

***Regular Meeting  
Dixie County Courthouse  
Board Meeting Room  
July 15, 2021 – 6:00 PM***

*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 2020-27. 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**

Jody Stephenson, District 1  
W. C. Mills, District 2, Vice Chairman  
Mark Hatch, District 3  
Jamie Storey, District 4, Chairman  
James Valentine, District 5

**STAFF**

Duane Cannon, County Manager  
Martha McCaskill, Administrative Asst/Grant Coordinator  
Michael Osteen, County Attorney  
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court  
Verna Wilson, Chief Deputy Clerk  
Della Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk  
Jacki Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

**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 Hatch made the motion to approve Minutes from the July 02, 2021 Emergency Meeting. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Minutes from the July 06, 2021 Emergency Meeting. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

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

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

There was nothing discussed at this time.

***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.*

A petition by *Dorsey A & Verlene Jenkins* requesting 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 (RSF/MH) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 04/27/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 12-09-13-4030-0036-0010 240 NE 836 Street, Old Town, FL 32680; 1). **Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Dorsey A & Verlene Jenkins.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Dorsey A & Verlene Jenkins. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

A petition by *Benjamin Griffis & Shauna Griffis* requesting 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 (RSF/MH) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/17/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2994-0000-0060 50 SE 245 St, Old Town FL. **Commission District 3, Mark Hatch**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Benjamin Griffis & Shauna Griffis.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Benjamin Griffis & Shauna Griffis. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

A petition by **John Oehlich** 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 (ESA4) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 06/18/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 24-09-13-4053-0006-0070 96 NE 828 St, Old Town Fl. 32680; 0).

**Commission District 1 Jody Stephenson**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by John Oehlich.

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

A petition by **Donald Mackay & Betty Bell** 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 (ESA4) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 04/26/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 24-08-13-3786-0000-0830 455 NE 776 Avenue, Old Town, Fl 32680; 5). **Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Donald Mackay & Betty Bell.

**Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Donald Mackay & Betty Bell. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.**

A petition by **Robert & Randi Sperling** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.4.5 subparagraph (9) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle (A4) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/04/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 09-10-13-0000-4536-0400 268 NE 550 Street, Old Town, Fl 32680; 5).

**Commission District 2, W.C. Mills**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Robert & Randi Sperling.

**Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Robert & Randi Sperling. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.**

A petition by *Clyde & Kathy Gunter* requesting 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 (RSF/MH) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/11/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2994-0003-3400 249 SE 228 Street, Old Town, FL 32680; 0). **Commission District 3, Mark Hatch**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Clyde & Kathy Gunter.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special exception requested by Clyde & Kathy Gunter. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

A petition by *Daniel & Rachel Blacketer* 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 (ESA4) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 04/15/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 13-09-13-4051-0000-0270 655 NE 817 St, Old Town FL. 32680; 2).

**Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Daniel & Rachel Blacketer.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Daniel & Rachel Blacketer. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

A petition by *John Sykes, David Bland, James Bell, John Mathis* requesting 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 (RSF/MH) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/28/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 26-09-09-0045-0000-0810 62 SW 284 AVE , Steinhatchee FL. ; 0). **Commission District 5, James Valentine**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by John Sykes, David Bland, James Bell, John Mathis.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by John Sykes, David Bland, James Bell, John Mathis. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

A petition by *William Norris* to request a *Variance* for a reduction of the setbacks in the rear yard from 25' to 10' by the petition dated April 23, 2021 which is located within a Planned Residential Development zoning district to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-09-0041-0000-0500 (SW 869 loop Lot 50 River shores at Jena). **Commission District 5, James Valentine**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by William Norris.

*Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the Variance requested by William Norris. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

A petition by *Wanda J. Brady* to request a *Variance* for a reduction of the setbacks in the rear yard from 25' to 10' by the petition dated April 23, 2021 which is located within a Planned Residential Development zoning district to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-09-0041-0000-0100 (16 SW 290 Ave Steinhatchee Fl. (Lot 10 River shores at Jena). **Commission District 5, James Valentine**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Wanda J. Brady.

*Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the Variance requested by Wanda Brady. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

A petition by *Wanda J. Brady* to request a *Variance* for a reduction of the setbacks in the rear yard from 25' to 10' by the petition dated June 10, 2021 which is located within a Planned Residential Development zoning district to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-09-0041-0000-0150 (21 SW 877 St. Steinhatchee Fl. (Lot 15 River shores at Jena). **Commission District 5, James Valentine**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Wanda J. Brady.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance requested by Wanda Brady. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

A petition by *Wanda J. Brady* to request a *Variance* for a reduction of the setbacks in the rear yard from 25' to 10' by the petition dated April 23, 2021 which is located within a Planned Residential Development zoning district to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-09-0041-0000-0160 (27 SW 877 St. Steinhatchee Fl. (Lot 16 River shores at Jena). **Commission District 5, James Valentine**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Wanda Brady.

***Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the Variance requested by Wanda Brady. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

A Petition by ***Poppell Sean*** to ***vacate, abandon, discontinue, and close a public roadway*** known as SW 284<sup>th</sup> AVE (Partial) 1170' Roadway is affects Parcel # 26-09-09-0045-0000-1520, 26-09-09-0045-0000-1531, 26-09-09-0045-0000-0990 lying in Dixie County, Florida,

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the petition to vacate a road requested by Poppell Sean.

County Attorney Michael Osteen requested the Board look at the map that was provided and see the government land, according to property appraiser records, has an access point and is not blocked. He said the man's house is at the end of the road and only his privately owned land is affected.

He said the Board would need to issue a Deed from the Board with the proper legal description to Mr. Sean. He said the county has maintained this road more than seven years through different landowners.

Mr. Justin Davis spoke to the Board and said he lives at the other end of the road. He said he is Not opposed to the road being closed. He said that he did want to point out that when the Stewarts owned this property prior and they wanted to close the road, they had to get into a lawsuit with the county over this and lost.

Attorney Osteen said that people are driving down the road to Mr. Sean home and it's a disturbance.

Mr. John Sikes spoke to the Board and said he also lives down this road and there is a lot of traffic all night long.

***Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the Valentine requested by Stephenson. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

***The motion to go out of Public Hearings and back into the Board Meeting was made by Commissioner Valentine. Seconded by Commissioner Stephenson.***

**RESOLUTION 2021-89**

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 RECEREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN RESIDENTIAL

SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME AREA (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED APRIL 27, 2021. *Dorsey A & Verlene Jenkins*

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-89 aloud and by title only.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-89 in support of Dorsey A & Verlene Jenkins. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2021-90**

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 MAY 17, 2021. *Benjamin Griffis & Shauna Griffis*

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-90 aloud and by title only.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-90 in support of Benjamin Griffis & Shauna Griffis. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2021-91**

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 ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA/4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED JUNE 18, 2021.

*John Oehlich*

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-91 aloud and by title only.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-91 in support of John Oehlich. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2021-92**

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

ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA/4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED APRIL 26, 2021.

***Donald Mackay & Betty Bell***

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-92 aloud and by title only.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-92 in support of Donald Mackay & Betty Bell. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

**RESOLUTION 2021-93**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.4.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (9) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECERATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (A/4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MAY 04, 2021.

***Robert & Randi Sperling***

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-93 aloud and by title only.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-93 in support of Robert & Randi Sperling. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

**RESOLUTION 2021-94**

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 RECERATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME AREA (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MAY 11, 2021. ***Clyde & Kathy Gunter***

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-94 aloud and by title only.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-95 in support of Clyde & Kathy Gunter. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

**RESOLUTION 2021-95**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN



SECTION 4.3.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA/4) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED APRIL 15, 2021.

***Daniel & Rachel Blacketer***

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-95 aloud and by title only.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-95 in support of Daniel & Rachel Blacketer. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

**RESOLUTION 2021-96**

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 MAY 28, 2021. ***John Sykes, David Bland, James Bell, John Mathis***

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-96 aloud and by title only.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-96 in support of John Sykes, David Bland, James Bell, John Mathis. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

**RESOLUTION 2021-97**

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 A REDUCTION OF THE SETBACKS IN THE REAR YARD FROM 25' TO 10', LOCATED WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH-2), ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED APRIL 23, 2021.

***William Norris***

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-97 aloud and by title only.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-97 in support of William Norris. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2021-98**

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 A REDUCTION OF THE SETBACKS IN THE YEAR YARD FROM 25' TO 10', LOCATED WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH-2), ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED APRIL 23, 2021.

*Wanda J. Brady*

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-98 aloud and by title only.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-98 in support of Wanda Brady. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2021-99**

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 A REDUCTION OF THE SETBACKS IN THE YEAR YARD FROM 25' TO 10', LOCATED WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH-2), ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED JUNE 10, 2021.

*Wanda J. Brady*

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-99 aloud and by title only.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-99 in support of Wanda Brady. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2021-100**

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 A REDUCTION OF THE SETBACKS IN THE YEAR YARD FROM 25' TO 10', LOCATED WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME

(RSF/MH-2), ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED APRIL 23, 2021.

*Wanda J. Brady*

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-100 aloud and by title only.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-100 in support of Wanda Brady. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2021-101**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA CLOSING SW 284<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, (PARTIAL) 1170' ROADWAY IT AFFECTS PARCEL #26-09-09-0045-0000-1520, 26-09-09-0045-0000-1531, 26-09-09-0045-0000-0990 LYING IN DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON JULY 15, 2021.

*Poppell Sean*

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2021-101 aloud and by title only.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-101. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**AMENDING – Page 9, Section F of ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07**

**(Second Reading: July 15, 2021)**

**DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE DIXIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING VIOLATIONS; ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS; ADDRESSING DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDMENT AND REDEMPTION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

County Attorney Michael Osteen appeared before the Board and read the Amendment to Ordinance 2015-07 aloud. He said this is the second reading. He said the amendment only pertains to the fee structure on page 8 section F.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Amendment to Ordinance 2015-07. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**KEITH SEGAR, SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER**

Mr. Segar was not present for this meeting.

**GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Greg Bailey appeared before the Board and informed them they now have the five members for the Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) and one alternate.

The members are as follows:

Benetha Lake  
Carolyn Walker  
Donna Cain  
Gail Carter  
Martha McCaskill  
David Finnegan

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve these member of the Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF). Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

Mr. Bailey said the first notice will run in the paper next week.  
He said they will hold three meetings at the County Manger's office.

Mr. bailey informed the Board that they will be meting by zoom on the CDBG Suwannee Seawall Project. He said the application is due on September 17, 2021.

**JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES**

Mr. Walker Wrenn appeared before the Board and informed them that the Neely Hicks and the Grady Hires Roads are complete.

Manager Cannon said there was already a dip on the North lane prior to construction. He said there was no change made to the base of the road and that was the contractors' decision.

Commissioner Stephenson said the contract was to mill and resurface only.  
Manager Cannon replied yes.

Commissioner Mills said the dips in the road should have been fixed from the start.

Commissioner Stephenson said that must be put in the contract.

Mr. Frank Darabi said there was no more money from FDOT to fix the dip in the road.

Commissioner Hatch said the road is good, but the dip is the issue.

Commissioner Mills said they could have added more lime rock to the base.

Commissioner Hatch said this road should not have been milled.

Commissioner Stephenson said we are dependent upon FDOT for funding.

Commissioner Mills said because we have such low taxes there is no money to spare.

Mr. Darabi said all the work that needs to be done must be in the contract.

Manager Cannon said he would like to clarify that the contractor built the road per the plan.

Attorney Osteen asked if this was a foreseeable issue.

Commissioner Hatch and Commissioner Stephenson both said no.

Commissioner Hatch said that more information needs to be put in the contracts.

Commissioner Mills said there was not enough base for this road to be milled.

Mr. Walker Wrenn informed the Board that the Grady Hires Road needs sod, signs and striping.

Commissioner Valentine said they need to clean both sides of the road.

Manager Cannon said they have a punch list for the contractor.

Commissioner Stephenson said that the county gets drainage grant money to fix the canals, but they can't get on private property without permission.

Mr. Walker Wrenn said yes, some people would not sign the permission form.

Commissioner Stephenson said let's work on this again.

**CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Ms. Cindy Bellot had nothing to discuss at this time.

**STEVE FREMEN, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

Mr. Steve Fremmen was not present for this meeting.

**STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Mikel Gainey appeared before the Board and gave them an estimate from Beard for repairs to the 350-track hoe of \$25,014.28.

Commissioner Mills asked what other issues the equipment is having.

Mr. Gainey said the fuel injectors are new.

Commissioner Mills asked how much down time this piece of equipment has for repairs.

Mr. Gainey replied two to three days per month.

Commissioner Mills said they will have to get another one soon. He said they should get a trade in estimate and then auction it off for the trade in value.

Commissioner Stephenson said you can find these cheap online.

Manager Cannon said a guy is coming Tuesday or Wednesday to look at this piece of equipment. He said you can use the trade in value from Beard as the minimum for auction.

Mr. Gainey said the next estimate for repair is for \$12,787.50 for the 644 Loader.

Commissioner Stephenson suggested to see Lee Custom Service for a quote.

**DWAYNE CHAUNCEY, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR**

Mr. Dwayne Chauncey was not present for this meeting.

**MICHAEL LATSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

Solid Waste Director Michael Latson appeared before the Board and informed them that the Red Truck needs to be fixed. He said they have three trailers broke down. He said they are trying to catch up on the garbage and are hauling it directly to Greenville.

Commissioner Stephenson said when you have lumber in the trucks that this causes problems. He said the garbage must be separated.

Mr. Latson said that the county will be fined if they have stuff on the ground. He said the pressure treated wood must go to Greenville.

Mr. Latson said that most of the C & D materials are from the coastal towns and from commercial trailers.

Mr. Frank Darabi informed the Board that the issue is C & D is a specific kind of trash and it can't be mixed with other trash or they can get fined from DEP. He suggested the Roll Off site attendant needs to tell the public to separate the trash. He said that DEP can close the landfill in not in compliance.

Commissioner Mills asked if they have any C & D dumpsters available.

Mr. Latson replied no.

Commissioner Storey asked if the C & D materials are mixed in regular cans now.

Mr. Latson replied sometimes yes.

Commissioner Stephenson said the Roll Off site attendants must be held accountable.

He said this issue is costing money for the county and repairs to equipment.

Commissioner Hatch suggested that Mr. Latson and Commissioner Stephenson go to Aucilla and meet with their Board and discuss some of these issues.

Commissioner Mills asked if the fence has been repaired on the back side of the dump. Mr. Latson said not yet, he is trying to figure out how to solve this problem.

Commissioner Stephenson said the signs have some misspelled words on them.

Mr. Latson said he is having this corrected and getting them installed.

Commissioner Hatch said he does not like the installation of the sign at the 55 A Roll Off site. He said they need to look more professional with framing and attached with posts not bowed and tied to a guide wire.

Commissioner Mills said the signs are hard to see and read because they are too low to the ground. He said they need to be raised up to eye level.

### **LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING**

#### **Xtreme Broad Band Services**

Building Official Lean Wright appeared before the Board to discuss Xtreme Broadband. He said that they want to get permits for the poles. He said they have a letter from Central Florida Electric trying to find a solution to this issue years ago. He said the county now has an Ordinance in place.

County Attorney Michael Osteen informed the Board that Mr. Danny George from Central Florida Electric is here tonight and can explain and answer questions.

Mr. Danny George from Central Florida Electric spoke to the Board and said they have been trying to work with Xtreme Broadband since 2017. He said they were unsuccessful in getting payment from them and they even negotiated a new agreement so they could continue to use the same electric poles. He said they would not sign the agreement and would not pay their debt, so they were told to remove their TV cable lines from the electric poles.

Attorney Osteen added that Xtreme Broad band has since then sued the county over this issue. He read aloud a letter from the attorneys representing the county regarding Xtreme Broadband dated July 15, 2021. The letter in summary stated that Yvonne Holt of Xtreme Broadband wants permits to have poles in the county right of way after the fact. He said they did this work years ago without requesting any permits. He said this is not in compliance with the Florida Building Code. He said that there is another option for Xtreme Broadband. He said they can work out an agreement with Central Florida Electric to place their cable on the existing electric poles.

Mr. Brian Wester spoke to the Board on behalf of Xtreme Broadband. He said Mr. Tom Holt is his father and he started with the company in 2016 and they are a telephone internet and cable provider although internet is not their primary service. He said this started many years ago as a pole issue. He said this could have been avoided. He said he has asked for guidance on how to get permits and the cost and fees associated with that but got no help from Building and Zoning.

Mr. Wright replied that would have been prior to me being hired in 2018. He said this has been a lengthy on-going issue.

Attorney Osteen said the Ordinance is in place and they cannot get any permits. He said that Xtreme Broadband must remove their poles from the county right of way. He said that since Mr. Wright took over as the Building Official that he has spoken with Mr. Holt and Mr. Wester and sent emails explaining the process, the situation, and what was needed as well as the attorneys have been involved with the communication. He said they can re connect to the existing electric poles with permission and a contract with Central Florida Electric.

Commissioner Stephenson asked why they removed their lines from the electric poles. Mr. Wester replied they were told to do so. Attorney Osteen added that the electric company went up on their attachment rates.

Mr. Danny George explained that their prior agreement had expired, and the rates did go up. However, he said they negotiated a reduced rate for Xtreme Broadband and they would not sign. He said if they would sign the new agreements, they can re attach to the electric poles.

Attorney Osteen said they should work this pout with the electric company.

Commissioner Stephenson said the county wants to recoup some money from the lawsuit the Holts initiated against the county because of all of this.

Commissioner Stephenson asked Mr. George about a set rate for their customers. Mr. George replied they have negotiated and are offering a discounted rate now.

Attorney Osteen said the county needs to re coup the attorney fees if legally allowed to do so. Commissioner Stephenson agreed.

Mr. Wester asked for a copy of the letter that was read aloud. Attorney Osteen informed him they can make a public records request.

Commissioner Mills said the county needs to get out of this situation. He said the county has paid for a lawsuit they should not have been involved in and may not get any money back. Attorney Osteen reminded the Board that the county is liable for the un-permitted poles in the county right of way. He said they must be removed.



***Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to have the poles removed from the county right of way within 60 days. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

Mr. Wester asked the Board to clarify that they want Xtreme Broadband to sign a contract and remove the poles within 60 days.

Mr. Wright said the county will have to release the Stop Work Order so this can be done. Commissioner Hatch said yes.

Mr. George added that they may need longer than 60 days because he doesn't know how many poles there are, and they must work together to get this done within storm season. Commissioner Hatch said there must be some effort shown and the Board may be flexible.

Mr. Wright spoke to the Board about another issue. He said the permitting at the Building and Zoning office is behind. He said they have received several complaints and he has been working to try and catch this up. He said he was unaware of the back log of permit petitions.

Commissioner Stephenson thanked him for working through his vacation to address and resolve this issue.

Mr. Wright informed the Board that they have also been remodeling the Building and Zoning office.

Mr. Wright informed the Board that they have been having some issues with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as well.

He said they are not in agreement with some of the county needs and requests. He said if the NCFRPC doesn't agree with a project for the county then they just don't work on it. He said he has emails and documentation to show the delays and lack of cooperation. He requested permission from the Board to seek out help from other sources. He said that several other counties have been having these same issues and are choosing not to use the NCFRPC any longer. He said the county can chose other Engineers and get better service.

Commissioner Stephenson questioned why they are not helping.

Mr. Wright said they are slow to respond or not at all.

Commissioner Hatch recommended they stop using the NCFRPC.

Mr. Wright said he had spoken to the former County Manager, Tim Alexander about this same issue.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to move forward and explore other options and sources of service. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

Mr. Wright informed the Board that they can retain their membership, but do not have to use their services.

Mr. Wright informed the Board that an 85-year-old citizen had lost insurance because of this issue. He said there was an LDR violation and the NCFRPC never followed through with the work.

He said he even called the man's insurance company to explain.

Mr. Greg Bailey informed the Board that they must retain their membership with NCFRPC, but they can use other engineers for the work.

Mr. Wright said the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was created by the state.

Mr. Wright informed the Board of the recent Code Enforcement Hearing verdicts.

He said out of eight violators, one complied, three didn't show up for hearing, and four are guilty and will have fines.

Commissioner Hatch expressed his thanks to Mr. Steve Fremen for doing a good job.

Commissioner Mills asked if the Board can be their own planning council.

Mr. Wright replied no.

***Commissioner Mills made a motion to waive the permitting fees for the new Veterans Memorial Building in Old Town. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

Mr. Wright said they will still have to fill out the paperwork for documentation.

Mr. Robert Carter spoke to the Board and said they will do everything above board. He expressed his thanks for to everyone for their help and support with this current project and through previous years. He thanked the Veterans for their service.

**DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Mr. Matt Ferguson appeared before the Board to request their approval of Resolution 2021-87 for the EMS County Swards Grant. He said this is a non-competitive grant and it has been rolled over for three years and they need to use this.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 21021-87 in support of the EMS County Awards Grant. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board aproned.***

Director of Emergency Services Darian Brown appeared before the Board to inform them that Doctor Janasewitz will be retiring. He said that Emergency Services operates under a Medical Director and his license. He said they will need to hire another Medical Director in order to keep operating. He said they have two applicants for the position.

Commissioner Hatch said the Board will vote when they provided a name.  
Manager Cannon said he doesn't think the Board needs to vote on this.  
Commissioner Hatch said if the Board's paying him money the Board needs to vote.

Director Brown informed the Board that they pay the Medical Director \$18,000.00.  
He said that most Doctors want \$40,000.00 up to \$45,000.00 for this position.

Ms. Holy Houghton asked the Board if they wanted hiring the Medical Director to be stipulated as needing the Board's approval in the Policy and Procedure Manual the same as hiring an Attorney.

Commissioner Hatch replied yes.

Director Brown informed the Board that the Governor has approved \$1,000.00 for each EMS and Fireman and Law Enforcement officer under the American Recovery Act. He said this is at no cost to the Board.

Director Brown informed the Board that they will apply for the \$30,000.00 Fire Grant through Fire House Subs.

Director Brown informed the Board that they will apply for the Volunteer Fire Grant for \$15,000.00 for the purchase of five sets of turn out gear.

Director Brown informed the Board that the new ambulance remount will be arriving from Texas today.

Director Brown informed the Board that the National Awareness for Overdose Deaths is July 31, 2021. He said the Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition would like to use the EOC parking lot for their event schedules on July 28, 2021.

Director Brown informed the Board that they are combining Fire Station buildings to save money in Old Town. He said they have shuffled staff. He said this will help with better morale and accountability and cost. He said the county can save \$17,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per year. He said they will need to do \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 worth of remodeling, but they can use impact fees for this.

Commissioner Hatch asked which station he is referring to.

Director Brown replied Rescue two near the helipad.

Commissioner Hatch recommended he get several quotes and bring this to the Board.

### **GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE**

Ms. Gail Carter had nothing to discuss at this time.

**HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT**

Ms. Holly Houghton appeared before the Board and informed them that the Livestock Fair people will meet Tuesday. She said they are adding some more classes of cattle to the event. She said that there will be an American Class, a Brahma Class and a Brangus Class added. She said they are also adding Guinea Pigs to the lineup of shows.

Ms. Houghton informed the Board that UF Family Consumer Science has received Federal funding for telehealth. She said this is a Shands and VA partnership for rural health. She said the equipment can be used as home health care for hypertension and diabetes. She said that insurance will cover the cost of the kit. She said they will have a training session on Tuesday at the County Extension office on how to use the equipment.

Ms. Houghton informed the Board that the Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition would like to do a display in the flower bed at the courthouse for the National Awareness for Overdose Deaths on July 31, 2021.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the display at the courthouse. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

Manager Cannon informed the Board that the Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition have another event planned for September 25, 2021 from 4:00 until 8: PM at the Waldo Park.

*Commissioner Mills approved the use of Waldo Park for the event. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

Commissioner Hatch said the Board as part of the Board's policy, the Board wants to look at the contract for the Medical Director.

Mr. Matt Ferguson added that a licensed Medical Doctor is needed for this position. Commissioner Hatch suggested they check with the same Doctor that the Dixie County Jail uses.

**ANGIE CROWLEY, HUMAN RESOURCES SUPERVISOR**

Ms. Angie Crowley was not present for this meeting.

**DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board and requested their approval for several projects.

Manager Cannon requested the Board select and approve a Design Engineering firm for the CR 340 from SR 349 to Suwannee River Bridge project. FDOT FPN #441329-1-54-01 project in the amount of \$2,300,000.00.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to select and approve Darabi and Associates as the Design Engineering firm for the CR 340 from SR 349 to Suwannee River Bridge Project. Commissioner Valentine seconded.***

Commissioner Hatch disagreed. He said that Darabi had the last four road projects and they should give someone else a chance.

Commissioner Stephenson added that Darabi did some work for free.

Mr. Frank Darabi spoke to the Board and expressed his concern with the way they hire engineers. He said the Board hires them late in process.

He said the engineer needs more time to prepare a plan and do a cost estimate and send this information to FDOT. He said if you wait too long then you have difficulty.

He said he would like to have this job and was promised this job already.

Commissioner Hatch voted no.

Commissioner Mills voted no.

Commissioner Storey asked about a design build project.

Commissioner Hatch said he would like to do one of these.

Manager Cannon said it may be worth it on certain projects.

Mr. Darabi said that Anderson Columbia is the only people who can do this type of work.

Mr. Darabi said he will do the project and fix it. He said the engineer works on the whole project from start to finish.

***Commissioner Storey voted yes to give the project to Darabi and Associates. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's selection and approval of a CEI Engineering firm for the CR 340 from SR 349 to Suwannee River Bridge project. FDOT FPN #441329-1-54-01 project in the amount of \$2,300,000.00.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion for Greg Bailey, North Florida Professional Services to be the CEI Engineering firm for the CR 340 from SR 349 to Suwannee River Bridge project. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's selection and approval of a Design Engineering firm for the NE 362<sup>nd</sup> Ave & NE 364<sup>th</sup> from NE 594<sup>th</sup> St to SR 349 project. FDOT FPN #436453-2-54-01 project amount of \$1,600,000.00.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion for Greg Bailey, North Florida Professional Services to be the Design Engineering firm for the NE 362<sup>nd</sup> Ave & NE 364<sup>th</sup> from NE 594<sup>th</sup> St to SR 349 project. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's selection and approval of a CEI Engineering firm for the NE 362<sup>nd</sup> Ave & NE 364<sup>th</sup> from NE 594<sup>th</sup> St to SR 349 project. FDOT FPN #436453-2-54-01 project amount of \$1,600,000.00.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion for Locklear and Associates to be the CEI Engineering firm for the NE 362<sup>nd</sup> Ave & NE 364<sup>th</sup> from NE 594<sup>th</sup> St to SR 349 project. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to sign the lease agreement for the T1 hangar with Sammy Royal.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the hanger lease agreement with Sammy Royal. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon informed the Board that a Pre-Construction meeting was held today and the Hwy 55A Pavement Markings and Signage project is projected to begin by August 02, 2021. He said he also got a quote for the center line stripping from the Dixie County Jail around to the East Unit Work Camp at the Cross City Correctional Facility.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that the Dixie Mainline will be closed from the Suwannee Hwy to the Shired Island Hwy due to water issues until further notice.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that back on August 05, 2021 they had voted to move the Board meetings back to the School Board Meeting room. However, this cannot be done because certain advertisements have already gone out to the public and the next Board meeting will have to be at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Hatch informed everyone that there is a carnival in Newberry, and he asked that the County Manger reach out to them and find out if they can come to Dixie County.

**MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Michael Osteen had nothing further to discuss.

**BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT**

Ms. Jacki Johnson appeared before the Board and informed them that they need to set a tentative hearing date and decide on the millage rates. She said the School Board must choose their dates first. She said it will need to be between September 03 and September 18, 2021.

Attorney Osteen apologized on behalf of Commissioner Stephenson as he had to leave the meeting.

Ms. Johnson said the Board needs to set a millage number before August 04, 2021 as this is the last possible date.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to schedule a Special Meeting on July 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM to set tentative hearing and mileage rates. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

Ms. Johnson said the Auditors are her and they have completed the Audits for the Clerk of Court, the Tax Collector, the Property Appraiser, the Supervisor of Elections, and the Sheriff. She said they are currently working on the Board Audit.

Commissioner Hatch asked when the Clerk will present the Budget to the Board.

Ms. Johnson said she will get some projections ready. She said she is waiting on some numbers from the state, and the fuel tax, and sales tax.

Manager Cannon reminded everyone that in the past they have always been short on time for this process. He said they now have time to work on this.

Commissioner Hatch said to make sure the 2020 Audit is completed first.

**COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS**

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to open the Horseshoe Roll Off site on Sunday at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to allow C & D materials to be dumped at the Roll Off sites. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

Manager Cannons asked about pulling back the rentals and place these at the Roll Off sites. Mr. Michael Latson informed the Board that they need to purchase more cans for rentals.

Manager Cannon presented the Dixie Soil and Water Budget to the Board and requested their approval.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the DSW Budget request. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

Mr. Latson said he will put C & D dumpster s at the Suwannee, Horseshoe, Jena, Hwy 55A and Rock Pit Roll Off sites per the Board's request.

Commissioner Mills said he will pay for the purchase of five more new dumpsters.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

There were no comments or concerns expressed at this time.

APPROVED



**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Mills made the motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

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Jamie Storey, Chairman

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