# Regular Meeting

# Dixie County School Board Meeting Room

 $May\ 20,\ 2021-6:00\ PM$ 

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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 6:00 PM 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 Minutes from the Regular meeting of March 18, 2021. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 06, 2021. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

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Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Minutes from the Fire and Solid Waste Assessment Workshop of May 06, 2021. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

# **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

The voucher for Ring Power was discussed for more clarity.

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

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

There was nothing discussed at this time.

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 Hearings was made by Commissioner Mills. Seconded by Commissioner Stephenson. Board approved.

A petition by Loren and Debbie Boone 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-1) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated February 22, 2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 24-10-09-0000-0149-0300 (48 S. W. 470 Avenue, Steinhatchee; .925 acres).

(Commission District 5)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Loren and Debbie Boone. She clarified this property is in Jena.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Loren and Debbie Boone. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

A petition by Richard Leone 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 23, 2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 35-09-13-4498-000D-0030 (100 N. E. 312 Avenue, Old Town; Suwannee Oak Forest S/D; Lot 3; Blk. D; 5 acres.

(Commission District 2)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Richard Leone.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Richard Leone. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by *Jeffery Fox, Kelly Fox, and Sydney Fox* 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 23, 2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 35-09-13-4498-000D-0230 (530 N. E. 298 Avenue, Old Town; Suwannee Oak Forest S/D; Lot 23; Blk. D; 5 acres) (Commission District 2)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Jeffery Fox and Kelly Fox and Sydney Fox.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Jeffery Fox and Kelly Fox and Sydney Fox. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

A petition by *Anthony D. Hill and Wendy L. Hill* 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 24, 2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 24-09-13-4053-0017-0090 (410 N. E. 443 Avenue, Old Town; Forest Park Hills S/D; Lot 9; Blk. 17; .470 acres). (Commission District 1)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Anthony D. Hill and Wendy L. Hill.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Anthony D. Hill and Wendy L. Hill. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

A petition by *Ronald Edward Kight* 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 29, 2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 16-13-12-2927-0000-0990 (20575 S. E. Highway 349, Old Town; Lot 99 Suwannee Palms S/D and a Narrow Strip Across West Boundary of Lot 73 Said

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Strip Being Between Lot 99 and Existing Drainage Canal Suwannee Palms S/D). (Commission District 3)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Ronald Edward Kight.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Ronald Edward Kight Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

A petition by *John Hause* to request a *variance* to allow a setback reduction from 25 feet to 10 feet on the East side (backside of the house) for construction of a new home as provided by the petition dated March 19, 2021, which is located within a Planned Residential Development (PRD) zoning district to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-09-0041-0000-0230 (69 S. W. 877 Street, Steinhatchee; River Shores at Jena S/D; Lots 23 & 24; .195 acres). (Commission District 5)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by John Hause. She clarified this property is in Jena.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the Variance requested by John Hause. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by *Thomas Wilson* to request a *variance* to allow a set back of 5 feet on the North and South sides and a set back for the East and West sides to 20 feet for a 16x36 pole building as provided by the petition dated March 31, 2021, which is located within a Residential, (Mixed) Single Family/Mobile Home (RSF/MH-2) zoning district to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2994-0002-1730 (95 S. E. 228 Street, Old Town; Suwannee Shores Add. 2; Lot 173; .122 acres). (Commission District 3)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Thomas Wilson.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance requested by Thomas Wilson. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

A petition by *Talmadge Strickland* to request a *variance* of 4 feet for a cargo lift to be placed on the East side of the residence resulting in an 11 foot setback from property line as provided by the petition dated April 26, 2021, which is located within a Residential, (Mixed) Single Family/Mobile Home (RSF/MH-2) zoning district to be located on the property as described as

follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-3266-000D-0000 (128 S. E. 890 Avenue, Old Town; Porter Island S/D; Parcel D; .289 acres) (Commission District 3)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Talmadge Strickland. She clarified this property is in Suwannee.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance requested by Talmadge Strickland. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

# RESOLUTION 2021-61

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 RECEREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA-4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MARCH 23, 2021.

Jeffery Fox, Kelly Fox, and Sydney Fox

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-61 in support of Jeffery Fox, Kelly Fox, and Sydney Fox to the Board by title only.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-61. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-62**

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 RECEREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA-4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MARCH 24, 2021.

Anthony D. Hill and Wendy L. Hill

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-62 in support of Anthony D. Hill and Wendy L. Hill to the Board by title only.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-62. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

#### RESOLUTION 2021-63

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 RECEREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN

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ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA-4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MARCH 29, 2021.

## Ronald Edward Kight

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-63 in support of Ronald Edward Kight to the Board by title only.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-63. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-64**

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 SETBACK REDUCTION FROM 25 FEET TO 10 FEET ON THE EAST SIDE (BACKSIDE OF THE HOUSE) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOME, LOCATED WITHIN A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (PRD), ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED MARCH 19, 2021. *John Hause* 

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-64 in support of John Hause to the Board by title only.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-64. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-65**

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 SETBACK OF 5 FEET ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES AND A SETBACK FOR THE EAST AND WEST SIDES TO 20 FEET FOR A 16X36 POLE BUILDING, LOCATED WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH-2), ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED MARCH 31, 2021. *Thomas Wilson* 

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-65 in support of Thomas Wilson to the Board by title only.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-65. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-66**

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 OF 4 FEET FOR A CARGO LIFT TO BE PLACED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE

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RESIDENCE, RESULTING IN AN 11 FOOT SETBACK FROM THE PROPERTY LINE, LOCATED WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH-2), ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED APRIL 26, 2021. *Talmadge Strickland* 

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-66 in support of Talmadge Strickland to the Board by title only.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-66. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

# RESOLUTION 2021-70

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 RECEREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA-1) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2021.

Loren and Debbie Boone

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-70 in support of Loren and Debbie Boone to the Board by title only. She clarified this property in at Rocky Creek in Jena.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-70. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-71**

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 RECEREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA-4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MARCH 23, 2021.

#### Richard Leone

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-71 in support of Richard Leone to the Board by title only.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-71. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

#### RESOLUTION 2021-60

PZ/LPA LDR 21-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE

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COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS. PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 2.1 ENTITLED DEFINITIONS GENERAL BY ADDING A DEFINITION FOR SOLAR FARM AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.3.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "ESA" ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.4.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "A" AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.5.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "RR" RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.6.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "RSF" RESIDENTIAL (CONVENTIONAL) SINGLE FAMILY ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.7.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "RSF/MH" RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.8.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "RMH" RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.15.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "ILW" INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT WAREHOUSING ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.16.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "I" INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.18 ENTITLED SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY ADDING SECTION 4.18.39 ENTITLED SOLAR FARMS: REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second Reading)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-60 in support of Solar Farms to the Board by title only.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-60. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

#### RESOLUTION 2021-67

#### PZ/LPA CPA 21-01

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 TEN OR LESS 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 AGRICULTURAL, MEDIUM DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 2 ACRES) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-67 in support of Reedo's Enterprises, Inc. to the Board by title only.

County Attorney Michael Osteen stated for the record that he has a conflict of interest with this matter.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-67. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-68**

#### PZ/LPA Z 21-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL-5 (A-5) TO COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Resolution 2021-68 in support of Reedo's Enterprises, Inc. to the Board by title only.

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County Attorney Michael Osteen stated for the record that he has a conflict of interest with this matter.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-68. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-69**

THE DIXIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) HAVE DETERMINED IT TO BE IN THEIR MUTUAL INTERESTS TO EXTEND THE CURRENT EXPERATION DATE OF JUNE 30, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021 TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROJECT DIXIE COUNTY FLORIDA, TO WIT: CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT OF CR 55A from US 19 to US 19 UNDER THE LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM/FINANCIAL PROJECT ID# 439469-1-58-01 & 68-02 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$324,180.77.

County Manager Duane Cannon read Resolution 2021-69 in support of construction and project management of CR 55A from US 19 to US 19 under the local agency program/financial project ID# 439469-1-58-01 & 68-02 in the amount of \$324,180.77 to the Board by title only.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-69. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

The motion to go out of the Public Hearings was made by Commissioner Hatch. Seconded by Commissioner Mills. Board approved.

#### ORDINANCE 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 21-01, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 2.1 ENTITLED DEFINITIONS GENERAL BY ADDING A DEFINITION FOR SOLAR FARM AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.3.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "ESA" ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.4.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "A" AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.5.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "RR" RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.6.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "RSF" RESIDENTIAL (CONVENTIONAL) SINGLE FAMILY ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.7.5 ENTITLED

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SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "RSF/MH" RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.8.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "RMH" RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.15.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "ILW" INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT WAREHOUSING ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.16.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "I" INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.18 ENTITLED SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY ADDING SECTION 4.18.39 ENTITLED SOLAR FARMS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second Reading)

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Ordinance 2021-02 in support of Solar Farms to the Board by title only.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Ordinance 2021-02. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

#### ORDINANCE 2021-03

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 TEN OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 21-01, 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 AGRICULTURAL, MEDIUM DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 2 ACRES) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Ordinance 2021-03 in support of Reedo's Enterprises, Inc. to the Board by title only.

County Attorney Michael Osteen stated for the record that he has a conflict of interest with this matter.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Ordinance 2021-03. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

#### ORDINANCE 2021-04

AN ORDINANCE OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 21-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL-5 (A-5) TO COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Tammi Clyatt read Ordinance 2021-04 in support of Reedo's Enterprises, Inc. to the Board by title only.

County Attorney Michael Osteen stated for the record that he has a conflict of interest with this matter.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Ordinance 2021-04. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

#### LEON WRIGHT

Mr. Leon Wright appeared before the Board to answer a question regarding the Solar Farm discussion. He said that a land owner can put this in certain places. He clarified this is regarding 400 acres of property in Old Town. He said the company is leasing the property. He said that Dixie County has some large tracts of land so this is possible. He said there was no prior Ordinance on the books. He said that solar energy is becoming more prominant. He said that any requests will always have to come before the Board.

# ATTORNEY PIERCE KELLEY

Attorney Pierce Kelley appeared before the Board to let them know that he is willing to handle the Naveen appeal over the crab trap issue. He said they need to gather more information.

County Attorney Michael Osteen informed that Board that Mr. Kelley works for him. He said he helps to cover the Board meetings when he has conflicting schedules. He said Mr. Kelley has over 40 years of experience.

Attorney Osteen said the fee for Mr. Kelley to handle the appeal is \$6,000.00 which is very reasonable for his time and experience.

Attorney Kelley informed the Board that the Plaintiff can appeal the Circuit Court and then appeal the District Court of Appeals if they want to. He said if the appeal were to go to this step there would be an additional fee for his services, but it would be less than \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Hatch asked how long the crab traps can sit on Mr. Naveen's property.

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Attorney Kelley said that Mr. Naveen had entered a motion to stay the court ruling while the appeal is pending. He said he has until July 30, 2021.

Commissioner Mills asked what happened to the 30 day limit. Attorney Osteen replied that he has misspoke.

Commissioner Mills asked how many appeals Mr. Naveen can do.

Attorney Kelley said only one more. He said the next step in the legal process is much more difficult to get and can take months. He said he feels confident the County can win this case. He said there should be a hearing before July of 2021.

Attorney Osteen clarified that there has been one trial and there can be two appeals.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to hire Attorney Pierce Kelley to handle the Naveen appeal. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

#### KEITH SEGAR, SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER

Mr. Keith Segar had nothing to discuss at this time.

#### GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Greg Bailey was not present for this meeting.

# JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. Jared Lizotte was not present for this meeting.

#### CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Cindy Bellot appeared before the Board and informed them that the Summer programs at the Library are beginning June 02 and will go for the next five weeks. She said some of the programs will include live animals.

#### STEVE FREMEN, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mr. Steve Fremen was not present for this meeting.

#### STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Steve Hutchison appeared before the Board and presented the Board with a list of equipment for auction.

Mr. Hutchison informed the Board of several complaints about the traffic on Chavous Road and the Willow Hole Road. He said there have been complaints regarding the potential for wrescks. He suggested putting in some rumble strips. He said it would cost \$600.00 for the county to do this.

Commissioner Stephenson recommended they put the strips on both roads.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to putting in some rumble strips on both roads. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Mr. Hutchison informed the Board that they will have some milling from the Neely Hicks Road Project.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to put millings on 143 Avenue. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch made a motion to put the millings on the Jenny Herring Road too. Commission Mills seconded.

Commissioner Hatch instructed Mr. Hutchison to get some loads of milling for Mr. Fuquay too.

Mr. Hutchison informed the Board that he had four bids on the sailboat removal from the Steinhatchee River. He said that D & L Construction bid \$12,372.00; Mr. Knox bid \$5,600.00; Mr. Parrot bid \$5,950.00 and Sea Tow bid \$4,500.00. He said they will also handle the disposal of the 27 foot sailboat.

County Manager Duane Cannon said they will give a report to FWC and photos of the extraction and load tickets from the Aucilla landfill for the disposal. He said there is a Derilect Vessel Program and the count may get some funding back from this.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if they had notified the owner of the boat.

Manager Cannon replied there is no registration on the boat.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to give the contract to the lowest bidder which is Sea Tow. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about putting some millings at Gornto Springs.

Commissioner Hatch suggested putting down concrete instead.

Commissioner Stephenson said the milling is free.

Mr. Hutchison informed the Board that the county has to remove the dirt that was dug out of the ditch at Shady Oaks from the Green Way.

Mr. Hutchison informed the Board that he is six people short on his staff.

Mr. Hutchison informed the Board that the floating dock is unsafe at Shirred Island. He said they have removed this for repair.

Mr. Hutchison informed the Board about the erosion of the roads in Suwannee beside the canals. He said there are no seawalls to help protect them. He said they have 150 load of concrete sheets, but they need to crush this. He said they need to rent something to crush the concrete. Commissioner Mills suggested renting a jack hammer on a trac hoe.

Commissioner Mills asked about the county equipment for auction.

Mr. Hutchison replied everything is listed.

Manager Cannon asked if they need to advertise for the county property sale to be legal.

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County Attorney Michael Osteen said they can advertise to the public and have a live auction on site or online.

Commissioner Hatch recommended they advertise for two weeks.

Mr. Hutchison informed the Board that the tennis courts and trees have been removed from the backside of the courthouse and the site has been leveled and limerock has been put down for the proposed parking area.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the asterisks on the list of equipment.

Mr. Hutchison informed the Board that those marked items do not have a property number.

## **DWAYNE CHAUNCEY, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR**

Mr. Dwayne Chauncey was not present for this meeting.

# MICHAEL LATSON, SOLID WASTE

Mr. Michael Latson appeared before the Board and informed them that one of his staff has resigned. He said that he needs to advertise for this position.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the advertisement for the open position. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Mr. Michael Latson informed the Board about an incident at the Horseshoe roll off site. He said the Attendant had been pushed down by a person dumping at the site. He said the law would handle this issue.

Commissioner Mills recommended they make sure this does not happen again.

Commissioner Hatch agreed that Law Enforcement and the Court systems should handle this. He requested Mr. Latson keep the Board informed of the status.

Mr. Michael Latson informed the Board about the commercial land clearing businesses that are dumping large trees at the roll off site.

Commissioner Hatch said if it is people cleaning up their own property they can dump at the roll off site. He said if it is a commercial vendor they need to dump at the transfer station.

Commissioner Mills said there is a DEP mandated size restriction for dumping at the roll off sites.

Commissioner Stephenson said they should follow the rules set by DEP and follow their guidelines.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the C & D dumpsters at the Rock Pit roll off site and why there is a charge for using theses. He said the ones in the coastal towns are free. He said it must be fair for everyone.

Mr. Michael Latson informed the Board that they had pulled all of these from the roll off sites and then put some on the coastline to help with storm cleanup. He said they were never picked back up after the allotted time had elapsed.

Commissioner Hatch recommended that all coastline towns have a C & D dumpster. He said this was originally done to help with Hurricane cleanup. He said that the commercial contractors rent dumpster for their job sites. He said this does get abused.

Commissioner Stephenson recommended this be free for all or charge for all.

Commissioner Mills said this was for "Mom & Pop" to clean small stuff up from the storm. He said the Commercial people are filling these dumpsters up.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to pull all C & D dumpsters from the roll off sites. Commissioner Mills seconded.

Commissioner Hatch voted No. Commissioner Valentine voted No. Commissioner Storey voted Yes. Board approved.

Commissioner Stephenson said they can use the old concrete for the offshore reefs. Mr. Latson agreed and clarified that the concrete must be clean.

Commissioner Stephenson asked why the metal left at the roll off sites is not being picked up. He said that people are stealing this.

Mr. Latson said he will need to get with A & O and Mr. Todd Herring about picking up the metal.

# LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING

Mr. Leon Wright appeared before the Board informed them that he had one person apply for the job as inspector.

He said he will review this tomorrow and turn the application over to the Human Resource Department.

Mr. Leon Wright informed the Board that they have had 300 RV renewal notification letters sent out for the years from 1993 through 2004 that have never paid the \$300.00. He said these have never been paid and they are not asking for amount past due only for a current renewal fee.

Mr. Leon Wright informed the Board a person in Cross City is asking for zoning for a Campground. He said the property is not zoned for this currently. He asked the Board if they wanted to add this as permitted use or a Special Exception.

Commissioner Hatch recommended the Board allow Mr. Wright to do what is necessary to clear up the matter. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch clarified this property is between Shamrock Auto and the Sun Stop. Commissioner Stephenson said the lumber mill is across the road.

Mr. Leon Wright informed the Board that the Putnam Lodge is also putting in campers.

Mr. Glenn Biggerstaff asked if some of these renewal permit may be grandfathered in. Mr. Leon Wright replied this has been changed. He said the Board advertised prior and changed the LDR. He said that from 2003 forward they were required to do the renewal. He said that some people paid and some didn't pay. He said there are 600 RV around the county. He said that Building and Zoning have been working on this for the past two years and dealing with a huge burden of complaints on campers and RV's. He said that most of these are in violation of the building code.

Ms. Doris Satterfield asked what is the length of time allowed for the extension.. Commissioner Hatch replied year.

Mr. Wright added there is a renewal process every year.

Commissioner Stephenson said the taxpayers are covering the burden of the ones who don't pay. Commissioner Hatch said that most people pay the Assessment to the county. However, campers and RV's do not.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the current occupation of the applicant for the inspector job.

Mr. Leon Wright informed the Board that he is an electrician and has AC repair business. Commissioner Stephenson said that would be a conflict of interest and to make sure he understands that he can't work for county and do his side work within the county.

# DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Director Darian Brown appeared before the Board and reminded them on the EMS celebration on Saturday at Camp Anderson.

Director Brown informed the Board that he is still working on the UPS issue of not delivering in Suwannee.

Director Brown requested the Board approve the Interlocal Agreement contract to provide Fire Protection Services for the Town of Horseshoe Beach. He said this is normally a two year contract but would like to extend it to a five 5 year period with terms.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the contract to provide Fire Protection Services for the Town of Horseshoe Beach and to increase it from two years to five years. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Director Brown reminded everyone of the Hurricane Recovery meeting on Thursday, May 27 at the EOC building.

Director Brown informed the Board that he will be re distributing the duties of Mr. Chuck Elton due to his impending retirement. He also suggested they allow Building and Zoning to do the 911 addressing of properties since they also do the permits and site plans. He said they would continue with the Grants.

Commissioner Hatch agreed and instructed them to not move any equipment from the EOC over to Building and Zoning.

Director Brown said they we will keep Mr. Elton's office intact and with all the equipment. Commissioner Stephenson asked if this is the typical way to handle property addresses. Mr. Wright replied said his office does the site plan and checks the flood zone and then the person goes to see Chuck at the EOC and then they come back to Building and Zoning. He said this would save the person some steps back and forth between the two locations.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Building and Zoning to handle the 911 addressing of properties. 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 spoke to the Board via telephone.

She informed the Board that she will meet with the North Florida Planning Council and Ms. Carol West and Geo Partners next Tuesday about Broad Ban mapping for the county. She said that homeowners can complete a online survey and their IP address is used to create a Internet Service Map to rate the speed rate of service. She said people can go to Dixie County UF and see the link.

# **HUMAN RESOURCES SUPERVISOR**

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board to introduce Ms. Angie Crowley as the newly hired Human Resource Supervisor. He said that he is working on getting her updated.

#### **DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board to discuss several county projects.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute agreement #2 on the CR 55 A LHAP project and to extend the deadline from June 30 to December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to execute agreement #2 on the CR 55 A LHAP project and to extend the deadline from June 30 to December 31, 2021. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of <u>RESOLUTION 2021-69</u> in support of agreement #2 on the CR 55 A LHAP project and to extend the deadline from June 30 to December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution #2021-69. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of the Good Times Motel and Marina using the Jena Boat Ramp Parking Lot for the Doug Johnson Reeling for Kids Fishing Tournament event on June 11 and 12, 2021 for parking after 7:00 PM.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Good Times Marina using the Jena Boat Ramp Parking Lot on June 11 and 12, 2021 for parking after 7:00 PM. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of the Good Times Motel and Marina donating pavement marking and stripping for the Jena Boat Ramp Parking Lot at no cost to the county. He said Mr. Greg Sanchez has offered to complete the project at cost for the Good Times Marina.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Good Times Motel and Marina donating pavement marking and stripping for the Jena Boat Ramp Parking Lot at no cost to the county. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to order Calendars for the county. He said the cost is \$6,870.00.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the order of the Calendars for the county Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of a Airport Hanger Lease to Mr. Tommy Davis.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to lease the hanger to Mr. Tommy Davis. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon informed the Board about the American Rescue Plan with the Board. Commissioner Stephenson asked if this is the same thing TV 20 has been talking about. Manager Cannon said yes and clarified that Dixie County has not received any money from this at all.

Manager Cannon reminded everyone that the Board Meetings will be moved back to the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse beginning June 03, 2021 at 10:00 AM. He said there is a MBAR Workshop at 9:00 AM and a Clerk/Employee Policy and Procedure Workshop at 1:00 PM.

Manager Cannon informed the Board of the Uniti Fiber meeting for the Courthouse Internet update. He said this would provide better internet access at the Courthouse.

Manager Cannon informed the Board of the NFEDP Grant. He said they will do a Speed Test on the website.

Manager Cannon informed the Board of the Fire and Solid waste Assessment Tentative Calendar. He said they will meet on June 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

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Manager Cannon informed the Board of the FAC Conference from June 29 thru July 02, 2021 for the Commissioner's training. He said they will need to change the morning Board meeting of July 07, 2021 to July 08, 2021 if the Commissioners want to go to this conference.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that he had met with Engineers about the Courthouse Security Renovation. He said they will prepare options and cost estimates. He said he will have something for the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hatch said he had visited the Courthouse in Trenton and looked at their security. He said that there will be no security for the Supervisor of Elections Building.

Manager Cannon informed the Board they are beginning to work on the County Budget with the Department Heads. He said they will look at raises and reminded them that the minimum wage is going up.

Commissioner Hatch recommended the have a workshop on the Employee Policy and Procedure Handbook with employees only and let them review the book to be fair. Human Resource Supervisor Ms. Angie Crowley agreed that is a good idea.

Commissioner Hatch asked about the FDOT right of way parameters. Manger Cannon replied there must be 60 foot per the Greenbook standard. Commissioner Hatch said that they are losing roads in Suwannee. Manager Cannon said you will not get state funding if it's not right size.

#### MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Michael Osteen presented the Sheriff MOU for the inmate bedding. Commissioner Hatch clarified this is for the upcoming budget year.

Commissioner Hatch asked about cleaning the old Fire Station in Suwannee for a renter.

#### BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Higginbotham appeared before the Board and informed them that Ms. Verna Wilson had found \$578.54 in unclaimed money for the Board.

Clerk Higginbotham presented the JAG Grant for the Sheriff Office for \$23,274.00 which they will use to purchase computer equipment.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the JAG Grant for the Sheriff Office for \$23,274.00. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Clerk Higginbotham informed the Board that there is another 16 boxes of records that has met the retention schedule that needs to be destroyed.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the destruction of the material. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

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Commissioner Stephenson asked about the county finances.

Ms. Jacki Johnson appeared before the Board and gave them a packet. She discussed the TRIM calendar and went over Summer dates for the Budget process.

She said they must follow statute for the Budget. She discussed the consolidation of funds for the many bank accounts. She said she will need the Board's approval to consolidate accounts to downsize. She said the Board doesn't need 19 different accounts to manage. She said that five accounts would be better and work just as well.

Commissioner Stephenson said he is good with this consolidation of the accounts.

Ms. Jacki Johnson said the accountability and intent is still there, but everything goes into the General Fund.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the rumored three million dollars that was missing. Ms. Jacki said the check books haven't been balanced in a long time. She said the FDLE found ethical errors, but no criminal evidence. She said she hasn't found anything to indicate that any money was stolen. She said that things have not been accounted for properly. She said they are trying to figure this out and balance everything. She said the deadline for the Audit is June 30. She said they are putting new processes in place. She said they are able to track Solid Waste revenue and will be working on the Airport revenue next. She said there are some outstanding funds to be collected still. She said that the payment on the Loan for the Packer Truck was taken from Transportation Budget Account and should not have been.

Ms. Jacki Johnson asked the Board if they want to pay the Ring Power voucher. Commissioner Stephenson said he wanted the County Attorney to look at this because of the insurance claim issue.

Ms. Jacki Johnson asked about getting a copy of the Proposed Contract for Attorney Pierce Kelley.

There was more discussion about the county calendar order.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to cut the Calendar order for the county in half. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

# **COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Valentine had nothing further to discuss.

Commissioner Hatch had nothing further to discuss.

Commissioner Stephenson asked Mr. Michael Latson about the signs posted for dumping garbage.

Mr. Latson replied it is being worked on now.

Commissioner Mills had nothing further to discuss.

Commissioner Storey had nothing further to discuss.

Ms. Barbara Cummings asked about the location of the next Workshops and Regular Meeting for June 03, 2021. She asked where to park and which door to enter the courthouse. The Board replied everyone can park behind the Courthouse and enter through the doors nearest the Commission Meeting Room.

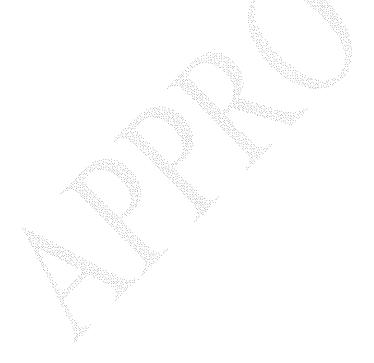
Mr. Louie Hutchison asked about the use of ATV's on the Suwannee Mainline. Commissioner Hatch replied the Board voted NO on that issue, everyone will need to ask FWC for the rules and enforcement that govern the road.

A lady from the audience asked about the use of ATV's and golf cart's on the roads in Old Town.

Commissioner Hatch replied that is not allowed.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no public comments or concerns expressed at this time.



# **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Mills made the motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

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ATTEST:

Jamie Storey, Chairman

Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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