

Regular Meeting
Commission Board Room
Dixie County Courthouse
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628
August 15, 2024 – 6:00 PM

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COMMISSIONERS

Jody Stephenson, District 1, Vice Chairman
Daniel Wood, District 2
Mark Hatch, District 3
Jamie Storey, District 4, Chairman
David Osteen, District 5

STAFF

Paul Gainey, County Manager
Martha McCaskill, Administrative Asst/Grant Coordinator
Chana Watson, County Attorney
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court
Verna Wilson, Chief Deputy Clerk
Brenda Royal, Chief Financial Officer
Joannie Morse, Deputy Clerk
Victoria Darkow, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

3. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular BOCC Minutes August 1, 2024

Motion to approve the Regular BOCC Minutes August 1, 2024, made by Commissioner Osteen. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Board approved.

4. VOUCHER APPROVAL

The motion to approve Vouchers was made by Commissioner Osteen. Seconded by Commissioner Stephenson. Board approved.

5. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

None present.

Motion to go into public hearing made by Commissioner Osteen. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Board approved.

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

APPLICATIONS for SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

A petition by **Sandra Branson** 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 (RSF/MH) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 04/30/2024 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 15-10-13-4607-0000-0140 1122 NE 143rd Ave, Old Town, FL 32680; 0).
(COMMISSION DISTRICT 2 DANIEL WOOD)

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Sandra Branson. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Alicia Zurbrick** 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 (ESA) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 06/20/2024 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 12-10-13-4513-0000-0290 1246 NE 743rd St, Old Town, FL 32680; 0).
(COMMISSION DISTRICT 2 DANIEL WOOD)

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Alicia Zurbrick. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **JASON PAGEL** 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 (RSF/MH) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 03/12/2024 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2952-000F-0130 108 SE 240 ST, OLD TOWN,FL 32680;0).
(COMMISSION DISTRICT 3 MARK HATCH)

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Jason Pagel. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

The motion to go back to the Board was made by Commissioner Osteen. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Board approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2024-49

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 **SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS** 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 APRIL 30, 2024. WHEREAS, **SANDRA BRANSON** has filed a Petition requesting Dixie County Board of County Commissioners to grant a Special Exception as provided in Section 4.7.5 special exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an Residential Single Family/Mobile Home Area (RSF/MH), Zoning District, by Petition dated April 30, 2024; and WHEREAS, the recreational vehicle is to be located on Dixie County Parcel No.: 15-10-13-4607-0000-0140 (1122 NE 143rd Ave, Old Town, FL 32680).
(Commission District 2 Daniel Wood)

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-49 made by Commissioner Wood. Seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-50

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 **SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS** 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 JUNE 20, 2024. WHEREAS, **JEFFREY A BIDDULPH and ALICIA K ZURBRICK** has filed a Petition requesting Dixie County Board of County Commissioners to grant a Special Exception as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA), Zoning District, by Petition dated June 20, 2024; and WHEREAS, the recreational vehicle is to be located on Dixie County Parcel No.: 12-10-13-4513-0000-0290 (1246 NE 743rd St, Old Town, FL 32680).
(Commission District 2 Daniel Wood)

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-50 made by Commissioner Wood. Seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A **SPECIAL EXCEPTION** TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.7.7 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MARCH 12, 2024. WHEREAS, **JASON PAGEL** has filed a Petition requesting Dixie County Board of County Commissioners to grant a Special Exception as provided in Section 4.7.7 RSF/MH subparagraph (2) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with Section 12.3 VARIANCE PROCEDURES WHEREAS, the permit for one recreational vehicle (RSF/MH) zoning district, by the petition dated 03/12/2024 to be located on Dixie County Parcel No.: 19-13-12-2952-000F-0130 (108 SE 240 ST, Old Town, FL 32680). (Commission District 3 Mark Hatch)

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-68 made by Commissioner Hatch. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Board approved.

6. Denny George, Chief Executive Officer for Central Florida and Electric Corporation

Mr. Denny George stated that the outages that occurred from Hurricane Debby are the exact same as the outages that occurred from Hurricane Idalia in 2023.

Mr. George informed the Board that the CFEC (Central Florida Electric Corporation) has selected ten circuits that they are going to put underground to reduce some storm related damages going forward.

He stated that there is a brick grant coming up that is a 25% match grant and that (CFEC) will do the matching part. Mr. George informed the Board that it is 14.9 million dollars of infrastructure work and that 75% of that would be covered by the grant.

Chief Scott Garner stated that he wanted Mr. George to come before the Board to answer any questions and stated that he does not need any resolutions and just wanted to inform the Board on what was taking place.

Mr. George stated that they are using OVID Solutions as a consultant to help navigate through the process.

7. KATRINA VANAERNAM AND SHIELA FRIERSON, DIXIE COUNTY ANTI-DRUG COALITION

Mrs. Shiela Frierson thanked the community for the support that she has received. She stated that the program has been active for the last 13 years. She stated that two of the grants that they have were going to end September 30th, 2024, and that they were wondering how they were going to pay for salaries.

Mrs. Frierson asked County Manager Paul Gainey if he was the one who announces what the County was offering.

Mr. Gainey stated that no he does not announce that and that it was Commissioner Hatch at the last meeting who stated that they might be able to use some of the funds from the Shired Island Temporary Construction Easement.

Mrs. Frierson presented a budget for the Board to review. She stated that the Anti-Drug Coalition is audited twice a year by Lutheran Services of Florida and Community Coalition Alliance and that they participate annually in a 501C3 audit that cost about \$5,000.

Commissioner Hatch thanked Mrs. Frierson for her budget

Commissioner Storey thanked them for all that they do for the community.

Mrs. Katrina VanAernam stated that they support EMS (Emergency Medical Services) and that they appreciate anything that the Board can do to help the Anti-Drug Coalition.

8. STEVE COPELAND, SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER MANAGER

Mr. Steve Copeland stated that they have 932 active accounts.

He stated that Hurricane Debbie was a challenging time for them and that the lift station was submerged and they lost power to the wells. He stated that they could not power the wells without a generator until the water receded.

Mr. Copeland stated that after the power was restored, they went to restart the plant and had a lightning strike hit the power plant and had to shut down for the night to catch up.

Mr. Copeland updated the Board on several ongoing projects which included:

1. Grinder Pumps- He stated that since replacing the grinder pumps, they had about 60 issues with plug in failures. He stated that they had 3 pumps totally fail.
2. Incident reports- He stated that one incident report is under investigation by FDEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) and the other one will be discussed at the upcoming Board meeting.

Mr. Copeland stated that they had a complaint about a massive sewer leak, he stated that they pumped out 65,000 gallons of fluid out of a ditch. He stated that Florida Rural Water Association came out and they determined that it was not a sewer leak, it has just been sitting there for so long the water was bad. Mr. Copeland stated that he could not find a culvert and asked the Board if the County could come out to find it.

Commissioner Hatch informed Mr. Copeland talk to Mr. Paul Gainey and look at the design build that was done and that the culvert should be in there.

9. GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Greg Bailey updated the Board on several ongoing projects which included:

EOC (Emergency Operations Center) - He stated that the preconstruction meeting was held on August 7, 2024, and that the contractor anticipates starting on the first or second week of September.

Old Town Fire Station – He stated that the project is ongoing

Sheriff's Office Evidence Building – He stated that the building plans are moving forward.

CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) – He stated that the comment period ends August 28, 2024, and they are anticipating approval to start construction after that.

Hal Chaires Road – He stated that they sent the contract to the County to be executed then they will schedule a preconstruction meeting.

Mr. Bailey stated that the floor plan has been approved by Chief Browns staff on the two Fire Stations the County is working on in Horseshoe Beach and Highway 351. and that they are awaiting the final selection of property.

Mr. Bailey stated that at the last Board Meeting they discussed a few different projects.

Jena Highway Bridges - He stated that the total estimated cost to replace the bridge in Jena and widening the culvert on the other bridge is approximately \$4,000,000 dollars.

Horseshoe Beach Parking Lot - Mr. Bailey stated that he does not have the property acquisition because of the work that Chief Darian Brown already has planned, the cost to add a parking lot to that project would be approximately \$600,000 dollars plus the property acquisition.

Shired Island Campground - Mr. Bailey stated that assuming they could get the cooperation from the United States Federal Government the project would be approximately \$1.5 million dollars.

Suwannee Seawall - Mr. Bailey stated that that project would cost about 2.4 million dollars to execute the final phase.

Mr. Bailey stated that the total cost for the projects would be 8.2 million dollars.

Commissioner Hatch asked about a temporary solution for the bridge in Jena.

Mr. Bailey stated that the new bridge would be slightly shifted so that residents could still come and go. He stated that they would widen the bridge to be 44ft wide and 75ft long.

Mr. JD Nobles confirmed that Mr. Bailey stated the estimate for the parking lot was \$600,000 without a property acquisition.

Mr. Bailey stated that it does not include property.

Mr. Gainey stated that Mrs. Brook Hiers sent him the information on the property owners and that he would have to get with them to find out if they are interested.

Commissioner Hatch asked if the County docks would be included in the Grant

Mr. Bailey stated that yes but that the reason they didn't discuss the pier was because it is being covered by FEMA for the storm damage from Hurricane Idalia.

Chief Garner stated that he recommends if there is any extra money for Shired Park and the Pier, to design a jetty system to protect it during a storm surge.

Mrs. Kay McCallister asked Mr. Bailey to elaborate on what the 1.5 million dollars would be used for regarding the Shired Island Campground.

Mr. Bailey stated that it would involve constructing an RV Park that would require some cooperation with the Federal Government. He stated that if they could use the area between the road and where the park is that they could create a spot for camping.

Chief Garner stated that if the Government allows the County to use that land that they could get the camping off the Beach.

10. JOHN LOCKLEAR, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. Locklear stated that they have completed the survey work on the Horseshoe Beach dredging and the Shired Island Renourishment project. He informed the Board that he received the lab data back from Shired Island samples from the beach and that they are waiting on the data from Suwannee.

11. CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Mrs. Cindy Bellot was not present at the meeting.

12. STEVE FREMEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT & VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mr. Fremem stated that at the last meeting, Mr. Jerry Everett spoke about some violations going on next to his store, the Suwannee Waterfront Market. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Johnson came into the office and explained how everything got to where it is at now. He stated that they will get a survey done and are aware and cooperating.

13. STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Steve Hutchison had nothing to bring to the Board

14. TIM JOHNSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tim Johnson was not present at the meeting.

15. LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL

Mr. Leon Wright had nothing to bring to the Board.

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

Mr. Scott Pendarvis was not present at the meeting.

17. DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Scott Garner stated that he met with the Disaster Recovery Center and FEMA and stated that they are going to start their Disaster Recovery Center on Monday August 19, 2024, starting at 9:00 AM. Chief Garner stated that they are going to run it from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM for at least the first two weeks. He stated that the County has an agreement for them to be at the library for 60 days but that he thinks 30 days is enough time for residents to call and go see somebody if they need too.

Chief Garner stated that he met with DOT (Department of Transportation) and Roads Inc out of Pensacola, Florida for the debris pick up. He stated that they are going to start cutting leaners and hangers on August 16, 2024, and start picking up debris on August 19th, 2024. Chief Garner stated that if anybody gets complaints that it has nothing to do with the County, that DOT handles the trucks and certifications.

Chief Garner stated that they had gave Roads Inc the maps of the County Roads and that the employees will meet with Mr. Kevin Bush everyday about what roads were completed.

Commissioner Wood stated that he is concerned about Hammock

Chief Garner stated that they will be going down every road and that the only place they are not going is Timber Company Land.

Chief Garner asked the Board to extend the Local State of Emergency because of the river that is still flooding.

Motion to extend the Local State of Emergency for Dixie County for a period of another seven days taking effect on August 16, 2024, until August 23, 2024, made by Commissioner Hatch. Seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

Chief Garner stated that the Suwannee River is supposed to crest at 10.9 ft and hold about 3-5 more days and then start receding. He stated that he informed the debris contractor do not go down any roads that are close to the river due to the weight of the trucks.

Commissioner Osteen stated that during Hurricane Idalia some of the trucks would go hide and not do their job and if it happens this time, he wants them out of here.

Chief Garner stated that the trucks have geo codes on them for tracking.

18. KAY MCCALLISTER, TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Mrs. Kay McCallister informed the Board that she moved the pavilion start dates to Wednesday August 21, 2024, because of the local elections going on.

She stated that they are working with Mrs. Karen VanAernam on designing and replacing the billboard that is North of Cross City heading South.

Mrs. McCallister mentioned that she will be at the Ocala Expo on August 17, 2024.

19. GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE

Mrs. Gail Carter was not present at the meeting.

20. HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

Mrs. Holly Houghton was not present at the meeting.

21. ANGIE CROWLEY, HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Angie Crowley reminded the Board about the onsite open enrollment in the Board Room on August 21, 2024, through August 22, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

22. PAUL GAINEY, COUNTY MANAGER

Action Items:

1. Request Board approval to accept the correction of funds to the FY 2024-2025 Detailed Work Plan Budget – Arthropod Control for the reimbursement program. There was an increase in funds provided.

Motion to approve to accept the correction of funds to the FY 2024-2025 Detailed Work Plan Budget – Arthropod Control for the reimbursement program. There was an increase in funds provided. Made by Commissioner Osteen. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Board approved.

2. Request Board approval to adjust the purchase price of the Mulching Head for the Excavator from \$31,500.00 to \$31,900.00. The additional \$400.00 was for special tuning of the mulching head.

Motion to approve to adjust the purchase price of the Mulching Head for the Excavator from \$31,500.00 to \$31,900.00. The additional \$400.00 was for special tuning of the mulching head. Made by Commissioner Osteen. Seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Board approved.

3. Request Board approval for the purchase of 11 Laptops for SmartCop from Innovative Network for the Sheriff in the amount of \$28,814.94.

Motion to approve the purchase of 11 Laptops for SmartCop from Innovative Network for the Sheriff in the amount of \$28,814.94. Made by Commissioner Osteen. Seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Board approved.

4. Request Board approval to execute the contract between Anderson Columbia and Dixie County for the LAP Project: NE 82nd Ave from NE 592nd St to SR 55 (US19) in the amount of \$1,997,899.61.

Motion to approve and execute the contract between Anderson Columbia and Dixie County for the LAP Project: NE 82nd Ave from NE 592nd St to SR 55 (US19) in the amount of \$1,997,899.61. Made by Commissioner Wood. Seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

5. Request Board approval to readvertise for the CR 349 South CEI Services. Due to a technicality in the advertisement

Motion to approve to readvertise for the CR 349 South CEI Services. Due to a technicality in the advertisement. Made by Commissioner Osteen. Seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Board approved.

Information Items:

1. Reminder of Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sep 4, 2024, County Offices will be closed.
2. Reminder of Early voting is until Saturday, Aug 17, 2024, and Primary Election Day on Tuesday, Aug 20, 2024.

County manager Paul Gainey stated that the request for Aerial spraying for mosquito control was submitted to the State.

Mr. Gainey stated that Commissioner Stephenson is in the hospital and to keep him in your prayers.

Mr. Gainey stated that he was contacted by a company named Eco Team that will be working with Central Florida to do some of the Fiber installation in the Cross City area. He stated that they are interested in leasing two (2) acres at the Cross City Airport and asked the Board for permission to speak with them and try to work something out.

Mr. Gainey stated that the County staff did a tremendous job during and after the storm and wanted to publicly thank everybody.

Chief Garner mentioned that they had a gentleman from the Mutual Aid Agreement located in Palm Beach County come in that said the crews in Dixie County have grown tremendously from Hurricane Idalia to Hurricane Debbie.

Commissioner Hatch asked Mr. Gainey about the business behind Cross City Lumber and stated that Mrs. Diane Shultz received the price and that she needed direction from the Board. He said he wanted to give her permission to pursue the grant to get the land for the County.

Mr. Gainey stated that he spoke with Mrs. Shultz and that would be sought through part of the Rural Infrastructure funds that are available and have identified another piece of property that could be used as well.

Motion to give Mrs. Diane Shultz permission to pursue the Rural Infrastructure Grant made by Commissioner Hatch. Seconded by Commissioner Osteen. Board approved.

Chairman Storey asked Mr. Gainey if the Building and Zoning Department needed another person to help issue permits.

Mr. Gainey stated that the Board approved to add another position to the office and that it is budgeted to start October 1, 2024.

Mrs. Angie Crowley stated that Mr. Wright has asked for staff help.

Commissioner Hatch stated that another staff member would help out tremendously.

23. CHANA WATSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Chana Watson had nothing to bring to the Board.

24. BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Barbie Higginbotham had nothing to bring to the Board.

25. COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Wood stated that he wanted to thank everybody for an outstanding job during and after the Hurricane, that it was handled much better than Hurricane Idalia.

Mr. Gainey stated that Mr. Locklear met with the engineer from Duke Energy to put lights at the Joe Anderson Boat Ramp and that they are going to check and see if the existing lights are working and placing another light on the other side of the Boat Ramp.

Commissioner Hatch thanked the EOC (Emergency Operations Center)

Commissioner Hatch stated that he would like to keep the families with fatalities from Hurricane Debbie in his prayers. Commissioner Hatch asked the Board to keep Mr. Hutch in their prayers.

Commissioner Hatch informed the Board that him, Mr. Wright and Mr. JD Nobles had a meeting with the DBPR (Department of Business and Professional Regulation) and that Mr. Wright fixed the square footage problems that he had been working on.

Commissioner Hatch reminded everybody to vote on August 20, 2024.

Commissioner Osteen thanked everybody for their help during the Hurricane and asked everybody to keep Mr. Hutch and Commissioner Stephenson in their prayers.

Commissioner Osteen asked Mr. Locklear about the Boat Ramp.

Mr. Gainey stated that they can start as soon as they get the proper permitting.

Chairman Storey thanked everybody for their help during the storm and asked to keep everybody in their prayers. Chairman Storey thanked the power company and stated that the last time it was eleven (11) days without power and that this time it was three (3) days.

26. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mrs. Mary Goodrich stated that most of her questions had been answered, but that she would like to know if there was a way to have better communication with the elderly residents during storms.

Chief Garner stated that they use Alert Dixie to inform residents of what is going on.

Mrs. Goodrich asked if the County began spraying for mosquitos.

Mr. Gainey stated that there are currently three (3) trucks spraying the County and that they put in a request to the State of Florida for arial spraying.

Mr. Gainey mentioned that the County just got a shipment of mosquito pellets in and that the mosquito control trucks have them.

Mr. JD Nobles thanked Mr. Wright and Commissioner Hatch for the opportunity to attend the meeting in Daytona with them. Mr. Nobles thanked the County for cleaning up the Boat Ramp in Horseshoe Beach.

Mr. Nobles stated that in the Funds Allocation workshop, the County spoke about the Oyster Restoration Program, and he wanted to remind the Board that that program is very important.

Mr. Nobles asked if the County had a cleanup plan for the debris from the hurricane or if that would affect the dredging of the canals.

Chief Garner stated that there is no Water Board cleanup this time.

Mr. William Stockton asked for an update on Fiber by Central Florida installation for Cross City.

Mr. John Cherry stated that Central Florida and Electric is working with Echo and that they are working out a contract. He stated it could be after September but to give them a little bit longer.

Mr. Stockton asked which areas have Fiber internet now and which areas do not.

Mr. Cherry replied stating that Jack Roberts Curve up to Chavous Road and Mccrabb Church.

Mr. Cherry stated that he does not think anybody with Duke Energy has Fiber right now.

Mr. Stockton asked which Board member represented Cross City.

Commissioner Hatch stated that the City Council represents Cross City including David Osteen, Jamie Storey and Kirk Marhefka.

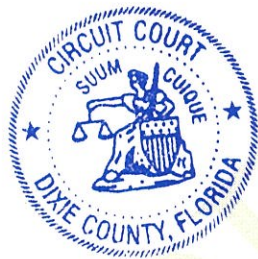
Kirk Marhefka mentioned that he would like to start the meetings with Cross City and the County in September.

27. ADJOURN

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



Jamie Storey

Jamie Storey, Chairman

Barbie Higginbotham

Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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The Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM and the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Individuals that would like to be placed on the agenda should call Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court, by 4:00 PM on the Friday Preceding the Board meeting, at (352) 498-1200.