part of Keep Clinton Beautiful.

Alderwoman Beverly Oliver presented a certificate of appreciation to Lieutenant Joshua Wilson of the Fire Department for raising over \$20,000 for new rope equipment for all four stations.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – V WITH B REMOVED

Upon **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the Board approved Consent Items A – V with Item B removed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM B

Upon **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the Board approved Consent Item B. Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:08 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:09 pm. He did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS



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Tara Lytal, Director of Main Street, shared highlights from seasonal events, social media campaigns, and red-carpet rollouts. Main Street is preparing for accreditation and rebranding.

DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN D. BOONE, AS CITY JUDGE

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Jones the Board approved the appointment of Judge Steven D. Boone as City Judge. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON AND THE PICKERING FIRM

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the Board authorized the mayor to execute a contract between the City of Clinton and the Pickering Firm to provide professional services related to the Rising Spring development project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND AGREEMENT WITH RIGHT OF WAY TECHNOLOGIES AND MONTGOMERY MCGRAW, PLLC AS REQUESTED BY THE CLINTON RAYMOND BOLTON WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the Board approved an amendment related to the wastewater expansion project; the amount not to exceed \$16,000. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE NEW CONTRACT FOR HARPER & BAILEY GOVERNMENTAL SOLUTIONS

Upon presentation by Josiah Burns, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the Board approved a continuation of the existing agreement. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVAL FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF UTM TRAINING ROUNDS



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Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the Board approved the acceptance of handgun and rifle rounds to restock training supplies. The donation from a local business owner was valued at \$1,697. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVAL FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON TO ENTER INTO AN MOU WITH CCA

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman McSpann the Board accepted future compensation from Clinton Christian Academy (CCA). The funds will cover the salary of the crossing guard stationed on the intersection of Northside Drive and the CCA. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Public Works Director, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the Board approved the execution of a renewal agreement with Johnson Controls for the building located at 525 Springridge Road. The annual payment will be \$11,960 allocated evenly between the Sewer and Streets department budgets. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVAL OF LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE FROM STEPHENS TPS

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Public Works Director, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Jones and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the Board approved authorization for Stephens TPS to wash the interior and exterior of the Manville and Highway 80 water tanks. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE WOODMOOR SUBDIVISION FORCE MAIN RELOCATION

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, P.E., Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the Board approved the lowest and best bidder, Mims, Inc. in the amount of \$112,042 with the allowance of appropriate



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construction contingencies. The mayor is to execute all documents related to the project improvements. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – SUBDIVISION VARIANCE – SHERIEE TOWNSEND – 1482 PINEHAVEN ROAD

Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:24 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:29 pm. He did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Community Development Director, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman McSpann the Board approved a subdivision variance for Sheriee Townsend at 1482 Pinehaven Road, Ward 3. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – CONDITONAL USE – JASON BIRDWELL – 1200 CLINTON RAYMOND ROAD

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Community Development Director, **MOTION** to deny made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the Board denied a Conditional Use for Jason Birdwell, at 1200 Clinton Raymond Road, Ward 5. **ALDERMEN WILBANKS, GODFREY, OLIVER, AND LOTT VOTED YES. ALDERMEN CHAPMAN, MCSPARRIN, AND JONES VOTED NO. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 3.**

EMPLOYMENT ITEMS

MOTION made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Jones the Board approved hiring, contingent on the successful completion of the hiring process, Jackie Trahan as an uncertified dispatcher for the Police Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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July 9, 2025

Honorable Will Purdie
Mayor of Clinton
300 Jefferson Street
Clinton, MS 39056

Re: Engagement to Perform Government Affairs Consulting Services

Dear Mayor Purdie and Board of Aldermen:

Thank you for engaging with Harper & Bailey Governmental Solutions, LLC for state and federal government affairs consulting and lobbying services. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a proposed scope of services, fee schedule, and related terms for your review, consideration and approval.

SCOPE OF ENGAGEMENT

Harper & Bailey Governmental Solutions, LLC proposes to work with the City of Clinton ("City"), to impact state and federal legislation and policy through a variety of methods.

Harper & Bailey can support the City by helping them develop prioritized requests, assisting in producing compelling back-up material, and leveraging knowledge of process and relationships to explore and secure funds from a variety of sources at the state and federal level.

- Develop List of Priorities and Funding Sources
 - Help prioritize requests related to critical infrastructure, roads and drainage, and revitalization to align them with funding opportunities at the state and federal level
 - Identify the top priorities and focus the state and federal delegation on achieving those goals first
 - Informed by program eligibility requirements and funding limits, identify which funding sources can cover which items in the budget(s) of the highest priority project(s)
 - Help create the rationale for the project to use with various funding agencies, which must address eligibility and put the project in the best possible light to compete for funding
- Assist in the Application and Grant Award Process
 - Support the City and its partners, grant writers, and other contractors in developing applications and supporting materials for the various funding

- programs
 - Brief State and Congressional delegation on needs and justifications for requests
 - Secure letters of support for applications from our federal delegation
 - Facilitate site visits for elected leaders and staff to generate appropriate level of awareness and support
 - Troubleshoot inevitable issues and eligibility hurdles to ensure the project is considered for funding
 - Brief staff of funding agency throughout application preparation process to ensure they have all information needed
- State and Federal Legislative Support
 - Work with the City to clearly define the requests, with specific requirements and justifications
 - Educate Mississippi Congressional staff on those needs and how to pursue Legislative and Administrative results
 - Work with the State and Federal delegations on policy solutions, legislative language, and possible vehicles for advancing those priorities
 - Develop allies in offices/committees outside the MS delegation and among outside groups when appropriate
 - Take advantage of committee hearings, nominations, and the appropriations process to advance certain goals
 - Assist in developing leave behind materials and other materials that communicate the justification for requests
- Congressional Visits
 - Assist with fly-ins to Washington, DC to meet with the delegation
 - Prepare proposed agendas and purpose for DC trips
 - Schedule all meetings and assist in logistical arrangements
 - Assist in preparing briefing materials for participants, leave behind materials for the delegation, and other supporting materials as needed
 - Properly brief representatives of the City and its partners prior to meetings
 - Staff meetings and perform follow up after
 - Invite Members and staff to visit the City to learn more about needs and projects as needed
 - Prepare agendas and logistics designed to highlight the justifications for those needs both on the State and Federal levels

FEES

We understand that this engagement will require intensive and ongoing efforts at the federal and state level. Therefore, Harper & Bailey proposes the following structure for federal and state lobbying efforts:

- Monthly fee of \$10,000 beginning July 1, 2025, and extending through June 30, 2026,
- Other expenses/costs associated with this engagement (travel and meals, for instance) will be billed separately to and paid by the City.

TERM OF ENGAGEMENT

This engagement begins on July 1, 2025, and will run through June 30, 2026. If desired, both parties may negotiate in good faith to extend this agreement beyond the initial engagement under the terms and conditions that may be appropriate based on the scope of services and other factors.

BILLING

The firm's billings will be made monthly and will be due when submitted. Our statements will contain line items for the flat fee as well as an itemization of expenses, if necessary. If there are any questions about billing or any of our statements, please contact me immediately.

CONFLICTS AND POSSIBLE ADVERSE REPRESENTATIONS

We have completed a conflict-of-interest check during the process of opening this new matter for you and have found no conflict of interest. If any conflict should arise, we will notify you immediately.

TERMINATION OF ENGAGEMENT


Either party may terminate this arrangement with thirty (30) days written notice. All fees and expenses incurred through the Termination Date will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of that date.

Following termination of our engagement, any otherwise non-public information that you have supplied to us, which is retained by us, will be kept confidential in accordance with the applicable rules of professional conduct. At your request, the papers and property that have been delivered to us will be returned. Our own files, including work-product pertaining to the matter, will be retained by us. For various reasons, including the minimization of unnecessary storage expenses, we reserve the right to destroy or otherwise dispose of any such items retained by us within a reasonable time after termination of the engagement.

If you agree with these proposed terms and conditions of our representation, please sign and return this letter. Please retain the original letter for your records. If you have any questions about anything discussed in this letter, please let me know. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Harper & Bailey, LLC

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregg Harper".

Gregg Harper

APPROVAL AND CONSENT

I have read the foregoing letter and understand its contents. I consent to having Harper & Bailey Governmental Solutions LLC represent the City of Clinton on the terms and conditions set forth above.

City of Clinton

W.C. Pate Mayor Will Pate
Name and Title

W.C. Pate
Signature

8/13/2023
Date

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
CLINTON, MS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
and
CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
School Year 2025 - 2026**

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter MOU) is entered into by the City of Clinton, MS (hereinafter the City) and Clinton Christian Academy (hereinafter CCA) for the purposes of codifying the intentions and agreements of the Parties with respect to the provision of crossing guard; and

WHEREAS, CCA has requested a crossing guard to assist with traffic flow outside of the school during the mornings and afternoons when students are arriving and departing; and

WHEREAS, this will require the hiring of a new crossing guard and CCA has agreed to cover the salary costs of this new crossing guard.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City will hire a crossing guard to be stationed outside of CCA in the mornings and afternoons, with the exact times to be determined by the parties, but approximately two (2) hours in the morning and two (2) hours in the afternoon.
2. CCA will compensate the city for salary costs of the crossing guard, with the compensation made in two (2) payments, occurring on May 30th and January 15th. The total compensation will be for 730 hours per school year at a rate of \$15.12 dollars per hour.
3. The City will provide any necessary equipment or training for the crossing guard. The crossing guard will be an employee of the City and subject to all City policies and procedures.

4. CCA will provide the City with a certificate of insurance evidencing comprehensive liability coverage name the City as co-insured in combined limits not less than \$1,000,000.00 for bodily injury and property damage.

AS AGREED,

W.C. Purdie
William Purdie, Mayor
City of Clinton, MS

8/13/2025
Date

Tyann McLoey
Headmaster
Clinton Christian Academy

7/15/2025
Date



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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
11/9/2023

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER
Hub International Gulf South
300 Concourse Boulevard
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Ridgeland, MS 39157

CONTACT NAME:
PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (601) 607-5500 FAX (A/C, No): (601) 707-2070
E-MAIL ADDRESS:

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE

NAIC #

INSURER A : Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company 18058

INSURER B : LUBA Casualty Insurance Company 12472

INSURER C :

INSURER D :

INSURER E :

INSURER F :

INSURED

Clinton Christian Academy
101 W Northside Drive
Clinton, MS 39056

COVERAGES

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSD WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	X	PHPK2597726	8/26/2023	8/26/2024	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMPIOP AGG \$ 2,000,000
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY		PHPK2597726	8/26/2023	8/26/2024	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR EXCESS LIAB CLAIMS-MADE DED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$ 10,000		PHUB879900	8/26/2023	8/26/2024	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 1,000,000
B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	028000022257123	8/27/2023	8/27/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 100,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 100,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
The City of Clinton named as an additional insured as required by contract in regard to the General Liability.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

City of Clinton
PO Box 156
Clinton, MS 39060

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



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OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held August 15, 2025, at 6:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURN 6:37 PM

APPROVED: W.C. Purdie
William C. Purdie, Mayor

8/13/2025
Date

ATTEST: Jimmy Baldree
Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk

8/13/2025
Date

SEAL

