# ***Regular Meeting Dixie County Courthouse Commission Meeting Room May 2, 2019 – 10:00 AM***

**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 Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Mills.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES:**

The motion to approve the Commission Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 18, 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 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.*

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

RESOLUTION NO. PZ/LPA # 2019-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF LESS THAN TEN (10) ACRES OF LAND TO THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE DIXIE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES; AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL-LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO TWO DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO INDUSTRIALOF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(George Land) (First Reading)*

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2019-25 by title only. She stated this is the first reading and does not require a vote.

RESOLUTION NO. PZ/LPA # 2019-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF LESS THAN TEN (10 ) ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) TO INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING (ILW) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(George Land) (First Reading)*

Ms. Clyatt read Resolution 2019-26 by title only and added this is the first reading only.

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

ORDINANCE NO. #2019-04

AN ORDINANCE OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE DIXIE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF LESS THAN TEN(10) ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATIONBY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL-LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO TWO DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT WAREHOUSING OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(George Land) (First Reading)*

Ms. Clyatt read Ordinance 2019-04 by title only and added this is first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. #2019-05

AN ORDINANCE OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF LESS THAN TEN (10 ) ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) TO INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING (ILW) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(George Land) (First Reading)*

Ms. Clyatt read Ordinance 2019-05 by title only and said this is the first reading only.

**CAROL WEST:**

Mrs. Carol West appeared before the Board and stated on behalf of the Cross City Airport Committee thanks to all who made it possible. She noted Mrs. Cheyenne Hutchinson, Mr. Sid Beckham and Road Superintendent Steve Hutchison were very helpful and showed we can work together as a team. She thanked Commissioner Mills for his display of cars for the car show. Mrs. West commented we had a record number of aircraft and 82 vendors showed up and with the record number all made money. She commented the time was extended to 3:00 PM and there are not enough volunteers – the day was handled with only 9 volunteers. Mrs. West stated we are building until 2021 when Dixie County will be 100 years old need and everyone needs to be planning now. She added singer and song writer Rob Hatch has agreed to participate. She said there will be a parade, displays and she appreciates the Board setting the tone with all their help and support. Mrs. West thanked sponsors John Locklear, Clerk Dana Johnson and the many others as well as those who got money for advertising like Mr. Jeff Cary who got $3,500.00 worth of advertising for $1,000.00 from WCJB TV 20.

Mrs. West invited all to the Grand Opening of Cross City Lumber on May 22, 2019 which will be held outside and they’re expecting about 300 people.

Mrs. West stated Mr. John Locklear along with the Town of Cross City with representatives from the Department of Economic Opportunity and State Historical Preservation toured possible sites for economic development. She said they gave good insight and added the US Highway 19 corridor needs some serious attention. She noted 52 letters were mailed out regarding the sprucing up of US Highway 19 and there was no response. Mrs. West stated they looked at the old High School Gym for a possible community center.

Mrs. West complemented the Dixie Education Foundation for the Dixie County High School scholarship awards banquet. She added this year DCHS has a graduate with a 4.870 GPA who has been accepted to George Washington University.

Manager Alexander stated Ben Dawson with Central Florida Electric Cooperative noted Gilchrist and Dixie Counties do not have a paid Economic Development person. He added Mr. Dawson asked the Tri-County area to get together for an initiative and CFEC has graciously offered space for an office in their new building. Commissioner Hatch said it was a very positive meeting and makes good sense. Mrs. West stated funding is an issue and we must put a lot into it as well as be responsive.

**KEITH SEGAR, SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER:**

Mr. Keith Segar appeared before the Board and said he has been proactive by getting prepared for storm season in Suwannee. He thanked Road Superintendent Hutchinson for the road side abatement. Mr. Segar invited everyone to an Island Poker Run on May 18, 2019 with proceeds going to their Suwannee Fireworks display on July 6, 2019.

**JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR & ASSOCIATES:**

Mr. John Locklear appeared before the Board and said Mr. Jered Lizotte was out in Panama City for a meeting with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding coastal resiliency.

**STEVE HUTCHINSON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT:**

Road Superintendent Steve Hutchinson appeared before the Board and said they have started to dredge in Horseshoe Beach and he delivered some new pipe for them to dredge pipe through. Manager Alexander stated the Army Corps of Engineers requested a spoil site Weir Inspector. He stated Mr. Danny Dey who has been on staff for over five years is helping provide this service and a resolution is required.

Commissioner Hatch inquired about the Suwannee Oysters and Manager Alexander stated he has a cost estimate of about $1,200.00 from last time. Commissioner Hatch said he thought there was crushed concrete and Road Superintendent Hutchinson stated it fell through but he found it somewhere else and could get a price. Manager Alexander asked if the Board wants to get them something equal and Commissioner Mills said look into rental cost on one of the machines to bust up the concrete.

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

Mr. Joe Ruth appeared before the Board and stated the Waste Quip break on the big dumpsters was only a one shot deal. He said they have no inmates for cleanup at the Hudson Ball. Commissioner Mills inquired about reason and Commissioner Higginbotham said the inmates are on lock down because of finding lots of contraband. Road Superintendent Hutchinson said they promised we would get them back on Monday. Manager Alexander stated we are working on a list of delinquent payments and received $2,600.00 from one customer. Commissioner Mills said it is helping and Manager Alexander replied yes it is. Mr. Ruth stated they are moving the dumpsters around where they are needed the most. Manager Alexander said we have a roll-off driver now and two packer trucks working. Commissioner Mills thanked Mr. Ruth and asked if all his positions are filled and Manager Alexander said interviews have been conducted and offered one open position. Mr. Ruth added we are spraying for mosquitoes in areas with complaints.

**LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING:**

Mr. Leon Wright appeared before the Board and said the cell tower north of Chavous Road completed a soil test where a hole was drilled 60 feet deep. He said they are resubmitting a site plan on the same parcel and doing more tests as well.

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

Emergency Services Director Darian Brown appeared before the Board and stated we have a small storm brewing off coast which will come up the State with a twenty percent chance of development. He added we are only a month out from hurricane season and we are getting very busy. He stated they are looking at all coastal towns dates set to meet with residents and distribute some small packets for preparedness. EMS Director Brown added we are reminding all about the notification and alert system by trying to get people to sign up for it. He added they will try to do an event about June 1, 2019 or so at the EOC for the entire community on how to operate the notification system and get everyone’s information into the system. He said he is hoping for a good turnout.

EMS Director Brown stated EMS week will be May 19-25, 2019 with a full week of events scheduled. He said the crews will have dinner on Friday night and Chief Pendarvis has contacted Camp Anderson about donating their facility for the day on May 18, 2019. He added this will allow the crews and their family time to enjoy a day off and Camp Anderson will provide life guards and let them use all of the facility for the entire day with their family day.

EMS Director Brown stated Camp Anderson requested an old fire truck for an ornament in the yard. He said they do have a piece of equipment pending board approval; it is a 1976 ambulance at Rescue 2 and they didn’t want to get rid of it. The motion to donate the 1976 ambulance to Camp Anderson was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

EMS Director Brown said they have request from Levy County pending attorney review for a fire inspector. He said it will be a reimbursement process like we currently have with Gilchrist County. The motion to provide our fire inspector for Levy County was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved. Commissioner Hatch asked for May 18, 2019 if EMS Director Brown can reach out to Gilchrist and Levy Counties to help cover so our crews can enjoy the day and EMS Director Brown stated he has instructed Chief Pendarvis to help with it as well.

**TIM ALEXANDER, COUNTY MANAGER:**

County Manager Tim Alexander appeared before the Board and presented Resolution 2019-27 which is Supplemental #4 for the Policy and Procedure Handbook regarding 25 cents for each certificate and a $2,400.00 annual motor grader stipend paid in six month increments. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-27 was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

Manager Alexander presented Resolution 2019-28 regarding Supplemental #5 adjusting the sale of sick leave from the anniversary date to the anniversary month. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-28 was made by Commissioner Osteen and seconded by Commissioner Storey. Board approved.

Manager Alexander presented Resolution 2019-29 regarding Supplemental #6 changing comp time hours from 50 to 150 and EMS crews can build 240 hours. Commissioner Hatch inquired if that is for hourly employees and Manager Alexander replied yes. Commissioner Hatch said what about salaried employees and Manager Alexander said currently they cannot earn comp time but he will check into it. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-29 was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

Manager Alexander presented Resolution 2019-30 regarding Supplemental #7 for property values for capital assets to be increased to $5,000.00 per item. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-30 was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

Manger Alexander said dump trucks are running the red light on Highway 19 and both Commissioner Hatch and Commissioner Higginbotham saw it happen.

Manager Alexander presented Supplemental Agreement #2 in the amount of $6,108.6 for project number 442721-1-54-01 bringing the total of the project to $627,608.36. The motion to approve Supplemental Agreement #2 was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Board approved.

Manager Alexander presented Resolution 2019-32 for the Weir Inspector regarding the Horseshoe Beach dredging. The motion to approve Resolution 2019-32 was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

Manager Alexander reminded the Board and public Shired Island County Park is closed this weekend for the Dixie Airboat Adventures. He reminded the Board of the FFA Banquet on Monday May 6, 2019 at the Dixie County High School. He also reminded the Board of the upcoming grand opening of Cross City Lumber and the payoff check was over-nighted to DEO in Tallahassee.

**MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

County Attorney Michael Osteen stated he met yesterday with Attorney Rod Smith for the opiod litigation. He said the County has nothing to lose in this 100 page complaint regarding no local pharmacies but on a national level. Commissioner Hatch inquired about stipulations on spending the money if successful and County Attorney Osteen replied there could be restrictions. Commissioner Hatch reminded the Board we have a very nice anti drug coalition and Commissioner Higginbotham said we have a huge bill at our County Jail. Manager Alexander added if we can validate ambulance calls if affects about twelve percent of operating calls.

Mrs. West asked if we are prepared to react to the marijuana litigation and County Attorney Osteen said Governor DeSantis and the Judicial System are both behind it. He added you can’t treat it any differently than a CVS Pharmacy because it was voted in by the Legislature. Mrs. West said they love places like us and Mr. Wright said we have citizens getting packets for growing nurseries. Manager Alexander inquired about vote in Dixie County and Commissioner Higginbotham said it was high yet they voted down the paid fire department.

County Attorney Osteen said River Shores Subdivision was at the last meeting and they want to do it like was originally approved years ago but they can’t contact all of the lot owners for LDR amendment. He talked to Sondra Joseph at the Planning Council and they prepared it for the County to cover all of the units allowing 8 units per acre. The motion to approve the advertisement for River Shores was made by Commissioner Osteen and seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham. Board approved.

County Attorney Osteen stated he and Manager Alexander discussed interlcoal agreement regarding Horseshoe canals and ownership. He said he has been getting calls about who will own their docks from seawalls. Mayor Talmadge Bennett said we need to discuss it. County Attorney Osteen said it is good question and Mayor Bennett said the letter says docks and boat houses are not part of the quit claim if attached to sea wall. County Attorney Osteen said for years Horseshoe Beach is an incorporated town and they should be deeded to Horseshoe Beach. He added the County can take them but he doesn’t understand why and he has concerns about it. Mayor Bennett said it needs to be discussed. Manager Alexander suggested covering it in an interlocal agreement and Mayor Bennett stated the Town can’t clean them out without County help. County Attoreny Osteen stated he wants the Board to know he advised about the potential for liability and the County cannot waive the liability. Manager Alexander suggested a workshop on May 16, 2019 at 5:00 PM and the Board agreed.

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

Clerk Dana Johnson appeared before the Board and presented the Requisition for Dominion Voting Systems Annual Payment per contract Invoice DVS128423 in the amount of $26,591.00 which is half of the contract amount. The motion to approve the Supervisor of Elections request for payment was made by Commissioner Hatch and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

**COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS:**

Commissioner WC Mills thanked all the staff for a good job.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

Mr. Glen Biggerstaff appeared before the Board and stated we spend a lot of money on County Attorney Osteen’s salary and he said to the Board he would think long and hard before you ignore his advice.

**ADJOURN:**

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Higginbotham and seconded by Commissioner Osteen. The Board approved and the meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

W.C. Mills, Chairman

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Dana D. Johnson, Clerk-Auditor