

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, May 17, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Gingell, Johnson, Stephens and Buzzett. City Manager Charlie Weston, Attorney Tom Gibson and City Clerk Jim Anderson were also present.

**Fair Housing Workshop:**

Bruce Ballister from Apalachee Regional Planning discussed with the Commission the requirements of CDBG Grants funded by Housing and Urban Development in reference to Fair Housing. Each year we are required to hold two Fair Housing Workshops. One is for the Elected Officials and the other is for the professionals in town such as builders, realtors and bankers that are involved in housing.

Recent rental facts for low income housing don't look real good. The ratios show that salaries have not increased and the cost of renting has increased and in today's economy, more people are renting.

Under no condition shall anyone buying, selling or renting property discriminate based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, legal status or disability.

Commissioner Johnson asked, "Is there anything the City should be careful of with water and sewer service connections?"

Mr. Ballister responded, "Only if you have a Public Housing Facility." There are opportunities for the City to have Community Housing Projects. Also if someone else would like to do a HUD sponsored project, they would need to get permission from the City.

Commissioner Stephens asked, "Is the City required to have someone that is bilingual on staff?"

Mr. Ballister responded, "No, but it would be helpful."

The Workshop was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2011.



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Jim Anderson, City Clerk



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Mayor Magidson