

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT 2775
GARRISON AVENUE, December 13, 2016, at 5:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, Lowry, and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Attorney Tom Gibson, and Chief of Police Matt Herring, were also present.

Consent Agenda

BP Claim – William Harrison: Doug Sale of Harrison, Sale, McCloy, addressed the Commission about the possibility of additional recovery money from the BP Oil spill disaster. This claim would be for punitive damages through Maritime Law.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to retain the firm of Harrison, Sale, McCloy, who handled the previous suit and will work under the same agreement with a 20% commission. Mr. Anderson was directed to work with Mr. Sale on this. Voting in favor of the Motion were Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Lowry and Thursbay. Commissioner Buzzett abstained as he has a relative that is involved with the proceedings. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0. Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public officers is attached for Commissioner Buzzett.

Jones Homestead Sewer Plan – A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve submitting a work plan with DEP to run lateral lines down each street in Jones Homestead and buy grinder pumps on a first come first serve basis with the remaining funds from the \$250,000 grant. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

RFP 2016-10 Legal Services – A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to hire Clinton McCahill as the City Attorney for a fee of \$3,000 per month excluding travel and advertising fees associated with City business.

Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Lowry voting no.

Citizens to be Heard - No one addressed the Commission.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Buzzett commended Bill Kennedy on the work that is being done by the PSJRA and noted that he would like to see the Board return to a volunteer board.

Commissioner Lowry asked that Mr. Anderson contact Clay Smallwood, III, about possible additional funding for the Long Avenue Project.

Commissioner Ashbrook requested the Mr. Anderson contact Mr. Smallwood as he had been given the same information about possible funding. He also shared that he supports a voluntary PSJRA Board because of the expertise individuals will bring from their field of work.

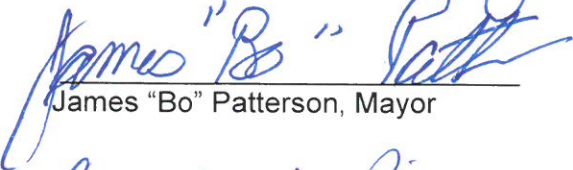
Commissioner Thursbay stated that he does not support a voluntary PSJRA Board but feels that it should be governed by elected officials. He thanked the Legal Services Applicants for their RFP submittals.

Mayor Patterson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:28 P.M.

Approved this 3rd day of January 2017.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

1/13/2017
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

1/4/2017
Date