

**MINUTES OF THE FY 2026 - 2027 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD AT 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, August 11, 2026, AT 4:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Kerigan, and Langston. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Deputy Clerk Leigh Salter, Financial Director Tiffany Giddens, Police Chief Jake Richards, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Riley Wolf were also present. Commissioners Hoffman and Lowry were absent.

The purpose of the Workshop was to review the FY 2026 – 2027 Budget.

City Manager, Jim Anderson, reminded everyone of the City's First Budget Public Hearing will be held at 5:01 P.M. on Thursday, September 10, 2026. The proposed millage rate includes 0.500 increase from 3.5914 to 4.0914 as a starting point for budget development.

**2026 / 2027 Budget**

Mr. Anderson reviewed the overall budget and stated it is currently balanced using the Milage of 4.0914.

Various health insurance costs and non-departmental requests were discussed. Quotes have not been received for Property and Casualty Insurance. The overall increase for Florida Blue for the coming year is less than 5%.

The consensus of the Board was to move forward with renewing our current Blue Cross Blue Shield Policies.

Chief Richards reviewed his budget and requests with the Commissioners.

Utility Budgets will be discussed at the next workshop.

**Citizens to be Heard**

No one from the Public attended the Meeting.

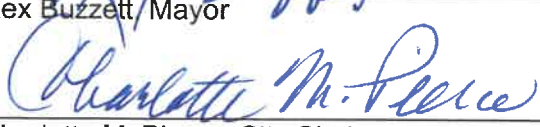
**Discussion Items by Commissioners**

The next Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 11 A.M.

There was no additional business to come before the Commission and Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

  
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Rex Buzzett, Mayor

  
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