

# **Regular Meeting**

## **Dixie County School Board Meeting Room**

### **April 01, 2021 – 10:00 AM**

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#### **COMMISSIONERS**

Jody Stephenson  
Mark Hatch  
W. C. Mills, Vice Chairman  
James Valentine  
Jamie Storey, Chairman

#### **STAFF**

Duane Cannon, County Manager  
Michael Osteen, County Attorney  
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court  
Jacki Johnson, Chief Financial Officer  
Della Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Commissioner Storey.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2021. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 04, 2021. Commissioner Jody Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

There was nothing discussed at this time.

***The motion to go into public hearings was made by Commissioner Valentine. Commissioner Mills seconded. 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 ***Kim Ramsdell and Diedre Collins*** requesting 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 January 20, 2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 24-09-13-4053-0032-0010 (94 N. E. 453 Avenue, Old Town; Forest Park Hills S/D; Lot 1: Blk. 32; .47 acres. (Commission District 1)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Kim Ramsdell and Diedre Collins.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Kim Ramsdell and Diedre Collins. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

A petition by ***Kaley Tridico*** requesting 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 17, 2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 27-09-13-0000-4469-0100 (172 N. E. 614 Street, Old Town; 13.3 acres). (Commission District 2)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Kaley Tridico.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Kaley Tridico. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

A petition by ***George L. and Margaret S. Robinson*** requesting 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 March 01, 2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 16-13-12-2927-0000-0770 (80 S. E. 352 Street, Old Town; Suwannee Palms S/D; Lot 77; .50 acres). (Commission District 3)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made *by George L. and Margaret S. Robinson.*

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by George L. and Margaret S. Robinson. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

A petition by *Randy and Jammie Ransom* requesting 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 March 02, 2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 16-13-12-2927-0000-1810 (181 S. E. 326 Street, Old Town; Suwannee Palms S/D; Lots 181 & 182; .564 acres). (Commission District 3)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by *Randy and Jammie Ransom.*

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Randy and Jammie Ransom. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2021-43**

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 (ESA-4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED JANUARY 20, 2021.

*Kim Ramsdell and Diedre Collins*

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-43 in support of Kim Ramsdell and Diedre Collins to the Board by title only.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-43. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2021-44**

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 17, 2021.

***Kaley Tridico***

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-44 in support of Kaley Tridico to the Board by title only.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-44. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

**RESOLUTION 2021-45**

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 (ESA-4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MARCH 1, 2021.

***George L. and Margaret S. Robinson***

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-45 in support of George L. and Margaret S. Robinson to the Board by title only.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-45. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

**RESOLUTION 2021-46**

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 (ESA-4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MARCH 2, 2021.

***Randy and Jammie Ransom***

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-46 in support of Randy and Jammie Ransom to the Board by title only.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Resolution 2010-46. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Mr. Leon Wright spoke to the Board about a smaller lot size in Suwannee being requested. He said that smaller parcels require a special request for 10,000 square foot down. He said the site plan has been submitted. He said you must have 10 acres before you can change to smaller size lots. He said a text change to the LDR can help with this.

Commissioner Stephenson questioned having 10 acres in Suwannee.

Mr. Leon Wright said the whole town of Suwannee is zoned Residential Single Family II. He said that City Water and Sewer is needed. He said this should have already been changed. He said the current rules say 10 acres.

County Attorney Michael Osteen spoke to the Board via telephone and informed them that he owns property in Suwannee so this would be a conflict of interest for him.

He said the Attorney Chana Watson can review this issue.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to allow Attorney Chana Watson to review this issue.***

***Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Attorney Osteen said this will come back before the Board for a vote later the text change to the LDR after two (2) readings.

Commissioner Mills questioned that if a person owns at least 10 acres then there is no problem, but if the property is smaller then there is an issue.

Attorney Osteen said this is the Prescott property three (3) acres near the Suwannee Post Office. He said it is zoned Residential Single Family II. He said this will be reviewed and advertised and have a public hearing.

Mr. Leon Wright spoke to the Board about the Solar Farm.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion for Attorney Chana Watson to review the Suwannee Property and the LDR text amendment. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to go out of the Public Hearings. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE DIXIE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR ADDING CHAPTER 37 ENTITLED UTILITY INSTALLATION REGULATIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

***(First Reading)***

County Attorney Michael Osteen read Ordinance 2021-01 to the Board by title only.

#### **JOHN JORDAN, HAVEN HOSPICE**

Mr. John Jordan appeared before the Board to request them to approve

**PROCLAMATION 2021-42** declaring April 2021 as “National Healthcare Decisions Month” in Dixie County, Florida.

Ms. Debbie French said this is an important decision for all.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Proclamation 2021-42 in support of National Healthcare Decisions Month. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**KEITH SEGAR, SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER**

Mr. Keith Segar appeared before the Board and informed them that they had passed their inspection at the Suwannee water and Sewer Plant.

**GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Greg Bailey had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

Ms. Barbara Cummings inquired about the shoulders and striping on Chavous Road.

Mr. Bailey replied it will take place next year.

He said they will start the road in Cross City in October 2021.

**JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES**

Mr. Jared Lizotte was not present for this meeting.

**CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Ms. Cindy Bellot was not present for this meeting.

**STEVE FREMEN, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

Mr. Fremem had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

**STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Steve Hutchison informed the Board about the prison dumpster not having a concrete pad to be placed on. He requested the Board allow him to put some millings out there at the prison dumpster site. *Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the millings to be put at the prison for the dumpster placement. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**DWAYNE CHAUNCEY, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR**

Mr. Dwayne Chauncey had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

**MICHAEL LATSON, SOLID WASTE**

Mr. Michael Latson was not present for this meeting.

Commissioner Hatch inquired about who is handling the burning for Mr. Latson.

Mr. Steve Hutchison relied that he is using his staff for this.

Commissioner Hatch said the Bulldozer had caught on fire. He instructed staff don't drive in the fire.

**LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING**

Mr. Leon Wright had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

**DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Mr. Scott Garner appeared before the Board and requested they approve **RESOLUTION 2021-48** supporting the extension of the State of Emergency for COVID 19.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-48. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE**

Ms. Gail Carter had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

**HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT**

Ms. Holly Houghton had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

**DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board and requested they approve to execute the Cross City Flood Management Improvements Agreement for the SRWMD RIVERS Grant Agreement. He said this project is located near Ruth Rains Middle School and CR 351 and it will consist of connecting the retention ponds to the canal.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Cross City Flood Management Improvements Agreement. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon appeared before the Board and requested they approve to pay the County Health Insurance bills every month when they are received to keep the status current.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to allow the Health Insurance bills to be paid as they are received. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon appeared before the Board and requested they approve the execution of the Title VI Nondiscrimination Assurance form for the FDOT/LAP program.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the execution of the Title VI Nondiscrimination Assurance form. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon appeared before the Board and requested they execute the SHIP Release and Satisfaction of Lien Agreement for Ms. Brenda Osteen from the year 2020.

***Commissioner Valentine made the motion to execute the SHIP Release and Satisfaction of Lien Agreement for Ms. Brenda Osteen from the year 2020. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon appeared before the Board and informed them that he is taking application for the Human Resource Supervisor position. He said he will stop taking them on April 08, 2021.

County Attorney Michael Osteen informed the Board that he has spoken to the County Manager about this and the Board must hire the person to fill this position.

Manager Cannon said that he can interview the applicants Ms. Helen Rich and a Commissioner present. He said they will need to designate someone to help him do this.

Commissioner Mills said he thinks the County Manager can go through the applicants and bring it to the Board to hire.

Commissioner Valentine agreed.

Manager Cannon said he can interview them and recommend the most qualified candidate for the position.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to allow the County Manager to interview them and recommend the most qualified candidate for the position. Commissioner Stephenson seconded.***

Commissioner Hatch said no to this idea. He said that the County Manager should bring all the applicants to the Board.

Commissioner Stephenson said bring the most qualified to the board.

Manager Cannon said he can interview the applicants, the score them and then present the most qualified to the Board.

Commissioner Hatch said he wants to see all the applications.

Attorney Osteen said the County Manager can score the applicants and bring them to the Board to be discussed.

***Commissioner Mills rescinded his previous motion to allow the County Manager to interview them and recommend the most qualified candidate for the position.***

***Commissioner Stephenson seconded the rescinding of the previous motion.***

***Commissioner Mills made a motion and clarified that the County Manager should bring all the applications to the Board and rate them by experience then the Board will review all and vote on who to hire for the position of Human Resource Supervisor. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon appeared before the Board and informed them that Ms. Carol West will be helping him with the letter to the Army Corp of Engineers.

Manager Cannon appeared before the Board and informed them about the Cross City Airport Expo to be held on April 24, 2021.

Manager Cannon appeared before the Board and informed them they are finalizing the data report for the Solid Waste Assessment.

Attorney Osteen informed the Board about the work comp claim for a first responder. He said that former Dixie County Sheriff Dewey Hatcher had a heart attack. He said this is just a procedural matter for this suit. He said the work comp claim is contributing the heart attach to his years of service. He has a law firm representing him in the claim for supplementing his monthly income.

Commissioner Hatch said he wants to know more about this.

Attorney Osteen said he just recently got the information and will forward this to the Board.

Commissioner Hatch said he wants to know about all lawsuits filed against the Dixie County Board of Commissioners.

Attorney Osteen said he and the County Manger got the information last week. He said the County was not formally notified. He said he was notified by the Florida Association of County Attorneys. He said he has requested the records.

Manager Cannon said that is correct.

Commissioner Hatch said he wants to be notified of all legal matters and notify all the Board members.

Commissioner Hatch questioned Manager Cannon about Mr. Tim Johnson's pay rate.

Manager Cannon said he has nothing yet for the pay scale.

Commissioner Hatch asked if he will retro the pay.

Commissioner Hatch questioned Manager Cannon about if he was familiar with the EMS pay scale yet.



Commissioner Hatch questioned Manager Cannon about the list of \$10.00 employees and how this will affect the budget. He asked about the list of PRN people too.

Manager Cannon said he is not finished with this list yet.

Commissioner Hatch questioned Manager Cannon about the FDOT Grade All that was mentioned in the Workshop and if he has spoken to anyone about that yet.

Mr. Steve Hutchison replied he has found an old one and is working on price negotiations.

Commissioner Hatch asked about the status on the Dixie Mainline Workshop.

Attorney Osteen informed the Board that he recommended as their council that the Board not create and Ordinance. He said they should follow the State Statutes on this issue. He said that FWC has authority over this matter. He said this is very complicated because it encompasses State and Federal property.

Commissioner Stephenson asked what the State Statute says about this.

Attorney Osteen said he does not have the statute in front of him at this moment. He said the Board cannot change the law on a Federal Road.

Manager Cannon said the state road specifications on this road are the guidelines that are enforced by FWC.

Commissioner Hatch asked the Board members what they would like to do.

Commissioner Stephenson said if the state covers this road then the Board should leave it alone.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to leave the Dixie Mainline Road alone and allow the state to handle the matter. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Commissioner Hatch inquired about the status on the Solar farms.

Mr. Leon Wright replied he received the final draft yesterday from North Florida Regional Planning Council. He said that their opinion is that it's not a good fit for the area. He said this would be a better option available for lands that are properly zoned for this.

Commissioner Hatch questioned Manager Cannon about the flooding on Hwy 55A and the peanut field ownership.

Manager Cannon said he will follow up on this. He said that a letter was sent prior on this and he has talked with landowners and the timber companies about fixing and cleaning the culverts.

Commissioner Hatch instructed him to work on this.

Manager Cannon said they still need permission from Mr. Larry Lord to get on his property and machine the ditch.

Commissioner Hatch questioned Manager Cannon about the Mary Halfler project.

He instructed Manager Cannon to call her and help her with DEP permits.

Manager Cannon said he needs more information for the permits.

Commissioner Hatch instructed Manager Cannon to get the information from Mary Halfler.

Commissioner Hatch questioned Manager Cannon about the School Board Meeting Room in Old Town and the Community Center in Suwannee.

Manager Cannon replied he has spoken with School Board member Mr. Paul Gainey and Mr. Jerry Wayne Evans about this. He said they would like to work this out in exchange for the road going to the High School.

Commissioner Hatch said that is a good offer.

Commissioner Hatch questioned Manager Cannon about returning phone calls. Manager Cannon replied yes and said that Commissioner Hatch had returned his phone calls. He then asked what exactly are we talking about. He asked if Commissioner Hatch was talking about the last time when he would not come down to the County Manager's office. Commissioner Hatch said he told the Manager he would meet him at the Board's office.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if they were getting elevations before they dig the ditches on Hwy 55A. Manager Cannon said yes that is correct and there are elevations. He said that in the new culverts the water table is higher and then the water sets still and does not flow. Commissioner Hatch said he doesn't agree. He said to remove the dirt and it will help with the water flow.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about how the County Park money is being collected. Manager Cannon replied the Park Attendants collect cash and checks and then receipt the money. He said the money gets turned in to the Finance office. Commissioner Stephenson asked about the duties of the Park Attendants and the Rules and Procedures. Manager Cannon replied they had a staff meeting and went over all of this with them. Attorney Osteen requested a Workshop for the County Park Attendants for May 06, 2021 at 9:00 AM. He said it is a good idea to go over all of this again with them. Commissioner Hatch said we just had a Workshop a month ago. Manager Cannon said we just had a staff meeting with all of them. Mr. Steve Hutchinson said yes, they all know. Manager Cannon said they had a two (2) hour meeting and everyone had to sign that they were present for the meeting. Commissioner Stephenson asked if they covered protocol at the Workshop. Attorney Osteen asked if everyone is clear. Clerk Higginbotham spoke to the Board and said she would like to have a Park Attendant Workshop too. She said that a \$3,000.00 payment was turned in for the month. Commissioner Mills said if there are drugs involved then the Park Attendant should call the law to handle the situation. Manager Cannon said some phones are provided but not all the Park Attendants have county phones. Commissioner Stephenson said he wants to have the Park Attendant Workshop.

Commissioner Stephenson said he has been getting calls on the private roads. He asked if after the county maintains the road a certain number of years does the road become a county road. Mr. Steve Hutchison said the Commissioners have sent him to maintain a private road before. Commissioner Stephenson asked if he had checked to see if it was a county road. Mr. Hutchison said if the Commissioner told him to do it, he did the work. Commissioner Stephenson said that to be able to accept a private road as a county road there are specifications to follow. He said not all are up to code. He asked if there is a Statute that covers this. Attorney Osteen replied after seven (7) years of maintenance by the county the private road can then become a county road. Commissioner Hatch said they do make some exceptions because of the school bus, fire truck, and ambulance that may need access. He said there are some roads that are not maintained all the time. He asked if the Board is okay with this being done because this is a different situation.

Manager Cannon said the public roads with right of ways can be reviewed through the property appraiser's office. He said there are unrecorded subdivisions and most of these roads to the cemetery are this way too.

**MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Michael Osteen appeared before the Board and informed them that they have all the information from the Solid Waste Department for the Assessment Study.

Manager Cannon said yes, they have all data.

Attorney Osteen asked the Clerk if **Ordinance 2021-01** for the right of ways was advertised.

Mr. Leon Wright replied yes.

Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk Della Rhymes replied yes.

Mr. Leon Wright said the North Florida Regional Planning Council drafted and advertised **Ordinance 2021-01**.

Attorney Osteen said that two (2) readings will be needed. He said the second reading will be at the next Board meeting.

**BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT**

Clerk of Court Barbie Higginbotham appeared before the Board and presented them with a list of County Ordinances that have been found and sent to Tallahassee.

Clerk Higginbotham informed the Board that she has 32 boxes of files from 1975 and older that have met record retention and that need to be destroyed. She requested their approval to destroy the files.

Commissioner Stephenson asked how the County Finances are looking.

Clerk Higginbotham replied they are getting closer to a more accurate figure.

Ms. Jacki Johnson spoke to the Board and informed them that the Finance department is busy fixing 2020 to clean up the records and updating the 2021 records. She said they are putting Policy and procedures in place. She said the progression is slow and they will be working on the Audit soon. She said they are working on Expenditures and Reports and the bills are current.

She said the Attorney General needs the September, November and December information and they are working on this still.

Commissioner Mills asked if they have found anything that would indicate that two (2) or three (3) million dollars is missing.

Ms. Johnson replied that she hasn't found anything to indicate that money is missing.

She said in Government there are guidelines and requirements to follow for recording transactions in the financial statements. She said it is not all reported in the same year. She said that for example, a 2021 loan could be booked as a liability and then paid off the next year. She said this can cause a huge difference in balances shown. She said you should be able to see the reason for the amounts to change. She said that she does not see that any money is missing but there are several accounting mistakes that have been made.

Clerk Higginbotham thanked County Manger Duane Cannon for all his help and hard work.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion for the Clerk to destroy the old records. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Hatch wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Commissioner Mills had nothing further to discuss.

Commissioner Stephenson had nothing further to discuss.

Commissioner Storey thanked everyone and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Commissioner Valentine had nothing further to discuss.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Mr. Herbert Fuquay appeared before the Board and discussed putting millings on the road. He said he had coordinated delivery with Anderson Columbia and got 400 feet put down on his private road in 2019.

Mr. Steve Hutchinson said that Mr. Fuquay wanted 10 loads of milling by the county only had eight (8) loads and that is what they put down.

Commissioner Mills said that no one has suggested that the millings were being hogged. He said that the point is that one person on the Board does not make the decisions for the whole Board. Commissioner Hatch asked Mr. Steve Hutchison to clarify the millings issue.

Mr. Hutchison said that Commissioner Hatch asked me to do the job and he did the job.

Commissioner Hatch said he suggested Mr. Hutchison place the millings on the road.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Mills made the motion to adjourn at 11:45 AM. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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Jamie Storey, Chairman

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Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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