

Regular Meeting
Commission Board Room
Dixie County Courthouse
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628
October 06, 2022 – 10:00 AM

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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
Paul Gainey, Asst. County Manager
Martha McCaskill, Administrative Asst/Grant Coordinator
Chana Watson, County Attorney
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court
Della Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk
Jacki Johnson, Chief Financial Officer
Brenda Royal, Chief Financial Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting/Workshop was called to order at 10:00 AM 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 Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 01, 2022. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Minutes from the Final Budget Workshop of September 19, 2022. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Minutes from the Emergency Meeting of September 26, 2022. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

None were present.

PUBLIC HEARING: THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE CONTINUED TO ONE OR MORE FUTURE DATES. ANY INTERESTED PARTY IS ADVISED THAT THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF ANY CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THAT NO FURTHER NOTICE CONCERNING THE MATTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED.

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

Ms. Virginia Sanchez spoke to the Board and commented on the RV Special Exceptions on the Agenda. She thanked the Board for allowing her to speak at this time. She read a letter she had written and presented a petition with 49 signatures opposing the special exception request by Mr. Leo Plante for his property in the Turner Point area. She said the Turner Point neighborhood is clean and neat with nice homes which bring a high property tax value for the county. She opposes the RV Special Exception; however, would be okay with the Mr. Plante getting a building permit to build a home.

Ms. Sanchez said she has come to realize this is a huge issue around the county in all the districts. She stated that at every meeting there are RV Special Exceptions being approved by the Board. She said that more people are moving here to live in a RV. She questioned the zoning in the areas that the Special Exception requests are for which could contribute to more flooding issues.

Ms. Sanchez said that no Fire or Solid Waste Assessments are being paid by these people and a \$300.00 annual RV Special Exception renewal fee is all the revenue the county receives from these requests. She said that Commissioner Hatch had informed her that they will be paying the assessments in the future.

Ms. Sanchez said that Building Official Leon Wright had told her that 90 percent of the code enforcement issues are from these RV Special Exceptions. She said she has heard complaints about the delays in getting inspections and building permits. She said the continuation of this practice will get worse for the schools, emergency management, and law enforcement resources.

Ms. Sanchez said that economic development will also be difficult. She said companies will not want to come to this county because of the demographic study. She said people living in campers does not create a good tax base for the county. She said county employees cannot get raises and county equipment cannot be upgraded without a generous tax revenue.

Ms. Sanchez said a solution is needed. She recommended a special committee be formed to gather data on this issue and bring the information before the Board. She recommended a Temporary Moratorium be adopted for all future RV Special Exception requests.

Commissioner Stephenson said he agrees the time frame for these requests should be limited.

A petition by **Randall and Deborah Adams** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.7.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in a (RSF/MH) Residential Single Family/Mobile Home zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/20/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2994-0003-3470, 71 SE 893 Ave, Old Town, FL 32680. (**Commission District 3, Mark Hatch**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Randall and Deborah Adams.

Commissioner Hatch agreed the RV Special Exception program needs help. He said that even though this does generate some revenue, homes are better. He said the current practice for these public hearings is the Board considers opposition when making their decision to approve or deny any requests.

Ms. Herring stated that if the request is approved, they will also have to pay \$104.00 to apply for power and \$1,000.00 for the impact fee.

Ms. Sanchez said she is opposed.

Commissioner Hatch explained there are also special health related circumstances with this request and there is no opposition from their neighbors.

Ms. Herring stated several people do this when they are a few years away from building a home.

County Attorney Chana Watson said the permit can stay in effect if it is renewed every year.

Ms. Herring stated there are 762 RV Special Exceptions permitted in the county and several that are not permitted and are using generators illegally.

Attorney Watson said that a written complaint must be filed with Building and Zoning for code violations. She said they do not have the time and staff to look for these issues.

Commissioner Stephenson said the majority of the code enforcement issue are from people living in the RV/Camper illegally/unpermitted.

Ms. Herring said the inspector is annually checking these permits and he may find more than one RV/Camper on the property which is in violation of the RV Special Exception and the power will be cut off.

Ms. Sanchez was no longer in opposition of this request.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Randall and Deborah Adams. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Mills said that a line must be drawn. He agreed a temporary moratorium may be needed. He said there are people living in campers and using generators illegally.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to set a moratorium and no longer place the RV Special Exceptions on the agenda until they figure out a solution.

Ms. Herring said that the applications have been paid for, advertising for November 03, 2022 has been submitted, letters have been mailed and the properties have been posted.

Commissioner Mills amended his motion to include that no more application money be accepted after today. Commissioner Hatch seconded.

Commissioner Hatch said they need to set some Workshops before November 03, 2022 for more public input and discussion.

Commissioner Mills cautioned everyone to investigate everything before they make the purchase.

Ms. Julie Herring said that real estate agents are calling ahead for zoning questions because the annual renewals are attached to the property when it is sold if it has not expired.

Commissioner Mills amended his motion to include the Workshop advertisements for Special Exception for October 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the School Board Meeting Room in Old Town and November 03, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the Commission Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Attorney Watson said the exception attachment to the property may need to be modified.

Mr. Greg Bailey with North Florida Professional Services stated that Special Exceptions is a broad category and also covers commercial businesses.

A petition by **Todd and Heather Trout** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in a (ESA) Environmentally Sensitive Area zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 07/28/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 13-09-13-4051-0000-1380, 626 NE 829 St, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Todd and Heather Trout. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Todd and Heather Trout. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Alfredo Avendano** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.4.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an (AG) Agricultural zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 08/30/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 18-10-13-4655-0000-0040, 20688 SE Hwy 19, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 3, Mark Hatch)

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

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to table the Special Exception requested by Alfredo Avendano. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board tabled.

A petition by **Marty and Cynthia Bennett** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.7.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in a (RSF/MH) Residential Single Family/Mobile Home zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 08/30/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2994-0000-0980, 107 SE 230 St, Old Town, FL 32680. (**Commission District 3, Mark Hatch**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Marty and Cynthia Bennett. There was opposition.

Mr. Marty Bennett spoke to the Board about the Special Exception. He said this is a vacant property that he wants to go to when there is a storm. He said they would like to put a Park Model Home on this property in the future. He presented a photo for an example. He said he was trying to communicate and work things out with the neighbors.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to table the Special Exception requested by Marty and Cynthia Bennett. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board tabled.

A petition by George and **Kimberly Campbell** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an (ESA) Environmentally Sensitive Area zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 09/02/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 05-10-10-0427-0000-021A, 1161 SW 715 St, Steinhatchee, FL 32359. (**Commission District 5, James Valentine**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by George and Kimberly Campbell. There was no opposition. This property is in Jena.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to table the Special Exception requested by George and Kimberly Campbell. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board tabled.

A petition by **Jennifer Edgley** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an (ESA) Environmentally Sensitive Area zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 09/01/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 36-10-13-0000-5648-2000, 336 SE 195 Ave, Old Town, FL 32680. (**Commission District 2, W.C. Mills**)

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

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

A petition by **Edward, Jr. and Rebecca Chappell** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an (ESA) Environmentally Sensitive Area zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 09/02/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-13-4423-0000-0250, 747 NE 796 St, Old Town, FL 32680. (**Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson**)

Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Edward, Jr. and Rebecca Chappell. There was opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to table the Special Exception requested by Edward, Jr. and Rebecca Chappell. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board tabled.

Commissioner Mills said the Board has always considered the neighbors approval or opposition when they vote to approve or deny these requests. He said they may need to change this in the future.

A man from the audience commented that the people should be present at the meeting to explain their requests.

Commissioner Mills agreed, the petitioner should be here, as well as the neighbors.

Commissioner Hatch thanked the Building and Zoning Department for calling him when these requests come up in his district so he can follow up. He said people are also notified in advance of the meeting.

A petition by **Leo And Susan Plante** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an (ESA) Environmentally Sensitive Area zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 09/07/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 13-09-13-4051-0000-1630, 1575 NE 835Tth St, Old Town, FL 32680. (**Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Leo and Susan Plante. There was a petition presented with opposing signatures.

Mr. Leo Plante spoke to the Board about his Special Exception request. He said he is retired from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department and he has bought this property to improve it and build a home or get a mobile home. He said he would like to stay in his RV while making improvements to the property.

Commissioner Stephenson recommended they get a building permit.

Mr. Plante agreed that would suit his needs.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to deny the Special Exception requested by Leo and Susan Plante. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board denied.

A petition by **Paul Baldwin and Ai Ling Huang** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.4.5 Special Exceptions: number (9) Campgrounds, of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in an (AG) Agricultural zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 09/08/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-10-13-0000-4670-0100, 102 SE 525th St, Old Town, FL 32680. **(Commission District 3, Mark Hatch)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Paul Baldwin and Ai Ling Huang. This property is near the old Drive-In Theater. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Paul Baldwin and Ai Ling Huang. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Darren and Rebecca Dewitt** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.7.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in a (RSF/MH) Residential Single Family/Mobile Home zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 09/09/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-0000-3352-0000, 83 SE 217th St, Old Town, FL 32680. **(Commission District 3, Mark Hatch)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Darren and Rebecca Dewitt. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Darren and Rebecca Dewitt. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Robert R. French** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.4.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an (AG) Agriculture zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 09/13/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 04-10-13-4520-0000-0610, 627 NE 550th St, Old Town, FL 32680. **(Commission District 2, W.C. Mills)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Robert R. French. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Special Exception requested by Robert R. French. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Mr. Robert French spoke to the Board about his Special Exception request. He said he moved here from Georgia and is a pilot in Gainesville. He said he has cleared and improved the property and intends to build a home.

A petition by **Roy and Barbara Green** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.4.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an (AG) Agriculture zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 09/16/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 28-09-13-4474-0000-0370, 457 NE 558 St, Old Town, FL 32680.
(Commission District 4, Jamie Storey)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Roy and Barbara Green.

Commissioner Storey requested this be tabled.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to table the Special Exception requested by Roy and Barbara Green. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board tabled.

A petition by **David and Terri Newton POA for Thomas and Kimberly Barefoot** located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2930-0000-0450, 81 SE 208 St, Old Town, FL 32680, to request a **Variance** for reduction of the setbacks from 25 feet in front to 5 feet, 10 feet on the sides to 5 feet and 15 feet in the rear down to 5 feet, for new construction by the petition dated 08/22/2022 which is located within Section 4.7.7 RSF/MH subparagraph (2) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 Variance Procedures. **(Commission District 3, Mark Hatch)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by David and Terri Newton POA for Thomas and Kimberly Barefoot. This property is in Suwannee near the Post Office. There was no opposition.

Mr. David Newton spoke to the Board about his Variance request. He said the property is narrow but long and they will park on the left.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance requested by David and Terri Newton POA for Thomas and Kimberly Barefoot. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Harry Ronald Hunt** to request a **Variance** for a boat house encroachment into the canal by 2 feet, this exceeds the 25% width by two feet (boathouse is 12 feet wide) by the petition dated 08/31/2022 located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2952-000G-0010, 239 SE 867 Ave, Old Town, FL 32680, which is located within Section 4.7.7 RSF/MH subparagraph (2) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 Variance Procedures. **(Commission District 3, Mark Hatch)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Harry Ronald Hunt. There was no opposition. The contractor pulled this permit for the homeowner.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance requested by Harry Ronald Hunt. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **David Walters** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 36-10-13-5665-0012-0390, 380 SE 917 St, Old Town, FL 32680, to request a **Variance** for construction of a 24x30 open pole barn for an RV by the petition dated 09/01/2022 which is located within Section 4.3.7 ESA subparagraph (1) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 Variance Procedures.

(Commission District 2, W.C. Mills)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by David Walters. There was no opposition. She said this request was to cover an RV with a pole barn.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to deny the Variance requested by David Walters. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board denied.

Commissioner Stephenson said that the LDR states you cannot have a pole barn unless you have a permanent structure. Commissioner Mills and Commissioner Storey agreed.

A petition by **Thomas and Barbara Barnhart** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 34-09-13-0000-4495-1100, 64 NE 601 St, Old Town, FL 32680, to request a **Variance** for new construction of a 30x60 pole barn for an RV by the petition dated 09/07/2022 which is located within Section 4.4.7 Agriculture subparagraph (1) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 Variance Procedures.

(Commission District 4, Jamie Storey)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Thomas and Barbara Barnhart. She said this request was to cover an RV with a pole barn.

Commissioner Storey requested this be denied.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to deny the Variance requested by Thomas and Barbara Barnhart. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board denied.

Mr. Barnhart spoke to the Board about his Variance request. He said he is retired and plans to build down the road.

Commissioner Storey said they can move forward with improving the property without a pole barn.

Ms. Barnhart asked about enclosing the pole barn.

Commissioner Storey said that is becoming an issue with people enclosing pole barns.

A petition by **Salty Souls Holdings** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-09-0041-0000-0000, 44 SW 877 St, Steinhatchee, FL 32359, to request a **Variance** for reduction of the setbacks on the rear from 25 feet to 10 feet and on the sides from 10 feet to 5 feet for new construction by the petition dated 09/13/2022 which is located within Section 4.17 (PRD) Planned Residential Development of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 Variance Procedures. **(Commission District 5, James Valentine)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Salty Souls Holdings. There was no opposition. This property is in Jena.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the Variance requested by Salty Souls Holdings. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-141

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 A RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME AREA (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MAY 20, 2022. **Randall and Deborah Adams**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-141 in support of Randall and Deborah Adams.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-141 in support of Randall and Deborah Adams. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-142

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED JULY 28, 2022. **Todd and Heather Trout**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-142 in support of Todd and Heather Trout.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-142 in support of Todd and Heather Trout. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.4.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED AUGUST 30, 2022. **Alfredo Avendano**

Resolution 2022-143 was tabled due to the Special Exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-144

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 AUGUST 30, 2022.

Marty and Cynthia Bennett

Resolution 2022-144 was tabled due to the Special Exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-145

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.

Jennifer Edgley

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-145 in support of Jennifer Edgley.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-145 in support of Jennifer Edgley. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-146

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 2022.

George and Kimberly Campbell

Resolution 2022-146 was tabled due to the Special Exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-147

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 2022.

Edward, Jr. and Rebecca Chappell

Resolution 2022-147 was tabled due to the Special Exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-148

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2022. **Leo and Susan Plante**

Resolution 2022-148 was denied due to the Special Exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

***RESOLUTION 2022-158**

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(9) SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: CAMPGROUNDS, OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS "A" IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2022. **Paul Baldwin and Ai Ling Huang**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-158 in support of Paul Baldwin and Ai Ling Huang.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-158 in support of Paul Baldwin and Ai Ling Huang. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-150

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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2022. **Darren and Rebecca Dewitt**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-150 in support of Darren and Rebecca Dewitt.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-150 in support of Darren and Rebecca Dewitt. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.4.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2022.

Robert R. French

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-151 in support of Robert R. French.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-151 in support of Robert R. French. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.4.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2022. **Roy and Barbara Green**

Resolution 2022-152 was tabled due to the Special Exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-153

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 SETBACKS FROM 25' IN FRONT TO 5', 10 FEET ON SIDES TO 5 FEET AND 15 FEET IN REAR DOWN TO 5 FEET FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION WHICH IS LOCATED IN AN RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME AREA (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED AUGUST 22, 2022. **David and Terri Newton POA for Thomas and Kimberly Barefoot**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-153 in support of David and Terri Newton POA for Thomas and Kimberly Barefoot.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-153 in support of David and Terri Newton POA for Thomas and Kimberly Barefoot. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-154

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 BOAT HOUSE ENCROACHMENT INTO CANAL BY 2 FEET EXCEEDS THE 25% WIDTH BY TWO FEET (BOATHOUSE IS 12 FEET WIDE) WHICH IS LOCATED IN AN RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME AREA (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED AUGUST 31, 2022. **Harry Ronald Hunt**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-154 in support of Harry Ronald Hunt.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-154 in support of Harry Ronald Hunt. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-155

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 CONSTRUCTION OF A 24X30 OPEN POLE BARN FOR RV WHICH IS LOCATED IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2022. **David Walters**

Resolution 2022-155 was denied due to the Special Exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-156

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 NEW CONSTRUCTION OF 30X60 OPEN POLE BARN FOR RV WHICH IS LOCATED IN AN AGRICULTURAL (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2022. **Thomas and Barbara Barnhart**

Resolution 2022-568 was denied due to the Special Exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-157

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 SETBACKS ON REAR FROM 25 FEET TO 10 FEET AND SIDES FROM 10 FEET TO 5 FEET FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION WHICH IS LOCATED IN AN PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (PRD) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2022. **Salty Souls Holdings**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-157 in support of Salty Souls Holdings.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-157 in support of Salty Souls Holdings. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Mr. James Ward asked about the neighbors who oppose Mr. Bennett and who won't speak to Mr. Bennett about the matter.

Commissioner Mills and Commissioner Storey both stated the neighbors should come to meeting.

Ms. Sanchez thanked the Board for today.

Commissioner Mills stated the Board members should call the petitioners and the opposing neighbors and speak to everyone about the matter.

Commissioner Hatch said that he would also like to address Air B & B rentals. He said this is a commercial business and this is also an issue. He would like to add this matter to the previously scheduled Workshops.

Ms. Herring said they get a lot of complaints about these rentals.

Commissioner Mills amended his motion to include Air B & B rentals to the Workshop advertisements for Special Exception for October 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the School Board Meeting Room in Old Town and November 03, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the Commission Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Ms. Herring said they have these paid up and advertised and posted through November 03, 2022.

Commissioner Mills amended his motion to not accept any more Special Exception application money after November 03, 2022. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch stated they may get some better ideas solutions from the public at the Workshops.

Several people from the audience voiced their concerns with Air B & B rentals.

KAREN VAN AERNAM, TURKEY TROT

Ms. Karen Van Aernam appeared before the Board and informed them about the 3.1 miles Turkey Trot scheduled for 7:30 AM on Thanksgiving morning. She said the money raised goes towards beautification of the Town of Cross City. She said they raised \$15,000.00 last year from donations.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion for the Board to make a \$500.00 donation to the Turkey Trot. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

STEVE COPELAND, SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER MANAGER

Mr. Steve Copeland appeared before the Board and informed them that the Town of Suwannee fared well during the storm. He said they have 936 active accounts with nine (9) installs pending. He said on September 21, 2022 all his office staff resigned. He said he has some temporary help and is hiring a person to fill one position. He informed the Board that Suwannee is a recreational community and has a lot of RV's that generate ¼ of their revenue. He said the elimination of RV's would also eliminate a lot of revenue.

Ms. Sanchez asked how many parcels in Suwannee and Horseshoe are not large enough to build on.

Mr. Copeland said that a 50x100 lot is the standard size.

Commissioner Hatch thanked him for his storm preparation.

GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Greg Bailey appeared before the Board and informed them that 362 and 364 Avenue have been approved by FDOT and will be advertised for bid. He said the pre-site visit for 351A has been submitted. He said the survey has been started at the EOC for design and they have reviewed the site plans for the Chavous fire station. He said the Courthouse contractor met with the sub-contractor for the door awning. He said the application for the Restore Act has been refined because some of the original scope of work has been done for the Waterfront Project.

Manager Cannon explained that the Main Street Commercial Dock was built in 2016 and they now have a new design.

Mr. Bailey said the plans for 353 road were done in 2007-2008. He said an Engineering Study would be needed to address the 35 MPH speed zone signs per statute and FDOT regulations.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to allow North Florida Professional Services to start this speed limit change analysis process for County Road 353. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon said a cost estimate is needed.

Commissioner Stephenson said the 25 MPH speed limit signs north of the rock pit are missing again.

JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. Jered Lizotte had nothing to discuss at this time.

CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Cindy Bellot informed the Board of the local author, Ms. Olivia Brown, poetry book signing on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

STEVE FREMEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT & VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mr. Steve Fremem was not present for this meeting.

STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hutchison was not present for this meeting.

DWAYNE CHAUNCEY, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR

Mr. Chauncey was not present for this meeting.

MICHAEL LATSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

Commissioner Hatch thanked them for the roll off site storm preparation.

LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL

Mr. Leon Wright was not present for this meeting.

DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Operations Chief Roy Bass appeared before the Board and informed them that Emergency Management Chief Scott Garner had been requested to travel to South Florida to help with emergency management.

He requested the Board approve the Station Build Agreements so they can be submitted to the state.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Station Build Agreements. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch thanked the EOC staff for their storm preparation.

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

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

GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE

Ms. Carter was not present for this meeting.

HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

Ms. Houghton was not present for this meeting.

ANGIE CROWLEY, HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Crowley was not present for this meeting.

DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board to request several items for approval.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to accept DSI (Disasters, Strategies & Ideas Group, LLC) as administrative oversight for the LPA0279 Flood & Storm Water Mitigation Project in the amount of \$270,00.00.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to accept DSI (Disasters, Strategies & Ideas Group, LLC) as administrative oversight for the LPA0279 Flood & Storm Water Mitigation Project in the amount of \$270,00.00. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to allow Shelly Hatmaker to hold a Trunk-n-Treat event at Waldo Park on October 31, 2022, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. He said this event is open to the public.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to allow Shelly Hatmaker to hold a Trunk-n-Treat event at Waldo Park on October 31, 2022, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to support the contract between the DOH (Department of Health) and the Guardian Ad Litem for the purpose of space sharing at the portable building located behind the DOH.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to support the contract between DOH (Department of Health) and the Guardian Ad Litem for the purpose of space sharing at the portable building located behind the DOH. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of the Meridian Behavioral Healthcare Contract for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$55,202.00 and donate the use of the land for the Center located at Veteran's Road and US Hwy 19 Cross City. He said the value of this space is estimated at \$1,800.00 per year.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Meridian Behavioral Healthcare Contract for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$55,202.00 and donate the use of the land for the Center located at Veteran's Road and US Hwy 19 Cross City. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval for the SHIP Rehab Reimbursement for Lori Lamb in the amount of \$24,906.00.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the SHIP Rehab Reimbursement for Lori Lamb in the amount of \$24,906.00. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval for the SHIP Reimbursement of Emergency Repair for Vada Coleman in the amount of \$14,800.00

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the SHIP Reimbursement of Emergency Repair for Vada Coleman in the amount of \$14,800.00. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to allow Board Employees to take off at 1:30 PM on October 13, 2022, to attend or participate in the Homecoming Parade. He said this will be Administrative Leave.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to allow Board Employees to take off at 1:30 PM on October 13, 2022, to attend or participate in the Homecoming Parade. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon informed the Board of the following advertisements:

- The advertisement to receive bids for CR 340 is being run.
- The advertisement to receive bids for the Ruth Rains Middle School (RRMS) Flood Mitigation Project is being run.
- The advertisement for NE 362/364 (Palm Drive) is prepared to go in the newspaper next week.

Manager Cannon informed everyone the County Offices will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2022, in observation of Columbus Day.

Manager Cannon informed everyone the Peanut Butter Challenge will run for the month of October. He said that Laura Fowler with the Florida Peanut Federation will match all donations of Peanut Butter and will distribute them locally.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that his office staff met with the Finance Department this week concerning all the upcoming grants and have determined that a Line of Credit will be needed to fund the projects prior to their reimbursement.

He said he will meet with banks to discuss their options.

SOLID WASTE DUMPSTER CAN RENTALS

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board and discussed the Solid Waste Rentals. He said the Board had previously voted to terminate this program as of October 01, 2022. He said there has been much discussion of the program's issues and of possible changes to the program. He recommended terminating this program.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to adopt a new contract and try the program for another year. The Motion died for lack of a second.

County Attorney Chana Watson explained the current rental cost is \$180.00 and the price would need to be raised to \$215.00. She said a separate set down fee would be needed and additional fees for additional pick-ups would be charged. She said rent would be due the first of the month and the can would be picked up for non-payment. She said this program would be maintained and administered by the current Solid Waste Department staff.

Mr. Tim Johnson said the \$215.00 covers a four (4) yard can. He said an eight (8) yard can would be double the cost. He said they have a staff member who could be assigned these office related duties.

Commissioner Mills said this would be a full-time position and full-time job duties.

Mr. Michael Latson said he would pull a person from the roll off truck and hire another person for that job.

A man from the audience said that Waste Pro charges \$300.00 rental and this includes one dump.

Mr. Tim Johnson said new cans are needed at the roll off sites.

Commissioner Hatch asked how much this person would cost the county.

Manager Cannon said in the past, several departments have been assisting with different phases of the administration of this program.

Mr. John Gerry spoke to the Board and said he provides this structured system service for banks.
Paymentspower.com

Manager Cannon said the county is not in this rental business. He said this would need more staff and equipment to be profitable. He said they must also deal with the garbage created by 16,500 residents. He said most of the complaints are on the roll off sites. He said this needs to be the priority.

Commissioner Stephenson said the weekend trash is a huge problem.

Commissioner Hatch said that Hwy 55A was full again on Monday after dumping it on Sunday.

Mr. Tim Johnson said more cans are needed at the sites for overflow.

Commissioner Hatch asked about modifying the program from a year and trying it on a quarterly basis.

Clerk Higginbotham said the money was written off in March of 2022.

Chief Financial Officer Jacki Johnson said there is more to write off.

Commissioner Hatch said they must give notice to the customers of the termination of the program and when the cans will be picked up.

Commissioner Storey, Commissioner Hatch, and Commissioner Mills all agree that January 01, 2023 is the rental can pick-up deadline.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to notify the rental can customers that as of January 01, 2023 the rental cans will be picked up and the program is discontinued. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Chief Financial Officer Jacki Johnson stated that the Special Assessment pays for the Transfer Station. She said the Transfer Station needs to be in compliance with DEP in the coming years and that may cost \$10 million dollars. She said their rules and regulations must be followed.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the difference between the taxation of limb debris and garbage.

Mr. Tim Johnson said they take limb debris at the roll off sites.

Mr. Michael Latson said the Transfer Station cannot take any limb debris.

Manager Cannon said the statute says that limb debris must be disposed of on the owners' property.

Mr. Michael Latson said Waste Pro does not get charged a tipping fee.

Ms. Johnson said that Dixie County is cheaper on tonnage compared to other counties.

CHANA WATSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Chana Watson appeared before the Board and informed them of a code enforcement issue.

She said Mr. Steve Fremen, Mr. Leon Wright, and Magistrate Lindsey Lander are all out of town this week. She said on July 13, 2021 this case came before the Magistrate and an Order for Code Enforcement Violation was issued. Mr. Bench was given 30 days to comply which was August 19, 2021. She said beginning on December 19, 2021 a \$200.00 fine per day has been assessed. She said the violation was corrected a few months ago and is in compliance now. She said the owner is requesting the assessed fine be modified by 300 days at approximately \$60,000.00.

Mr. Bench spoke to the Board and said he owns a property in Dixie County with his brother. He said his brother passed away December 31, 2021. He said he lives in Lake City and he did not know of the code violation. He said he went to the property January 01, 2022 and someone was living there. He told this person to leave. He said the property was a mess. He said it took six (6) months to get the man off the property. He said in February he tried to sell the property and the deal fell through because of this same man. He said he tried to sell it again and they found the county lien in August of 2022 on the property. He said he called Steve at Code Enforcement and informed him the property has since been cleaned up. He said he asked the man in January about the Code Enforcement coming out here and the man told him yes and the junk cars were then removed. He said he spoke with the man at the junk yard and verified the removal of the junk cars.

Commissioner Hatch asked if he had reached out to anyone in the county when he found out about the code enforcement violation in January.

Mr. Bench replied no, he did not.

Commissioner Storey asked how much is the fine.

Attorney Watson Chana replied it is \$73,000.00 for the year or \$60,000.00 with a three (3) month credit.

Commissioner Storey asked Mr. Bench what do you want from the Board.

Mr. Bench replied he wants to see the case file. He said he is under a contract to sell the property. He offered the Board \$2,000.00 today to settle the matter.

Commissioner Stephenson said everyone should get together with the documentation and review this.

Commissioner Mills asked where this property is.

Attorney Watson replied it is near the Trading Post. She said she will have more information for the Board at the next meeting on October 20, 2022.

MARK REBLIN, BIG BEND WATER

Mr. Mark Reblin appeared before the Board to request the Board nominate Mr. Howard Hart as a member of the Big Bend Water Authority.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to nominate Mr. Howard Hart as a member of the Big Bend Water Authority. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

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

Manager Cannon said he will need the final amount of Dumpster Rental bad debt to write off from the Finance Department. He said this cannot be done without Board approval. He said this will be reviewed at the next meeting. He said they will continue to try to make collections until January 01, 2023.

Manager Cannon said he also wants more clarity on the Tipping Fees to charge Waste Pro.

Commissioner Storey asked Ms. Johnson about the fees that Waste Pro pays other counties.

Ms. Johnson said they dump in Levy County because it is cheaper than Gilchrist.

Commissioner Storey asked about the assessments charged by those counties.

Commissioner Stephenson said that other counties do not have any roll off sites, either.

Commissioner Storey asked what Dixie County would need to charge Waste Pro to dump their garbage.

Mr. Michael Latson replied \$50.00 per ton is the current fee.
He said Dixie County hauls five (5) trailers per week to Greenville.

Attorney Watson said the county does not have a contract with Waste Pro.

BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Clerk of Court Barbie Higginbotham appeared before the Board and informed everyone that the Clerk's Office will be open on Monday, October 10, 2022.

The Finance Department presented the 2022-2023 Budget and said it will be on the Clerk's website as well.

COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Valentine had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Hatch informed everyone that he and Ms. Carol West and Manager Cannon had attended an Economic Development event in Thomasville, Alabama. He said that mayors from Levy County and Gilchrist County were there, too.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to have the County Manager coordinate a Round Table meeting with the Town of Cross City Council and build a relationship with the community leaders. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch said the ventilation for the Jail roof does not work properly and they need a quote.

Commissioner Mills had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Stephenson suggested they look at the parking on the David Newton Variance request.

Commissioner Storey thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns from the public at this time.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to adjourn at 2:00 PM. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.



ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Jamie Storey

Jamie Storey, Chairman

Barbie Higginbotham

Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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