

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP FOR THE JOINT CITY / COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA AND THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN THE GULF COUNTY COMMISSION
CHAMBERS**

May 11, 2021, at 9:00 A.M.

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, Lowry, and Langston. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, City Attorney Clinton McCahill, Public Works Director John Grantland, and City Planner Ray Greer were also present. Representing the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners were Chairman Sandy Quinn, Commissioners Phil McCroan, Ward McDaniel, David Rich, Patrick Ferrell, and County Attorney Jeremy Novak. Other County Staff present were: Clay Smallwood, Kari Summers, Leanna Roberts, County Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Mark Cothran, Austin Horton, Matt Herring, Sherry Herring, Kaci Rhodes, and Sheriff Mike Harrison.

This was advertised by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners as a Conflict Assessment Meeting. Items to be discussed include Gulf County Florida Resolution 2021-16 in response to City of Port St. Joe Ordinance 584 and Gulf County Water Service District Area Ordinance.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Quinn at 9:00 A.M. He expressed his appreciation for the joint meeting of the Boards and welcomed those present to the meeting.

Mayor Buzzett also expressed his appreciation for the meeting.

Density

Mayor Buzzett shared that he felt the Density issue could be resolved. After hearing from both Boards, consensus was that a total of 172 units would be acceptable to everyone.

Gulf County Water District

Thoughts and opinions were offered on the current water rates of the City and quality of water.

Various County Commissioners reiterated it was not their intention to take customers from the City and were seeking customers that were not covered by the City. Representatives of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners felt strongly they could produce a quality water product for a better price by using the aquifer as a water source and not deal with chemicals and a plant like the City has.

County Attorney Jeremy Novak stated that he is aware of the Interlocal Agreement concerning the utilities and it is recorded at the Courthouse.

Attorney Novak stated the Ordinance for the County would be on the Agenda for next month's meeting.

Discussion was held about Exhibit A and defining the City's Water Boundaries.

In closing, the Board of County Commissioners asked if there was anything they could do to help the City. The City suggested that the County run a line to the Surface Water Plant including a pumping station to service the Jones Homestead, Cape San Blas, and Indian Pass customers. The City also

recommended utilizing the Pot 3 money to run sewer lines in Beacon Hill which would help with the customer base and potentially lower costs for water and sewer.

Chairman Quinn verified that the quarterly meeting with Mayor Buzzett, City Manager Jim Anderson, County Administrator Michael Hammond, and Chairman Quinn will continue.

After thanking everyone for their attendance, Chairman Quinn adjourned the meeting at 10:33 A.M.

Approved this 18th day of May 2021.



Rex Buzzett, Mayor

5/18/21

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

5/18/21

Date