

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, TO CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS HELD AT 2775 Garrison Avenue, May 10, 2023, at 12 Noon.

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Langston, and Lowry. City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Attorney Clinton McCahill, Police Chief Jake Richards, and Finance Director Mike Lacour were also present. Commissioner Ashbrook and City Manager Jim Anderson were absent.

Resolution 2023-03 Election Certification

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to approve Resolution 2023-03 Election Certification. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0. Attached are Exhibit A: Official Certificate of City of Port St. Joe Canvassing Board for the City of Port St. Joe Primary Election 2023 provided by Gulf County Supervisor of Elections, John M. Hanlon and Exhibit B: City of Port St. Joe Resolution No. 2023-03.

Citizens to Be Heard

No one wished to address the Commission.

Commissioner Comments

None of the Commissioners had any comment.

Motion to Adjourn

There was no other business to come before the Commission and Mayor Buzzett adjourned the Meeting at 12:01 P.M.

Approved this 16th day of May 2023.

Rex Buzzett
Rex Buzzett, Mayor

5/16/23
Date

Charlotte M. Pierce
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

5/16/23
Date

**OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF CITY OF PORT ST. JOE CANVASSING BOARD
FOR THE CITY OF PORT. ST. JOE ELECTION MAY 09, 2023**

Port St Joe, State of Florida, Gulf County

We, the undersigned, Scott Hoffman, City Commissioner; John M. Hanlon, Supervisor of Elections and Charlotte Pierce, City Clerk, constituting the Canvassing Board in and for said City, do hereby certify that we met on the 10th of May A.D., 2023, and proceeded publicly to canvass the votes given for the Port St. Joe City Election on the 9th day of May, A.D., 2023 as shown by the returns on file in the office of the Supervisor of Elections. We do certify the following results:

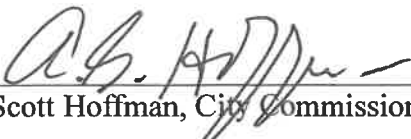
	<u>VOTES</u>	
<u>Mayor / Commissioner-</u>		
Rex Buzzett	817	61.20%
Amos Pittman Jr	518	38.80%
 <u>City Commissioner – Group 2</u>		
Steve Kerigan	888	68.68%
Alan Wetzstein	405	31.32%

“Shall Article 2, Section 13 of the Charter of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida be amended to lengthen from two years to four years the terms of the mayor-commissioner and each commissioner of the City of Port St Joe, Florida?” having received a no vote of 718 (56.05%) is defeated.

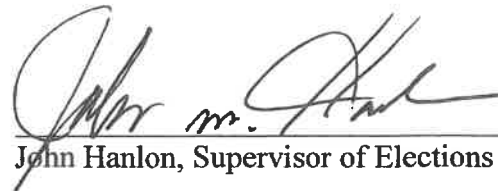
“Shall Article 2, Section 13 and Article IV Section 123 of the Charter of the City of Port St Joe, Florida be amended to change the General and Runoff Election dates from the second Tuesday in May and two weeks later to the Tuesday eleven weeks prior to the possible Runoff Election which would be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November with the winning candidate to begin his or her term the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January?” having received a yes vote of 715 (57.20%) has passed.

Having received a majority of votes (61.20%), Rex Buzzett is hereby elected to the office of Mayor/Commissioner.


Having received a majority of votes (68.68%), Steve Kerigan is hereby elected to the office of City Commissioner – Group 2.



Scott Hoffman, City Commissioner



John Hanlon, Supervisor of Elections



Charlotte Pierce, City Clerk

SUMMARY REPT-GROUP DETAIL

City Of Port St Joe
 Gulf County, Florida
 May 9, 2023

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	TOTAL VOTES	%	Eday	EV	VBM	Prov
PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 1)	1	100.00				
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	2,774					
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	1,338		446	714	175	3
BALLOTS CAST - BLANK	0		0	0	0	0
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL		48.23				
VOTER TURNOUT - BLANK						
Mayor / Commissioner						
(VOTE FOR) 1						
Rex Buzzett (NPA)	817	61.20	263	438	116	0
Amos Pittman Jr (NPA)	518	38.80	183	273	59	3
Commissioner - Group 2						
(VOTE FOR) 1						
Steve Kerigan (NPA)	888	68.68	291	473	122	2
Alan "Al" Wetzstein (NPA)	405	31.32	139	215	50	1
Ordinance No. 579						
(VOTE FOR) 1						
Yes (NPA)	563	43.95	171	320	71	1
No (NPA)	718	56.05	261	356	99	2
Ordinance No. 580						
(VOTE FOR) 1						
Yes (NPA)	715	57.20	229	387	99	0
No (NPA)	535	42.80	192	272	69	2

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida:

SECTION 1. It is hereby ascertained, found, determined, and declared that the General Election held on the 9th day of May, 2023, A.D., for election of Commissioner Group I, Commissioner Group II, and Mayor / Commissioner, and was held in all matters, respects, and things in full and complete compliance with the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Port St. Joe.

SECTION 2. It is further ascertained, found, determined, and declared that applicable Florida Laws presume that each candidate will vote for himself, and write-in candidates are only permissible where they have qualified as such write-in candidates prior to the scheduled election and no such qualifications were received.

- (A) 1,338 persons voted in said election.
- (B) There were no votes cast in Commissioner Group I as Commissioner Eric D. Langston did not have any opposition and was therefore returned to office.
- (C) Of the votes cast in Commissioner, Group II, in favor of Steve Kerigan 888; Alan Wetzstein 405. Election Day, Early Votes, Absentees, and Provisional are reflected in total votes for each candidate. Total Ballots cast also include Over and Under Votes.
- (D) Of the votes cast in Mayor / Commissioner, in favor of William R. Buzzett 817, Amos Pittman, Jr., 518. Election Day, Early Votes, Absentees, and Provisional are reflected in total votes for each candidate.

SECTION 3. Question 1.
"Shall Article 2, Section 13 of the Charter of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida be amended to lengthen from two years to four years the terms of the mayor-commissioner and each commissioner of the City of Port St, Joe, Florida?" received a no vote of 718 and is defeated.

SECTION 4. Question 2.
"Shall Article 2, Section 13 and Article IV Section 123 of the Charter of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida be amended to change the General and Runoff Election dates from the second Tuesday in May and two weeks later to the Tuesday eleven weeks prior to the possible Runoff Election which would be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November with the winning candidate to begin his or her term the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January?" received a yes vote of 715 and has passed.


The City Auditor and Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to furnish said winners a Certificate of Election as follows, City Commissioner Group I, Group II, and Mayor / Commissioner of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2023.

**BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**


Rex Buzzett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk