

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING (EXECUTIVE SESSION – CULBRETH V. CITY OF PORT ST. JOE) OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS AT WARD RIDGE, September 17, 2019, 4:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Ashbrook, and Hoffman. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Attorney Adam Albritton, Attorney Zackery Scharlapp, and Chief of Police Matt Herring were also present. Commissioner Langston joined the meeting at 4:05 P.M. and Commissioner Lowry was absent. Court reporter, Lisa Patrick was also present.

**AGENDA**

The purpose of the Meeting was an Executive Session – Culbreth v. City of Port St. Joe.

Mayor Buzzett opened the meeting of the public, welcomed those present, and noted the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Culbreth v. City of Port St. Joe matter.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the facts of the case and a possible settlement and resolution of the matter. All in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Matt Herring and other members of the public vacated the meeting area.

Zackery Scharlapp of Coppins, Monroe, Adkins, and Dincman, retained by the City's previous Insurance Carrier, Florida League of Cities, reviewed the case and settlement proposal with the City.

Commissioner Langston joined the meeting at 4:05 P.M.

At 4:11 P.M. the meeting was reopened to the public.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to accept the Settlement Agreement, in the amount of \$175,000. (See attached Exhibit A) All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 4:13 P.M.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2019.

  
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Rex Buzzett, Mayor

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Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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