# ***Regular Meeting Dixie County Courthouse Commission Meeting Room March 21, 2019 – 6:00 PM***

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

W. C. Mills, Chairman

David Osteen, Vice-Chairman

Gene Higginbotham

Mark Hatch

Jamie Storey

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Tim Alexander, County Manager

Michael Osteen, County Attorney

Dana D. Johnson, Clerk of Court

Della J. Petty, Deputy Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Board meeting was Called to Order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Mills.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:**

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Storey and the Pledge to the American Flag as led by Commissioner Mills.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2019 was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

The motion to approve the Vouchers was made by Commissioner Osteen and seconded by Commissioner Storey. Board approved.

The motion to go into the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

***PUBLIC HEARING: THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE CONTINUED TO ONE OR MORE FUTURE DATES. ANY INTERESTED PARTY IS ADVISED THAT THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF ANY CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THAT NO FURTHER NOTICE CONCERNING THE MATTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED.***

***A petition by Patrick and Cecillia Cobb requesting a Special Exception ***

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Cobb Special Exception by title only. She stated letters were mailed, signs were posted and one person is present in opposition. Mr. Boone appeared before the Board and said he lives in Minneola, Florida and owns Lot 86 which is the corner lot next to the Cobb property. He said he had some questions and one was if other residents all got the same notice and Commissioner Hatch replied yes. Mr. Boone asked if it permanent and Commissioner Hatch stated no, it will be temporary. Mr. Boone inquired about the year and size of the RV and Mr. Cobb replied it is a forty feet long Fleetwood motor home and cost $280,000.00 new and it is 2007 model. Mr. Boone asked can the RV be rented out and Mr. Cobb replied no. Commissioner Hatch stated it cannot legally be rented. Mr. Boone inquired about the evaluation and Commissioner Hatch stated they’re my neighbors as well and what other questions. Mr. Boone asked if it will be left there indefinitely and Mr. Cobb explained they plan to move it later. Commissioner Hatch stated the Cobb’s are intending to try to build a residence and asked if Mr. Boone is still opposed. Mr. Boone replied no, he got all his questions answered. The motion to approve the Cobb Special Exception was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

***A petition by Margaret M. Kimberlin requesting a Special Exception ***

Ms. Clyatt read the Kimberlin Special Exception by title only. She said letters were mailed, signs were posted and Ms. Myrna Zias called the office in opposition. The motion to approve the Kimberlin Special Exception was made by Commissioner Storey and seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Board approved.

***A petition by Carl and Katrina Mallette requests a Special Exception ***

Ms. Clyatt read the Mallette Special Exception by title only. She stated letters were mailed, signs were posted and there was no opposition. The motion to approve the Mallette Special Exception was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

***A petition by Stanley and Laura Siembor requesting a Special Exception ***

Ms. Clyatt read the request for a Siembor Special Exception by title only. She said letters were mailed, signs were posted and there was no opposition. The motion to approve the Siembor Special Exception was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

**RESOLUTION 2019-14**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.4.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (9) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL (A-5) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2019. ***(Patrick and Cecelia Cobb)***

Ms. Clyatt read Resolution 2019-14 by title only. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-14 was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

**RESOLUTION 2019-15**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.4.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (9) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL (A-4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED JANUARY 22, 2019. ***(Margaret M. Kimberlin)***

Ms. Clyatt read Resolution 2019-15 by title only. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-15 was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

**RESOLUTION 2019-16**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.4.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (9) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL (A-4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED FEBRUARY 7, 2019. ***(Carl and Katrina Mallette)***

Ms. Clyatt read Resolution 2019-16 by title only. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-16 was made by Commissioner Higginbotham 2019-16. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

**RESOLUTION 2019-17**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.3.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA-4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2019. ***(Stanley and Laura Siembor)***

Ms. Clyatt read Resolution 2019-17 by title only. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-17 Commissioner Osteen seconded by Commissioner Storey. Board approved.

The motion to go back into the Commission Items was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

**BEN GLASS, SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:**

Mr. Ben Glass and Mrs. Amy Brown appeared before the Board to give a presentation of the Groundwater Use Summary for Dixie County. Mr. Glass stated the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) put together data to estimate the water use for Dixie County. He said the data was measured by the population served by Public Supply (PS) systems that supply potable water as well as Domestic Self Supply (DSS) water systems and the natural water supply. Mr. Glass noted the Public Supply Systems top users account for more than 93% of the groundwater use and use 8,500,000 gallons per day and the Domestic Self Supply System use was 1,500,000 gallons per day. Agricultural water (AG) use accounts for 6,770,000 gallons per day and 90% of groundwater withdrawals. Mr. Glass said Dixie County has a population of 16,500 and uses 8,500,000 gallons per day in 2015. He said by comparison Dixie County uses the same water usage as Levy and Lafayette Counties. He said they seek and welcome data input from the county to come up with a plan to serve future demands for water supply. Commissioner Mills thanked the WMD for their care and concern of our water supply.

**JOE RUTH, SOLID WASTE AND MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Joe Ruth appeared before the Board and reminded everyone of the Toxic Round Up on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Mr. Joe Ruth also informed the Board there is a severe need for more dumpsters at the roll-off sites. He said he has 31 boxes at the Pole Gap site and they need more boxes and requested to purchase 56 dumpsters for the roll off sites. The motion to approve the purchase of 56 dumpsters was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved. County Manager Tim Alexander reminded the Board and Mr. Ruth the dumpster will cost 75% of the solid waste equipment budget. Commissioner Mills asked if placing larger boxes at the sites would help and Mr. Ruth replied the 4 yard dumpsters actually hold more than the 20 yard dumpsters. Commissioner Osteen stated the roll-off site on Highway 19 near the Hudson Ball Field is an eyesore and needs to be hidden from view. Manager Alexander suggested installing a privacy fence and Commissioner Hatch suggested hiring an attendant for that site. County Attorney Michael Osteen stated improvements are being made to the Hudson Ball Field and it is looking good. Commissioner Mills asked how much it would cost to employ an attendant at the site on Highway 19 and Manager Alexander replied they would pay a part time attendant 3 days a week and 30 hours per week. He said they would also need to amend the budget because there is not enough money in the budget now. Commissioner Osteen agreed with the suggestion to add the privacy fence. He also asked when the truck goes out there to pick up the trash and Mr. Ruth replied on Mondays.

**LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING:**

Mr. Leon Wright appeared before the Board and stated his office has issued 37 permits, collected $10,000.00 in fees and issued 4 stop work orders. He said he completed a site evaluation of a home in Cross City which has a sink hole developing near it and would make the house unsafe and the home is located in the neighborhood behind the First Baptist Church. Mr. Wright stated he has revoked a permit on the Suwannee and had a previous complaint for non-compliance before because they had built something different than they had issued the permit for. He said they had doubled the size of the home and was in violation with FEMA.

**DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

Mr. Scott Pendarvis appeared before the Board and said he is filling in for EMS Director Brown. He presented the Monthly EMS Report for February and stated there were 313 calls with 165 transports to the hospital. He added EMS billed out $152,000.00 and deposited $55,000.00 which keeps them on track for their budget this year.

**TIM ALEXANDER, COUNTY MANAGER:**

County Manager Tim Alexander appeared before the Board and requested the Board's approval of the Supplemental Agreement for the CR 351A Project. He stated he met with the Florida Department of Transportation who approved the needed $750,000.00 for the project. The motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement for CR 351A was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Storey. Board approved.

Manager Alexander requested the Board's approval of Resolution 2019-12 in support of the Supplemental Agreement for CR 351A which will widen and resurface the road. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-12 was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Storey. Board approved.

Manager Alexander requested the Board's approval of Resolution 2019-13 adopting the Cross City Airport Master Plan update. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-13 was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Storey. Board approved.

Manager Alexander requested the Board's approval to lease a small dump truck from the Town of Cross City for $1.00 per year and the County will maintain it. The motion to approve the lease of the small dump truck from the City was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Storey. Board approved.

Manager Alexander requested the Board's approval to provide assistance to the Town of Cross City to clean out the Airport Canal and the Belly Deep Canal. He added the City is installing new water line and will be doing some directional boring near the Otis Brannin Road which may get cut but it will be repaired. The motion to approve the County’s assistance with the City canals was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Storey. Board approved.

Manager Alexander requested the Board's approval to allow the Town of Cross City to cut and repair several County Roads to install water lines during the construction of the Water Main Extension Grant. The motion to approve the cut and repair of County Roads by the City was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham. Board approved.

Manager Alexander recommended approval for the 911 Annual Maintenance Grant in the amount of $11,902.09. The motion to approve the 911 Grant was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

Manager Alexander informed the Board Mr. Steve Hutchinson had injured his foot and is off from work for a couple of days. Manager Alexander informed the Board the Salvation Army Probation Report for February is in their packet for review. He reminded the Board of the Small County Coalition Meeting on March 26, 2019 and the Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day in Tallahassee on March 27, 2019. Manager Alexander informed the Board that Babe Ruth Opening Ceremony at the Hudson Ball Field will be on Saturday.

Manager Alexander informed the Board the Census Bureau is looking to hire local people to conduct the 2020 Census. He noted they will pay $15.00 per hour and $.58 per mile.

**MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

County Attorney Michael Osteen appeared before the Board and informed them everything looks good. He said the Cable TV Company and the Electric Company are still in litigation in Suwannee and they have hired more attorneys to file an appeal.

**DANA D. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURT:**

Clerk Johnson thanked the Board and the County Manager for their support in regards to the 2017 County Audit.

**COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Gene Higginbotham informed everyone the Suwannee River Youth Livestock Fair is over. He stated each Commissioner personally owes approximately $575.00 to pay towards the animals they helped sponsor.

Commissioner Mark Hatch pointed out there were two auto accidents at the new red light near the High School on Wednesday.

Commissioner Jamie Storey thanked Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Gainey for their help.

**ADJOURN:**

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Osteen and seconded by Commissioner Storey. The Board approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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W.C. Mills, Chairman

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Dana D. Johnson, Clerk-Auditor