

***Regular Meeting
Dixie County Courthouse
Commission Board Room
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628
April 07, 2022 – 10:00 AM***

While adhering to the CDC Guidelines and following State of Florida Executive Orders: 20-51 Establishing Response Protocol, 20-52 declaring a Public Health Emergency, 20-69 regarding Local Government Public Meetings and the Dixie County Emergency Declaration 2020-29. The Board will meet and limit access by staff and the public to the meeting room. The Board meetings are audio recorded. The public can hear and participate in the meeting via conference call by dialing 1(917)900-1022 and enter code 32628.

COMMISSIONERS

Mark Hatch, District 3
Jamie Storey, District 4, Chairman
James Valentine, District 5

STAFF

Duane Cannon, County Manager
Paul Gainey, Asst. County Manager
Martha McCaskill, Administrative Asst/Grant Coordinator
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court
Della Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk
Jacki Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Chairman informed everyone that Commissioner Mills and Commissioner Stephenson would both be absent from tonight's meeting.

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 Hatch.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2022. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

CHUCK CLEMONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative Chuck Clemons appeared before the board to give an update on projects for the county. He commented that It's good to see citizens participate in their government. He said about six years ago he came over to Dixie County because he was running for office for the first time. He was asked, by the people, if he was going to be one of those politicians that only comes around during the campaign season.

He said no, you're going to see me a lot. He said he is here to say that he has been blessed to serve Dixie county. He stated the thing he was most proud of was the completed construction of the new high school.

Representative Clemons said that not too long after he took office, the county had the devastation of seeing the water in 2017 from the hurricane. He said he remembers going to a residents' house and she lost part of her roof during the storm. He called the resident two weeks after the visit and he told her who he was, and she thanked him for calling and told him she was surprised he called.

He talked about attending football games and meeting students that he would later meet at different events and be recognized as Dixie County's House Representative.

He said Being an elected official is not just about being in legislature and passing bills.

He said he has passed more bills than any other member of the 120-member body this year.

He also talked about the groups that come up to Tallahassee from Dixie, FFA, the school board members, the Commissioners when they come up lobbying for something, Clerk Higginbotham when she comes up for the Clerk of the Court.

He also mentioned that he is pleased to have ran two bills for the clerk of courts that the Governor has signed.

Representative Clemons said the Fly-In was a great idea and the airport is one of best resources Dixie County has. He stated the potential is still there for expansion and provide some good jobs in aviation.

He talked about a young man in the hospital that Commissioner Mills and Commissioner Hatch had called him about. Representative Clemons made some calls and this young man had a visit from the head of the hospital and received the care he needed.

He talked about Cross City Veterans in the park, and how the flags flying down the side of Hwy 19 makes his lips quiver.

He stated this will be the last meeting that he will be our representative. If he returns to office on November 08, 2022. He will be picking up Levy County in his district and dropping Dixie County because of the reapportioning and population increase. He said he may not be our Representative, but he will always be our friend.

He talked about the small counties needing to band together, he also said we have one state Representative and one Senator and the bigger counties like Miami-Dade has 16 Representatives and eight Senators.

He said he and Senator Bradley fought a lot of big counties to bring this small county the funds needed, he stated that they managed to get 22.9 million dollars of taxpayer money for Dixie County. Dixie county EOC addition received 3.7 million dollars, 3.5 million dollars went to the Old Town Fire Station, the school access road at Ruth Rains Middle School received 1.5 million dollars and 2.7 million dollars went to Dixie County Storm Water Mitigation fund and Horseshoe Beach was able to get \$350,000.00 dollars.

In closing he said he was sad that Dixie County would not be in his District, but we would always have his support.

Commissioner Storey, asked for clarification on the Governor signing the bill. Representative Clemons stated yes, we are waiting on the Governor to sign the bill.

Representative Clemons thanked his wife for all her support.

Commissioner Hatch thanked Representative Clemons' wife for allowing him the time to serve us, Commissioner Hatch stated he has done a great job and has always answered the phone and or returned my call. Commissioner Hatch also said that Representative Clemons has become part of Dixie County and thanked him for everything he has done.

Darian Brown, Director of Emergency Services publicly thanked Representative Clemons for rebuilding the fire stations.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Darby Butler appeared before the board to discuss two things. He requested the Board to draft an Ordinance for Dixie County. In the past year and months, he has seen some erratic behavior in crime related to sex offender and sexual predators. He said Dixie County has had an increase in crime related to sex offenders and sexual predators. He stated there are several sex offenders and sexual predators moving into our county. He believes it's because our Ordinance is not as strong as other counties. He stated the Sheriff's office gets phone calls asking what the county's Ordinance is and their reply is they recognize and enforce the Florida Statute. Sheriff Butler asked the Commissioners to allow him to work with the County Attorney in drafting an Ordinance. Through his research he found that Lafayette County has a strong Ordinance in place.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion for the Sheriff to work with the County Attorney in drafting an appropriate Ordinance. Commissioner Valentine Seconded. Board Approved.

County Manager Duane Cannon Request that his office get a copy of the draft to review.

Sheriff Butler second item is a 2012 Chevy vehicle that he wants to donate to the Solid Waste Department.

Commissioner Hatch made a motion to accept the 2012 Chevy. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved

County Manager Duane Cannon asked that Sheriff Butler get the Titling information for the 2012 Chevy to the HR department.

Commissioner Storey thanked Sheriff Butler for his work stopping these predators.

Sheriff Butler stated that the suspect that shot officer Troy Johnson falls within the constraints of a sexual predator. He stated if we don't have the hard walls, we will have predators living amongst our family and neighbors.

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.

The motion to go into the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Valentine. Seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Board approved.

A petition by **Gregory Boull** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.4.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in a "AG" Agriculture zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 08/27/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 28-10-13-5571-0001-0001 4486 SE HWY 55A, Old Town, FL 32680; .00). (**Commission District, 3 Mark Hatch**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Gregory Boull. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special exception requested by Gregory Boull. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Vincent Denaris** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.4.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in a "AG" Agriculture zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 12/01/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 02-10-13-4513-000F-0030 675 NE 673RD Street, Old Town, FL 32680; 5.00). (**Commission District 2, W.C. Mills**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Vincent Danris. There was opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to table the Special Exception requested by Vincnet Danaris. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Kelly Simmons** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.7.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in a RSF/MH zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 02/28/2022 to be located on the

property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 14-10-12-0000-2727-0201 234 SE 74TH Avenue, Cross City, FL 32628; .00). (**Commission District 3, Mark Hatch**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Kelly Simmons. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Kelly Simmon. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Kenneth & Pamela Warnke** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in a ESA zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 03/14/2022 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-13-4423-0001-0200 489 NE 356th Avenue, Old Town, FL 32680; .00). (**Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Kenneth & Pamela Warnke. There was opposition

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to table the Special Exception requested by Kenneth & Pamela Warnke. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Eric Brittain** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.4.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle. ("AG" Agriculture) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 03/16/2022 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 36-10-13-5665-0013-0200 399 SE 917TH Street, Old Town, FL 32680; .00). (**Commission District 2, W.C. Mills**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Eric Brittain. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Eric Brittain. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Henry Scheuermann** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 02-10-13-4513-000E-0140 (566 NE 673rd Street, Old Town, Fl. 32680) to request a **Variance** for an open pole barn 14 X 40 X 14 by the petition dated 03/10/2022 which is located within Section 4.4.7 Agriculture subparagraph (1) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 Variance Procedures.
(**Commission District 2, W.C. Mills**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Henry Scheuermann. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance requested by Henry Scheuermann. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Leon Wright, Building Official appeared before the Board to discuss the Subdivision in Jena. He said it's in Commissioner Valentines District. He points out 16 lots on a plat map that he passed out to the Board. If you go back to the 2004 error where this was presented to the Board in the October 04, 2004 Minutes a request to change zoning in this subdivision was presented to the Board. It was granted by the Board then and it was set up to be completed at the October 21, 2004 meeting. If you go to the October 21, 2004 Meeting it was talked about again and the final plat map was signed. He said the matter was discussed by the previous Board however they didn't complete the process. there was not Ordinance or Resolution to support the change. He said he can't issue any permits right now. With approval from the Board he can get an application for the Chairman to sign, he spoke to the planning council and that's going to be the best way to go fix this.

Commission Valentine made the motion to allow the Chairman to sign the zoning change application so the process can be completed. Commission Hatch Seconded. Board Approved.

Leon Wright, Building Official appeared before the Board and made them aware of a meeting on March 8, 2022 between him, Ms. Sarah Ross and Country Attorney Michael Osteen. He stated that Ms. Ross is at the meeting today to speak to the Board about Super Majority Vote. Mr. Wright did some research and its not a common practice for surrounding counties to practice Super Majority vote. Mr. Wright also stated that he had the County Manager reach out to other County Managers and ask them if they used the Super Majority vote.

Duane Cannon, County Manager appeared before the Board and stated that Taylor and Gilchrist County responded back and they are the normal 3/2 vote, not a super majority vote based off their LDR.

Ms. Sara Ross appeared before the board, to discuss the Super Majority Vote. She stated last year the state required to add property rights to the Comprehensive Plan and through her own research she found that additional property rights could be added tailored to a specific county. Ms. Ross explained how the super majority vote would require four county Commissioners to agree in changing our Comprehensive Plan, which is the Future Land Map use in zoning, we are currently using the 3/2 vote when changing our Comprehensive Plan. She listed several counties in the state that are currently using the super majority vote, Collier, Gadsden, Palm Beach, Monroe, Pinellas, Pascoe and Sarasota county. She stated changes to the Future Land Use Map and the Zoning Map are permanent.

She said that the counties she listed earlier have faced rapid growth and she doesn't want Dixie County to be behind and she believes that making the requirement 4/1 vote would be better for growth in our community. She stated that developers will be more willing to compromise with the people because they know they will have to get four Commissioners to vote instead of the three.

Mr. Howard Hart appeared before the board to comment on Ms. Sarah Ross's request for a Super Majority vote. Mr. Howard Hart stated he is a resident of Jena and he is in favor of growth. He said he is the Chairman of the Board of Big Bend Water Authority and in their interlocal agreement they have a Super Majority vote, which sometime causes deadlock. He said in the interlocal agreement between Taylor and Dixie County they have a floater, they have three members that are appointed by the county and we have two members that are voted on by the Big Bend Water Authority Board itself. He stated that here recently the Big Bend Water Authority wants to make sure that a representative is one year from Taylor County and one year from Dixie County, which balances out the political realm of entity. Mr. Hart stated he has been on the Board for 15 years, I would like for the floater to be on Board for two years instead of one year it allows them to understand what they have learned in 12 months now they can

do it in 24 months. He said that when you have a super majority, you have a deadlock, he stated that they tried to get two years on Dixie county side and two years on Taylor County side, what kept the Big Bend Water Authority Board from doing this is the super majority vote.

Leon Wright, Building Official said it was his job to bring the information to the board and to check with surrounding counties and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Commissioner Hatch stated he has seen things through the years that would not be here if it was a super majority vote. One example he gave was our Lucky charm our on 349, that was a 3/2 vote, he also stated that this is uncommon thing that we only have 3 commissioners here, we were able to conduct business but if we went with super majority vote then we wouldn't be able to hold business and he is not for the super majority.

Commissioner Storey and Commissioner Valentine agree with Commissioner Hatch on this matter.

The motion to go out of the Public Hearing and back into the Board Meeting was made by Commissioner Hatch. Seconded by Commissioner Valentine. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-55

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 (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED AUGUST 27, 2021.

Gregory Boull

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-55 in support of Gregory Boull.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-55 in support of Gregory Boull. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-56

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 (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED DECEMBER 01, 2021.

Vincent Denaris

Resolution 2022-56 was tabled due to the special exception being tabled previously

RESOLUTION 2022-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.7.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (13) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME AREA (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2022. **Kelly Simmons**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-57 in support of Kelly Simmons.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-57 in support of Kelly Simmons. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-58

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MARCH 14, 2022. **Kenneth & Pamela Warnke**

Resolution 2022-59 was Tabled due to the special exception being tabled previously.

RESOLUTION 2022-59

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 (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MARCH 16, 2022.

Eric Brittain

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-59 in support of Eric Brittain. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-59 in support of Eric Brittain. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A VARIANCE TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.3.1 OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO GRANT A VARIANCE FOR AN OPEN POLE BARN 14 X 40 X 14 WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN AN AGRICULTURAL (A-4) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED BY THE PETITION DATED MARCH 10, 2022. **Henry Scheuermann**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-60 in support of Henry Scheuermann. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-60 in support of Henry Scheuermann. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved

WENDY CREWS, NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

Ms. Erica Olson appeared before the board and requested their approval of Proclamation 2022-61 in support of National Healthcare Decisions Day. Ms. Erica was present at the meeting for Ms. Wendy Crews, she was unable to attend. She read the Proclamation 2022-61 aloud.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Proclamation 2022-61 in Support of National Healthcare Decisions Day. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

DEANNA SHEPPARD, NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS MONTH

Ms. Deanna Sheppard special liaison for Haven Hospice for Levy, Gilchrist, Dixie, Lafayette and Branford appeared before the board and requested their approval of Proclamation 2022-62 in support of National Healthcare Decisions Month. She read the Proclamation 2022-62 aloud.

Commissioner Hatch thanked Deanne Sheppard and Erica Olson for doing their job

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Proclamation 2022-62 in Support of National Healthcare Decisions Day. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

SARAH ROSS

Super Majority Vote

Ms. Ross had spoken earlier in the Public Hearing.

SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER MANAGER

Mr. Tal Strickland Interim Suwannee Water and Sewer Manager appeared before the Board to present the Managers' Report from March. He thanked Commissioner Hatch and the rest of the Board for selecting him to serve. He also apologized for the lack of updates, they now have a full Board and can have regular meetings. He was asked to serve as the Interim Manager at the March meeting. Mr. Strickland said SWS now serve 937 customers, that's an increase from 931. Mr. Strickland has put in a request to put in the grinder pumps.

Mr. Strickland stated that SWS advertised for the General Manager position, it will be advertised with three different newspapers, the Cross City newspaper, the Gainesville newspaper and the Chiefland newspaper and SWS advertise with indeed and zip recruiter.

Mr. Strickland stated that with the encouragement of Matt Frierson one of their Technicians is in training in Gainesville, this will aide in water distribution and wastewater tap without the contractor being there, this will be a tremendous cost savings for us.

Commissioner Hatch let the board know that Mr. Strickland was on the Board just a little over a week when he seen the need to step up and help. He thanked Mr. Strickland for stepping up in this time of need.

Mr. Tal Strickland said this is an interim position that he accepted, and he worked 36 hours the first week and 50 hours the second week and is on schedule to have that many hours the third week. He said the employees need guidance and they are happy with the way things are progressing.

GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Kellan Bailey appeared before the Board to update them on the Courthouse security upgrade project contractor has a delay in finding materials, we have a start date of first of May. He said May 02, 2022 is when we will issue the notice to proceed.

He said he was waiting on a start date for Anderson Columbia, once we hear from them, we can coordinate that with Duane Cannon County Manager and the county can do their part, hopefully by next week he will have a start date.

JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. Lizotte was not present for this meeting

CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Bellot, Library Director appeared before the board to give an update on the library inventory. She stated that they have finally completed inventory. She also let the Board know that she took a few days off and it was much needed. She said they have completed the plans for the summer program. The Library is going to have different people from the community read to the kids.

Commissioner Storey, thanked Ms. Cindy for everything she does to keep the library running.

STEVE FREMEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT & VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mr. Fremen was not present for this meeting.

STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hutchison was not present for this meeting

DWAYNE CHAUNCEY, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR

Dwayne Chauncey was not present for this meeting

Duane Cannon County Manager spoke to the Board on behalf of Mr. Chauncey. He said they have started spraying mosquito routes as of Monday afternoon. He said they conducted two nights of spraying, but the weather didn't permit another night of spraying

They are spraying four nights a week unless weather prohibits them from spraying. Call 352-498-1303 and leave a message of the address.

Commissioner Hatch said if you don't call the number, we don't have a complaint, our program is complaint driven, so please call and complain.

MICHAEL LATSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

Michael Latson was not present for this meeting

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the board on behalf of Mr. Latson

Mr. Cannon stated that Mr. Latson is out with his wife, she's doing a little better. Mr. Cannon stated that since the last meeting, they have burned the Suwannee roll off site and the 317 sites. He said they will be going to the Jack Roberts Curve site and the Rock Pit site next. He stated that the metal is being picked up at the Rock Pit and they are starting to move some stuff to the Transfer Station. He also stated that they are working overtime this Friday and Saturday helping with a house that burned in the town of Cross City. As of right now they have hauled out 9 loads of garbage this week and are continuing to work.

LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL

Leon Wright, Building and Zoning Official appeared before the Board, to discuss the several phone calls he has received concerning the campground on Hwy 19 that was previously approved. He said the owner he has decided not to bring that access out on to Hwy 19, he purchased the adjacent property and is using that for the turn around.

He also stated the contractor submitted the plans to start the cell tower on 55A.

He said that he received the 911 verification for a secondary cell tower on 346. He said that the guide tower was demoed, and a new tower will be constructed.

DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Director Brown had nothing to discuss with Board at this time

SCOTT PENDARVIS, 911 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR & I.T. ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Pendarvis appeared before the Board to address

Next Generation 911 services are AK Elite, the technical side of 911, what this does is basically take the phone company out of the mix. 911 during a storm Hermine, and because AT&T didn't provide power to their switch. He provided a quote from them and stated that is could be reimbursed with a grant. \$23,296 to start up and it will give the county the ability to pack up our 911 system and relocate.

Commissioner Hatch asked Mr. Pendarvis if we can just pick up and relocate our 911 system now.

Mr. Pendarvis explained that it is more of a process to relocate now, than it will be with the new system.

Mr. Pendarvis let the Board know he has a contract from AK Elite Premier on a grant that was updated, and he needs a signature form the Chairman on the contract.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to update the 911 services contract with AK Elite Premier reflecting the lesser amount quoted. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Mr. Pendarvis let the board know he will be at spring conference next week.

Mr. Pendarvis said Unity fiber is still on track the Courthouse will take a little longer but should be complete in May. Courthouse server room is cleaned out and ready to go. Michele the Tax Collector is not sure she wants to be in the centralized server just yet. It will cost a little bit, but the county can do the work. When he gets the quotes, he will bring them to the Board.

GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE

Ms. Carter was not present at this meeting.

HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

Duane Cannon County Manager thanked everyone for their help with the fair it was another successful year on behalf of Ms. Holly Houghton.

ANGIE CROWLEY, HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

Ange Crowley, Human Resource Administrator appeared before the Board and said that the county had a successful wellness checkup day yesterday, all appointments were filled, and some walk ins came, and she is looking at a possible make up day. She said she used this time to pass out the New Employee Handbook.

DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board and requested their approval of several items.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Corrective Subordination Agreement for Angela Corsette. The previous approval in Feb was not recorded by the title company because they were waiting for closing documents from the lender.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to execute the Corrective Subordination Agreement for Angela Corsette. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the request of the SHIP assistance purchase of a home for Brandon Melton in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to execute the request of the SHIP assistance purchase of a home for Brandon Melton in the amount of \$20,000.00. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Contract Agreement with DBT Transportation Services AWOS system for the Cross City Airport in the amount of \$5,650.00.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to execute the request of the Contract Agreement with DBT Transportation Services AWOS system for the Cross City Airport in the amount of \$5,650.00. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Contract with DDD Construction and Site Work, LLC for the Cross City Flood Management Improvements (RRMS) in the amount of \$261,603.00.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to execute the Contract with DDD Construction and Site Work, LLC for the Cross City Flood Management Improvements Ruth Rain Middle School in the amount of \$261,603.00. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon request the Board's approval to perform an Economic Study for the McGriff Channel Dredge Project in the amount of \$9,700.00. Suwannee Chamber has pledge \$3,500.00 toward the Study leaving \$6,200.00 for the County's portion.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion approval to perform an Economic Study for the McGriff Channel Dredge Project in the amount of \$9,700.00. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon request the Board's Approval to donate \$100.00 per Commissioner for the Daddy Daughter Dance this year.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion approval to donate \$100.00 per Commissioner for the Daddy Daughter Dance this year. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that they will have a BOCC Workshop held at the Old Town School Meeting Room with the School Board on Tuesday April 12, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Manager Cannon informed the Board about a possible Airport property lease to a business for housing computer and software systems in metal containers to operate a crypto currency operation. He has spoken to Duke Energy and Diane Shultz from the NFED for some economic development, Carol West has also been working with this. Manager Cannon has spoken with the business owner and they want to lease a facility close to a high-power source, where they can have some large container to house all their computer equipment. Manager Cannon stated its very early on and he is still gathering information, some of his concerns are payment and how the county will receive payment.

Commissioner Hatch mentioned Cross City has an Ordinance on large container and asked Manager Cannon to check into which parcel he may be considering leasing to make certain it doesn't fall into the constraints of that city Ordinance.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that he has submitted an advertisement in the Dixie County Advocate for Phase I of the Airport Canal System Project. He said this phase would run from Hudson 19 to County Road 351. He said the money for this project does not come out of the money Representative Chuck Clemons spoke about, this money would come from ARPA money from the Federal government. Manager Cannon said this project would be delayed slightly because of the recent rain in this area, however the county is still moving forward with advertising and the county can move forward with this project when it dries up.

MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Pierce Kelly appeared before the board on behalf of Attorney Michael Osteen.

Attorney Kelly thanked the Board for retaining him for a matter that is now closed and offered to answer any questions that the Board may have about the matter.

BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Higginbotham appeared before the Board and said that Della Rhymes Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk and Kelly Koschatzky Deputy Clerk are scanning Ordinances, Resolutions and Meeting Minutes to electronic files for the easier access for the public and they will be maintaining those files in house and there would be no additional cost to the Board.

Jackie Johnson, Chief Financial Officer appeared for the Board and stated we're at 50 percent of the year is done and these are the numbers were looking at as of yesterday. Mr. Brenda Royal passed out the Budget report for everyone to review. She asked if anyone had any questions about the Budget report.

Commissioner Hatch asked if the 29% that is at the bottom of the sheet, is that where were at within the budget.

Ms. Johnson stated that is the grand total of all the different funds and the general fund is at 38%

She reminded the Board that they have 1.6 million of ARPA money that is about to be spent and the county will not see any additional revenue because they have already received that. She said when that kicks in percentage will go up. She said we won't spend all that 1.6 million by September because they are just now approving the project. She said we will adjust the budget to have that money show up in 2023. She said were already working on the nest year's budget. She asked the Commissioner to please compile a list of equipment and projects that will affect the budget and she can get it all prioritized. She said she want to try not to have changes on October 06. She said if she has it in the budget, she can have a plan for it.

Commission Hatch said he always has a nice wish list. He also said last year the County gave a \$1.44 raise to meet Federal guidelines and this year we will give another \$1.00.

Chief Financial Officer Jackie Johnson agreed with Commissioner Hatch.

Manager Duane Cannon said last year we worked over 118 hours and maybe we can go ahead and look at the budget so were not working so many hours. He said We would like more hands on with the Board so you guys can see what all goes into this budget. He asked schedule some nights to meet with the Board to work on this.

Chief Financial Officer Jackie Johnson said with her situation she can't do nights. Manager Cannon said we could do mornings to accommodate Chief Financial Officer Jackie Johnson.

Chief Financial Officer Jackie Johnson said she wanted to talk about the revenue. She said you guys need to be aware of where the money comes from. She also said it's crucial to have the money there and provide the services.

COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Valentine asked about the River Watch Subdivision issue and Building Official Leon Wright explained how the Board had given him permission to fix the issue so the landowners could move forward with getting their building permits.

Commissioner Hatch reminded the Board of the Workshop on Tuesday April 12, 2022 and reminded the Commissioners to attend.

Duane Cannon County Manager stated no decisions would be made at this Workshop it was for discussion only.

Commissioner Storey said he would like to thank everyone for coming and he would try to be at the workshop, he and his wife both have appointments that day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Ms. Barbra Cummings said that Ms. Jackie Johnson is doing a phenomenal job for this county and it is long overdue.

Ms. Jackie Johnson thanked her and said she looks forward to working with Ms. Brenda Royal.

Todd Lamue a resident of Old Town, FL appeared before the Board stating his concern with Purvis Landing. He said he knows that the county has repaired that road, but with the flooding that has been going on he wanted to know if there was anything in place to make the repairs last longer. He said the repairs don't last especially when it rains, and people play in the mud and damage the road. He suggested maybe getting an engineer out to look at the road and maybe make some repairs that last longer and may prevent further damage.

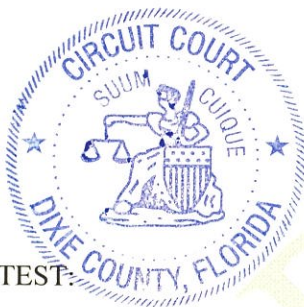
Leon Wright said that previously the Board had talked about maybe putting some sea walls up.

Commissioner Hatch asked if maybe Mr. Bailey could go out there and see if we can get something done.

Manager Cannon said they would try to address the issue on Purvis Landing.

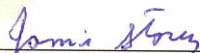
ADJOURN

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to adjourn at 11:57 am. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.



ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA



Jamie Storey, Chairman



Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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