

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP FOR THE JOINT CITY / COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA AND THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN THE GULF COUNTY EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT BUILDING ON May 15, 2017, at 4:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Buzzett, Lowry, and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, Attorney Clinton McCahill, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, and Chief of Police Matt Herring. Commissioner Ashbrook was absent. Representing the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners were Chairman Ward McDaniel, Commissioners Sandy Quinn, Phil McCroan, Jimmy Rogers, and Freddie Whitfield. County Administrator Don Butler, County Clerk Becky Norris, Attorney Jeremy Novak, and staff members Michael Hammond, Sherry Herring, Leanna Roberts, Rhonda Woodward, Kari Summers, Lynn Lanier, Billy Traylor, Jennifer Adams, Mark Cothran, Lee Collingsworth, Warren Yeager, Dewberry Preble Rish Engineer Clay Smallwood, and TDC Chair Dave Warriner were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ward McDaniel at 4:00 P.M. He expressed his appreciation for the joint meeting of the Boards and welcomed those present to the meeting. Mayor Patterson also thanked the members of both Commissions for their willingness to meet and work together on various projects.

There was no printed Agenda for the Meeting which was opened for round table discussion on the topic of the possibility of creating a Sports / Recreational Complex in Port St. Joe by using a portion of the 5th cent sales tax money. It is anticipated that approximately \$1,000,000 could be generated for the project from the tax in a two year period.

County Attorney Jeremy Novak discussed the statutory guidelines for use of the funds and the County adopted Ordinance, reading a portion of the guidelines pertaining to the main purpose being tourism.

Discussion ensued with all Commissioners sharing their thoughts on the project. The general consensus was that staff and both attorneys would work together to resolve any legal issues, create an Inter-local Agreement, a Master Plan, and work together to obtain grant funding for the project.

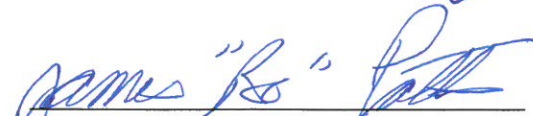
Melissa Delany and Christy McElroy also expressed their thoughts and concerns on the project.

Commissioner Rogers and Michael Hammond shared their concerns about logging trucks using roads near the City's fresh water canal. Staff will look at the issue.

The County has offered to help with ditch drainage issues near both City Cemeteries.

After thanking everyone for their attendance, Chairman McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 5:13 P.M.

Approved this 6th day of June 2017.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

6/6/2017
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

6/7/2017
Date