

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY  
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT  
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, October 9, 2024, 10:00 A.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Kerigan, Langston and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Deputy Clerk Ingrid Bundy, Finance Director Mike Lacour, Chief of Police Jake Richards, and Attorney McCahill were also present. Public Works Director John Grantland joined the meeting at 10:40.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Monument Avenue Paving Project**

*CEI Services Contract*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Kerigan, to utilize COVID Funds not to exceed \$25,000 for the CEI Services Contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

The following individuals shared their opinion on the issue. Christy McElroy and Robert Branch.

All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

*Request to Utilize COVID Funds*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Kerigan, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to utilize COVID Funds in the amount of \$355,416.90, (which includes the \$25,000 for CEI Services and previously approved contracts of \$24,745 for Engineering with Dewberry, Engineers, Inc. and \$305, 671.90 for the Roberts and Roberts Paving Contract) for the paving of Monument Avenue.

Commissioner Hoffman requested the current budget line item for paving Monument Avenue be used for future Tenth Street Improvements since COVID Funds are being utilized.

The following individuals shared their opinion on the issue. Christy McElroy and Jim Martin.

All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

**Battles Street Stormwater Emergency Repairs**

*Quotes for Repairs*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Lowry, to accept the contract in the amount of \$147,569.52 with L & K Contracting Co, Inc., and Core and Main Pipe Quote of \$39,473 for a total of \$187,042.52 for Battles Street Stormwater Emergency Repairs.

The following individuals shared their opinion on the issue. Christy McElroy, Chester Davis, George Foxworth, Marvin Davis, Robert Branch, and Tan Smiley.

All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

*Request to Utilize COVID Funds*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to utilize COVID Funds in the amount of \$147,042.52 for L & K Contracting Co, Inc., for Battles Street Stormwater Emergency Repairs.

The following individual shared her opinion on the issue. Christy McElroy.

All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

## **Eighth to Tenth Street Stormwater Emergency Repairs**

### *Quotes for Repair*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the repair materials from Core and Main in the amount of \$134,022.86, the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Headwalls to be done by Roberts and Roberts, Inc., in the amount of \$204,886, and a MOU with Gulf County to lay the pipe as an Emergency Repair.

The following individual shared her opinion on the issue. Robert Branch, Chester Davis, Christy McElroy.

All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

### *Request to Utilize COVID Funds*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, to approve \$363,908 (including \$25,000 which was previously approved for Engineering by Dewberry) of COVID Funds to pay for the total project.

The following individuals shared their opinion on the issue. Robert Branch and Christy McElroy.

All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

### *Holiday Pay – Commissioner Hoffman*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, to change the definition of Holiday Pay in the City Handbook to allow workers to receive time and a half for actual time worked on a holiday. After discussion, the Motion did not pass. Commissioners Hoffman and Langston voted for the Motion with Commissioners Kerigan, Lowry and Mayor Buzzett voting no.

## **Citizens to be Heard**

No one addressed the Commission.

## **Discussion Items by Commissioners**

*Commissioner Langston* stated that he is very aware of what is going on in his neighborhood, he is not incompetent, and he wants to get the repairs made. He noted that it is mind boggling that people do not listen to what is being said.

*Neither Commissioners Kerigan, Lowry, nor Hoffman* had any other issues to discuss with the Commissioners.

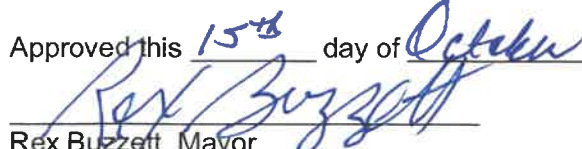
*Mayor Buzzett* reminded citizens that the current Commission inherited the infrastructure that is in place. Things are old, they wear out, and the City does not have unlimited funds. He also noted that conflicts of interest between individuals and the firms they represent are not the responsibility of the City.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

The following individuals shared their thoughts on the issues

There was no other business to come before the Commission and Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 11:25 P.M.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

  
Rex Buzzett, Mayor

10/15/24  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

10/15/24  
Date