

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY  
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT  
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, March 3, 2026, at Noon.**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Langston and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, and City Attorney Clinton McCahill were also present. Commissioner Kerrigan was representing the City at a Press Conference in Panama City.

**Call to Order**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 17, 2026.

Robert Branch and Christy McElroy addressed the Commission concerning the Minutes.

All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

**City Attorney**

Mr. McCahill did not have anything specific for the Commission today.

**City Engineer – Josh Baxley**

*City Government Complex*

The project is coming along well, and the Stormwater permit package will be ready for submittal this week. FDOT, USACOE and FDEP permits will be submitted in the following weeks.

*Downtown Alleys Drainage Improvements*

Mr. Baxley met with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Grantland last week on the project and Dewberry is currently creating a concept plan for the drainage improvements that can be incorporated into the utility work that will occur on the alleys.

*Avenue A Stormwater*

The design is complete. The Permit application has been submitted to NFWFMD. The RAI has been received and answered.

*MLK CDBG*

Dewberry is waiting on the final approval from the State before ordering a survey and kicking off design.

*Avenues C and D Paving Task Order*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve a Task Order with Dewberry Engineers Inc., in the amount of \$28,275.00 to provide pre-construction design services for this project. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Lowry asked for an update on the road projects in the City.

## **Old Business**

### *City Projects*

There were no questions on the projects.

## **New Business**

### *Port St. Joe High School State Championship Sign*

A list of Port St. Joe High School State Championships has been provided by Superintendent Norton's office. Commissioner Langston volunteered to work on researching any state championships for Washington High School.

## **Public Works – John Grantland**

Mr. Grantland shared that the Downtown Water Project is finished. There are a number of projects that will be starting shortly, and all non-used fire hydrants have been removed.

## **Surface Water Plant - Larry McClamma**

FDEP will be conducting the 3 year Sanitary Inspection at the end of the month for the Surface Water Treatment Plant and Public Works.

Mr. McClamma announced that Cameron Alcorn has passed his State Operator Class B License test. Mayor Buzzett asked that Mr. McClamma congratulate Cameron and let him know that we are proud of his accomplishment.

## **Wastewater Plant – Joe Harris**

Mr. Harris shared there is one more week of run time for the filter pilot study at the plant before a decision is made concerning the product. He noted that the solar discs are working.

## **Finance Director**

Mr. Lacour is out and Mr. Anderson shared that Commissioner Kerigan is in Panama City for a press conference with Governor DeSantis concerning a potential grant award.

### *FEMA Update*

There were no updates on this.

### *Grants Reimbursement Update*

Mayor Buzzett noted that Clerk Pierce is working on the lack of reimbursement from the state for the Centennial Building Project and Cape San Blas Lighthouse Complex

## **Code Enforcement – John Cannon**

### *Voluntary Demo Request - Elmer Welch*

Mr. Cannon shared this process is taking time, but he is working on it.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to approve the request. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Anderson has met with the County Public Works on this project, and this will make 5 houses that are on the demo list to be removed.

### **Police Department**

Chief Richards was absent and Officer Nichols did not have any updates for the Commission.

### **City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce**

#### *Grants Update*

Clerk Pierce shared there have been no changes in the reimbursement request.

She noted that election information for the upcoming election has been received from Supervisor of Election Rhonda Pierce and the informational packets were placed at the Commissioners' desk. Commissioner Brett Lowry, Group Three and Commissioner Scott Hoffman, Group Four are the positions that will be on the ballot this year.

Clerk Pierce shared that a very generous donation has been received from a former resident honoring a family member which has provided blinds throughout the Eglin Keepers House and will also provide site signage.

A group looking at the possibility of placing the lighthouse lens back in the lighthouse should be here this month to assess the opportunity.

### **Citizens to be Heard**

The following individuals addressed the Commission: Robert Branch and Christy McElroy.

### **Discussion Items by Commissioners**

*Commissioner Langston* complimented the Port St. Joe High School Boys Basketball Team for going 25-1 for the season and noted this was a school record. He would like for the team to be recognized at the next Commission Meeting.

*Commissioner Lowry* noted that the next City Commission Meeting will be held during the week of Spring Break and asked if there was a need to meet that week. Consensus was that if something comes up, a special meeting could be held.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to cancel the March 17, 2026, Meeting. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

*Commissioner Hoffman* shared there has been an addition to his family, and everyone is doing well.

*Mayor Buzzett* discussed that the Duren Family would be interested in a land swap with the City. Consensus of the Commission was to find out what they are willing to swap and if they will pay the cost of the appraisal for the City's property.

He noted that the printer is still waiting on verbiage from the Hendrix Family to replace the plaque in the Dr. Joe Hendrix Parking Lot.

Previously, Jorge Gonzales had offered to pay for half of the repaving of Marina Drive if the City would pay the other half. Mayor Buzzett will talk with Mr. Gonzales to see if his offer still stands.

**Motion to Adjourn**

There was no additional business to come before the Commission and Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 12:55 P.M.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

  
Rex Buzzett, Mayor

4/7/26  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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Date