

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Board meeting 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 October 21, 2021. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Minutes from the Gulf Coast Consortium Workshop of November 04, 2021. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 04, 2021. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

ACCEPT COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to accept Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2020. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to accept Minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 02, 2020. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

REAFFIRM COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Mills made the motion to reaffirm Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2020. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to reaffirm Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 03, 2020. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to reaffirm Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2020. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

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

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There were no Constitutional Officers 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 Hearings was made by Commissioner Mills. Seconded by Commissioner Stephenson. Board approved.

A petition by *Woods To Water Preserve* 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 "AG" AGRICULTURAL zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 12/05/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 15-09-11-0000-1037-0000 3612 NW Hwy 358, Cross City FL. 32628; 320). (Commission District 5, James Valentine)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the special exception request made by Woods to Water Preserve. There was no opposition.

Building Official Leon Wright clarified for the Board that this property is the former Dixie Sportsman Club on Old Hwy 19. He said they cannot find documentation for a prior special exception. He said they would like to add six more spots to the campground. He said this is an exotic animal hunt club. He said they just added 80 more acres to the 320 existing acres.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the special exception request made by Woods to Water Preserve. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***Donald and Karen Hickey*** 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) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 12/17/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-08-14-6888-0002-00M0 853 ne 904 ST, Old Town Fl. ; 0). (Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the special exception request made by Donald and Karen Hickey. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the special exception request made by Donald and Karen Hickey. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***John and Donna Adelsperger*** 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) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 10/12/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 36-09-13-4502-0000-0500 125 NE 766 Street, 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 and Donna Adelsperger. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the special exception request made by John and Donna Adelsperger. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***Forrest Cothron*** 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) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 10/12/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 08-08-14-6871-0002-0030 334 NE 972 Street, Branford, FL. 32008; 0). (Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the special exception request made by Forrest Cothron. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the special exception request made by Forest Cothron. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***Michael Lindsey*** 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) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 11/04/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 24-09-13-4053-0014-0090 462 NE 790 Street, 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 Michael Lindsey. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the special exception request made by Michael Lindsey. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***Luna Erik Rene Quinones*** 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 11/10/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 03-10-13-4511-0000-0400 243 NE 644 Street, Old Town, FL. 32680; 0). (Commission District 2, W.C. Mills)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the special exception request made by Luna Erik Rene Quinones. There was no opposition.

Mr. Leon Wright clarified there is a camper there and they would like to get the power turned back on. He said they cannot find prior documentation to support this.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the special exception request made by Luna Erik Rene Quinones. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***Kimberley Hawkins*** 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) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 11/12/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 36-09-13-4424-0000-0100 1430 NE 796 Street, 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 Kimberley Hawkins. There was opposition.

Mr. Leon Wright informed the Board that a lady said this violated the deed restrictions of the subdivision. He clarified that Building and Zoning does not enforce these private covenants.

Ms. Wanda Higgs said she opposes this camper in the restricted subdivision.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to table the special exception requested by Kimberley Hawkins.

Commissioner Stephenson said that deed restrictions expire if not re-recorded.

Mr. Wright said these were drafted by an Attorney.

County Attorney Michael Osteen said that deed restrictions go with the land.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to table the special exception requested by Kimberley Hawkins. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Mr. Guy Richardson asked for clarification that some deed restrictions may expire.

A petition by **Brian Kowalski, Jr and Katherine Witt** 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) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 11/17/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 35-09-13-4498-000B-0120 250 NE 327 Avenue, Old Town, FL. 32680; 0). (Commission District 2, W.C. Mills)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the special exception request made by Brian Kowalski, Jr and Katherine Witt.

Mr. Guy Richardson spoke up and said he opposes this special exception.

Mr. Chris McKenzie spoke to the Board in favor of the special exception. He said this couple has cleaned up the property and are preparing to build a home.

Attorney Osteen said if they get their building permit then they don't need this special exception at all.

Mr. Wright said they have 180 days to use the permit.

Mr. John Rogers asked why are there so many campers on properties without permits. He said if you are going to build a home you should be allowed to do this. He said there are many properties that look like a garbage pile.

Attorney Osteen said there is a procedure for Code Enforcement. He said this is handled by Mr. Steve Fremen. He said that Mr. Fremen will investigate this and send a letter if there is a violation. If the property owner does not comply then the matter goes to court.

Ms. Kelly Cox said she has complained multiple times of people living in sheds without septic or power.

Mr. Fremen said he has 140 cases for code enforcement violations.

Mr. Guy Richardson asked who enforces this.

Attorney Osteen replied code enforcement and the court/judge.

Commissioner Stephenson said you can't stop this from happening. He said you must deal with the process afterwards.

Mr. Wright said this can be handled, but it is a process to achieve compliance.

Commissioner Mills said this process must go through the court system. He referred to one specific case that has taken two years and is now going through the second appeal.

Attorney Osteen said they are waiting on an order from the judge on this.

Mr. Wright said they must have a formal complaint from the public.

Mr. Brian Kowalski spoke to the Board via telephone. He said they moved here from North Carolina. He said they will be building a home in 2023. He said they have talked to the neighbors and explained their plans. He said they are currently living at a campground.

Attorney Osteen said these special exceptions run with the land.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to table the special exception request made by Brian Kowalski, Jr and Katherine Witt. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

A petition by *Alice Ashley* 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) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 11/22/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 36-09-13-4424-0000-0370 1753 NE 796 Street, 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 Alice Ashley. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the special exception request made by Alice Ashley. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by *Arthur Palecek* 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 11/23/2021 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 04-10-13-4520-0000-0050 620 NE 550TH Street, Old Town, FL. 32680; 0). (Commission District 2, W.C. Mills)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the special exception request made by Arthur Palecek.

Mr. Guy Richardson spoke up and said he opposes this special exception. He said it's possible that they will not move the campers.

Commissioner Mills said that code enforcement has been working hard for several years now.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the special exception request made by Arthur Palecek. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Mills rescinded his motion to table the special exception requested by Brian Kowalski, Jr and Katherine Witt. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the special exception requested by Brian Kowalski, Jr and Katherine Witt. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by *Jeffrey Milhausen* located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 30-13-12-3596-0002-0020 (40 SE 218TH Street, Suwannee, FL. 32692) to request a *variance* for a 10X10X12 lean to (fish cleaning area) by the petition dated 10/19/2021 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 Jeffrey Milhausen. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the variance request made by Jeffrey Milhausen. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***Salvatore and Lisa Bologna*** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-09-0029-0000-0000 (6090 SW HWY 358, Jena, FL. 32359) to request a ***variance*** for a reduction of front setback from 30' to 10', and reduce west side setback from 15' to 10' by the petition dated 10/31/2021 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 5, James Valentine)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the variance request made by Salvatore and Lisa Bologna. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the variance request made by Salvatore and Lisa Bologna. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***Nina Coker*** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-13-4421-0000-0130 (200 NE 759 Street, Old Town, FL 32680) to request a ***variance*** for a 24X40 pole barn by the petition dated 11/12/2021 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 1, Jody Stephenson)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the variance request made by Nina Coker. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the variance request made by Nina Coker. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***James and Robin Reinhart*** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 28-08-13-0000-3807-0305 (4906 NE HWY 353. Old Town, FL 32680) to request a ***variance*** for a 20X40 metal carport by the petition dated 11/12/2021 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 1, Jody Stephenson)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the variance request made by James and Robin Reinhart. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the variance request made by James and Robin Reinhart. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***Loren and Debbie Boone*** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 24-10-09-0000-0149-0300 (48 SW 470TH Avenue. Steinhatchee, FL 32359) to request a ***variance*** for a 20X30 open carport for RV by the petition dated 12/07/2021 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 5, James Valentine)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the variance request made by Loren and Debbie Boone. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the variance request made by Loren and Debbie Boone. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by ***Christina Williams*** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 30-13-12-3596-0001-0220 (273 SE 218 Street, Suwannee, FL 32692) to request a ***variance*** for a 4 foot setback from east property line for a metal cargo lift by the petition dated 12/08/2021 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 3, Mark Hatch)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the variance request made by Christina Williams. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the variance requested by Christina Williams. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-01

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 (9) CAMPGROUNDS IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED DECEMBER 05, 2021. **Woods to Water Preserve**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-01 by title only in support of Woods to Water Preserve.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 in support of Woods to Water Preserve. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-02

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED DECEMBER 17, 2021. **Donald and Karen Hickey**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-02 by title only in support of Donald and Karen Hickey.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-02 in support of Donald and Karen Hickey. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-03

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED OCTOBER 12, 2021. **John and Donna Adelsperger**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-03 by title only in support of John and Donna Adelsperger.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 in support of John and Donna Adelsperger. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-04

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED OCTOBER 12, 2021. **Forest Cothron**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-04 by title only in support of Forrest Cothron.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-04 in support of Forrest Cothron. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-05

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED NOVEMBER 04, 2021. **Michael Lindsey**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-05 by title only in support of Michael Lindsey.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-05 in support of Michael Lindsey. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-06

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 NOVEMBER 10, 2021. **Luna Erik Rene Quinones**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-06 by title only in support of Luna Erik Rene Quinones.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 in support of Luna Erik Rene Quinones. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-07

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2021.
Kimberley Hawkins

Resolution 2022-07 was tabled due to the special exception it supported being tabled earlier.

RESOLUTION 2022-08

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2021.
Brian Kowalski, Jr and Katherine Witt

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-08 by title only in support of Brian Kowalski, Jr and Katherine Witt.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to Resolution 2022-08 in support of Brian Kowalski, Jr and Katherine Witt. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-09

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) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2021. **Alice Ashley**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-09 by title only in support of Alice Ashley.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 in support of Alice Ashley. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-10

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 NOVEMBER 23, 2021. **Arthur Palecek**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-10 by title only in support of Arthur Palecek.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 in support of Arthur Palecek. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-11

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 10X10X12 LEAN TO (FISH CLEANING AREA), WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN SECTION 4.7.7 A RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED OCTOBER 19, 2021. **Jeffrey Milhausen**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-11 by title only in support of Jeffrey Milhausen.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 in support of Jeffrey Milhausen. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-12

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 FRONT SETBACK FROM 30' TO 10', AND REDUCE WEST SIDE SETBACK FROM 15' TO 10', WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN SECTION 4.7.7 A RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED OCTOBER 31, 2021.

Salvatore and Lisa Bologna

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-12 by title only in support of Salvatore and Lisa Bologna.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-12 in support of Salvatore and Lisa Bologna. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-13

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 24X40 POLE BARN WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN AN AGRICULTURAL (A-4) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED BY THE PETITION DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2021. **Nina Coker**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-13 by title only in support of Nina Coker.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-13 in support of Nina Coker. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-14

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 20X40 METAL CARPORT WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN AN AGRICULTURAL (A-4) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED BY THE PETITION DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2021. **James and Robin Reinhart**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-14 by title only in support of James and Robin Reinhart.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-14 in support of James and Robin Reinhart. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-15

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 20 X 30 OPEN CARPORT FOR RV WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED DECEMBER 07, 2021. **Loren and Debbie Boone**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-15 by title only in support of Loren and Debbie Boone.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-15 in support of Loren and Debbie Boone. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-16

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 4 FOOT SETBACK FROM EAST PROPERTY LINE FOR A METAL CARGO LIFT WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED DECEMBER 08, 2021. **Christina Williams**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-16 by title only in support of Christina Williams.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-16 in support of Christina Williams. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

MATHEW AND LETITIA GRANNEMAN

#26-09-13-4462-0000-0310 Permit Process

REMOVED per their requests

Mr. Leon Wright said these issues have been resolved and Mr. Granneman wanted to thank the Board for their help.

ROBIN ROUSE

Ms. Robin Rouse appeared before the Board and presented some materials relating to the 38 loads of dirt that was placed on a private driveway. She said that no one lived at this home when this was done. She said a permit and easement was obtained. She said she has messages, from Megan Hall, indicating they were living at this property without power or water. She said the county gave them loads of dirt in July of 2021. She said the residence was not approved for living until November of 2021.

She indicated that Commissioner Hatch gave the approval for this to be done.

Commissioner Hatch disputed her statements.

County Attorney Michael Osteen clarified this has been discussed several times. He said the procedure has now been put in place.

County Manager Duane Cannon added that some others were done too, not just this one.

Attorney Osteen said the Board will be following proper protocol in the future.

Commissioner Storey said no one should have lived there prior to approval. He said that people are moving into their home without power and such. He said that some folks are trying to do the right thing.

Mr. Wright said this was an active permit and workers are allowed to be on that job site. He said there is always a potential to get hurt.

Attorney Osteen said to avoid this in the future, the Board has put a procedure in place. He said they need to move on from this.

Commissioner Hatch said he went through the proper channels.

Ms. Rouse spoke to the Board about Mr. Steve Hutchison. She said that he did not go to the training that he was supposed to have done.

Commissioner Storey said that names should be left out of the conversation.

Ms. Rouse said the classes were for unrelated material.

Commissioner Mills said the classes that he attended covered that issue as well. He said he was not found guilty.

Ms. Rouse presented an itinerary of the classes.

Ms. Rouse said this county employee then got into a fight.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to stop this conversation about the roads and Mr. Hutchison. Commissioner Valentine seconded.

Commissioner Stephenson opposed.

Commissioner Stephenson said he was punched in the face and the Board did not follow procedure and look at all the documents before taking a vote. He said that he wants his name cleared. He said there were false statements made. He said he has spoken to witnesses to the incident. He said he will not vote to silence this matter. He said the driveway procedure has been voted on three different times and it is still being done wrong.

Commissioner Mills asked Commissioner Stephenson to confirm that after the incident occurred, he apologized and said he did not mean for things to go that far.

Commissioner Stephenson replied yes, that is correct.

Commissioner Mills asked what he was apologizing for.

Commissioner Stephenson said he was trying to solve a problem before it came to the Board. He said he was talking to the County Manager and Mr. Hutchison. He said he was then punched in the mouth. He said he was sorry that this happened in the County Manager's office.

County Manager Duane Cannon said he has apologized.

Commissioner Stephenson said he did not want a black eye on the county. He said he wants to move forward and clean things up.

Commissioner Stephenson said that Manager Cannon, Commissioner Hatch and former Human Resource Administrator Melissa Long got into an argument and an investigation was done. He said the Board voted after reviewing all the documentation.

Manager Cannon clarified that the Board did not vote on that matter.

Commissioner Mills said that Ms. Long resigned. He said the same company did the investigation.

Commissioner Stephenson said the recommendation was made to fire Mr. Hutchison and the Board chose not to follow it. He asked if it was recommended to bring him back without any repercussions.

Commissioner Storey said to move on to the next subject.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to stop this conversation about the roads and Mr. Hutchison. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Stephenson opposed.

SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER MANAGER

The Suwannee Water and Sewer Manager was not present for this meeting.

Commissioner Hatch said new members are being sworn in.

GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Greg Bailey appeared before the Board and discussed Courthouse Security and the parking lot area. He said this will be advertised January 13, 2022.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if the Commissioner meeting room could be expanded and made larger.

Mr. Bailey said they would have to look into that.

Commissioner Hatch said the offices would have to be moved and the wall removed.

Commissioner Stephenson said he would like to look into enlarging the meeting room.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board of the status of the CDBG grant for 95 and 97. He said they need 10 more surveys.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board of the status of projects on 362 and 364. He said these are near completion. He said the Board can chose option one, thicken the asphalt or option two, add side drains at driveways. He said the right of way there is narrow.

Commissioner Hatch asked if the county roads must follow the same guidelines as FDOT.

Mr. Bailey said only if you are using FDOT money on the road.

Manager Cannon said the narrow right of way is a reoccurring issue.

Commissioner Hatch asked if not having a right of way would hinder the project.

Manager Cannon said option one thicker asphalt.

Mr. Bailey said it is at 2 ½ thickness now. He said they will replace signs and are using a special paint for the striping.

Manager Cannon clarified this is for Palm Drive (362 and 364).

Commissioner Mills asked what will be the most effective.

Mr. Bailey recommended they need to put culverts in the driveways and start building the ditches.

Commissioner Mills said they need the drainage handled before they pave roads.

Mr. Bailey said the right of way is narrow and there is not a lot of room to work. He said they need additional right of way from the property owners to construct the swell and grass the area to make things look good.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board of the SCRAP and SCOP estimates they are working on. He said they are due January 21, 2022.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board that even through the pandemic the state of Florida is doing well economically. He said the infrastructure fund is at 100 million. He said there is another Job Growth Fund for 107 million. He said it is possible to get funding for some projects and the Board should be thinking about this.

Attorney Osteen asked if the donation of the Woman's Club back to the Town of Cross City has been finalized.

Ms. Angie Crowley said it is not finished.

Attorney Osteen said the Board may want to keep this for a meeting facility.

Mr. Leon Wright asked if some of this money can be used for the Clerk and Tax Collector drive thru.

Mr. Bailey replied that is possible.

Mr. Guy Richardson asked if the ditches will be filled in when buildings roads in the future like they have been in the past.

Commissioner Storey asked if there is a height level for the roads to meet.

Mr. Bailey said the FDOT criteria for an Interstate must meet the 50-year flood plain. He said that local roads are lower than that.

JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. John Locklear appeared before the Board and said they were doing touch up on the Grady Hires Road.

CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Cindy Bellot appeared before the Board and informed them that the annual Lower Suwannee Art and Nature Festival in Suwannee will be held on March 12, 2022 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. She said the Library will be closed on February 24 and 25 for inventory. She said they have 36,476 bar coded items.

STEVE FREMEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT & VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mr. Steve Fremem appeared before the Board to help explain how Code Enforcement works. He said he can't arrest anyone. He can ask them to clean up their property. He said if they chose not to comply then it goes to court. He said this process is not easy and it is long. He said he currently has 137 cases.

STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Steve Hutchison was not present.

DWAYNE CHAUNCEY, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR

Mr. Dwayne Chauncey was not present.

MICHAEL LATSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

Mr. Michael Latson was not present.

Commissioner Hatch said they need to pay more for CDL licensed drivers. He asked what the current rate is.

Manager Cannon replied \$10.00 plus \$.25 for the license. He said the Board has discussed this since 2015, changing the rate.

Commissioner Hatch said that each job should have a description and rate of pay.

Manager Cannon said that each county employee gets \$9,800.00 in insurance, \$1,000.00 goes to their HSA, and they work four days a week. He said this is \$11,000.00 budgeted for every hired employee above their hourly wage. He said this is close to \$16.00 per hour.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if there was any money in General Fund to help pay for the wages increase.

Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Jacki Johnson said they would have to figure the cost and look at this again. She said the Solid Waste Assessment has just been implemented so this will help that fund. She said the budget is based on the employee hiring rate of \$10.00. She asked what the Board would like to use for the calculations.

Commissioner Stephenson said he would like to look at this. He said they are doing stuff outside of the budget.

Manager Cannon said they had a line item for equipment purchase.

Commissioner Hatch said they should look at this and see if it's possible.

Attorney Osteen said that \$15.00 per hour will soon be the new mandated wage.

Commissioner Hatch said there still needs to be a separation between seniority employees and new hires.

Manager Cannon said they will look at this again. He said they cannot single out CDL drivers only. He said this must be a pay scale analysis of the job position.

LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL

Building Official Leon Wright appeared before the Board and informed them that Lafayette County has requested some assistance from Dixie County. He said that the Building Official for Suwannee and Lafayette County, Patrick Taylor, had a stroke and passed away. He said he can offer help to Lafayette County. He said there is an Inter-Agency Agreement to help them as the Building Official. He said they have an Inspector and a Flood Plain Administrator.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to allow Building Official, Leon Wright to help Lafayette County. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Attorney Osteen said he has looked over the contract. He clarified that the county will be paid an hourly rate for the services that Mr. Wright provides to them.

Mr. Wright said they will mainly need help and guidance on commercial projects.

Director of Emergency Services, Darian Brown asked if they will need help with Fire Inspections.

Mr. Wright said he doesn't know.

Mr. Wright informed the Board that there are no vehicles available to purchase for the Inspector at the Building and Zoning. He said they have been looking since October. He said that Chevrolets are not available along with several other brands. He said they found some F150 pursuit vehicles and some

Dodge 1500 in Jacksonville, FL. He said he plans to return a truck back to Mosquito Control. He said he would like to get two Dodge vehicles.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the purchase of two Dodge trucks for Building and Zoning. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Director Brown appeared before the Board and informed the Board that they can come out of the State of Emergency for flooding if they chose to.

Manager Cannon recommended the Board continue.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-17 for the continuation of the local State of Emergency. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Director Brown said he will be gone for the next two meetings. He said that Chief Bass and Chief Ferguson will fill in for him. He said they have no applicants for the new positions and are short on the old positions. He said the wage an hour increase is an issue throughout the state. He said the two Fire Engines have been ordered and are coming. He said that re chassis for the ambulances may be an issue in the future. He said equipment has been purchased and received.

GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE

Ms. Gail Carter was not present.

HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

Ms. Holly Houghton was not present.

ANGIE CROWLEY, HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Angie Crowley appeared before the Board and informed them that an employee has requested a non FMLA leave with no pay. She said they can do this for 60 days and it's possible to extend it for another 30 days after that with Board approval. She said the employee will have to pay for their insurance coverage. She said they would like to start this on January 10, 2022.

Commissioner Hatch clarified this is the Motor Grader man.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the non FMLA leave without pay for the county employee. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Ms. Crowley informed the Board of the Workshop/Meeting on January 13, 2022 for Supervisors and Assistants with the Krizner Group.

She said the County Employee Policy and Procedure Manual is with the County Attorney for review. She said the Krizner Group has reviewed this and is okay with it. She said then it can be presented to the Board for approval.

Attorney Osteen said to get copies to the Board for review.

DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER

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

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval for Locklear and Associates to proceed with permitting applications for the Dixie County Stormwater Task Force Airport Canal Project.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Locklear and Associates to proceed with permitting applications for the Dixie County Stormwater Task Force Airport Canal Project. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the agreement for the Construction Land Entry Permit by and between Bascom Southern, LLC and Dixie County from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the execution of the agreement for the Construction Land Entry Permit by and between Bascom Southern, LLC and Dixie County from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of the timber sale from the Solid Waste Roll Off Site at Horseshoe Beach for \$18.00 a ton.

Commissioner Hatch recommended they leave a 20-foot buffer between the road and roll off site.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the 20-foot buffer on the roadside and the timber sale from the Solid Waste Roll Off Site at Horseshoe Beach for \$18.00 a ton. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board approve the purchase and replacement of two 50-foot x 60-inch culverts on Old Hwy 19. He said this is a special order for \$16,000.00.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the purchase and replacement of two 50-foot x 60-inch culverts on Old Hwy 19. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that these projects will be advertised in January of 2022. He said that SRWMD had given the county \$200,000.00 to connect the flooding areas near Ruth Rains Middle School to the canals. He said they only got one bid on this and it was over budget. He said they checked with SRWMD for additional funding. He said this project will be put up for bid again. He said the county has in kind work tied up in this.

He said the Courthouse Security Renovation and the Courthouse Parking Lot are both being advertised. He said the NE 305th Ave (Dollar Sign) is being advertised as well. FDOT have approved the plans for this.

Manager Cannon informed the Board of the Small County Coalition held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. He said the Board will be attending the Rural County Reception the following week. He asked if the Board wanted to take both trips to Tallahassee.

Manager Cannon informed the Board the delivery of the Solid Waste Dump Trailer will be on Friday, January 07, 2022. He said they will get another in the next couple of months. He said the holiday trash capacity has increased.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that the jail roof contract has been fully executed and the initial engineering plans should be submitted to Building and Zoning. He said the roof should be done in April or May.

Manager Cannon informed the Board they mailed out letters to 112 landowners of the explanation and Right of Entry forms in order to gain access to Brushy Creek for the canal clean out project.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that the Road Department will start work on Monday. He said that all employees will be back from their vacation time off. He said they will begin working with the Gradeall on Monday. He said staging of sediment will be on county owned property.

Commissioner Storey asked what area will they start working in.

Manager Cannon said the Board had given the authority to the Road Department to choose the roads.

Commissioner Storey said to begin around the Guy Richardson neighborhood and then Watson Homestead.

Commissioner Mills said he would like them to start in that same area.

Commissioner Hatch said he received a call regarding tearing down a mobile home in Taylor County and dumping the C & D waste in Dixie County. He said the gentleman has offered to pay to do this.

Manager Cannon said he does not recommend the Board receive this from out of county. He said that Taylor County has their own C & D facility as well as other counties have their facility.

Commissioner Mills and Commissioner Stephenson agreed that the Dixie County landfill is already reaching capacity sooner than expected.

Mr. John Locklear recommended the Board not allow this to happen. He suggested they be conservative due to saving space for the residents.

Commissioner Stephenson said that Aucilla has a double liner and it is expensive and you must process the water from the liner and treat it like wastewater.

Ms. Jacki Johnson said that \$35.00 per ton is very cheap. She said this is part of the problem. She said it is \$67.00 in Gilchrist County or higher. She said you may need to raise the rates to help discourage this.

Commissioner Stephenson said the Solid waste Assessment will not cover the expenses. He said that Dixie County has more dump sites and a cheaper rate and more dirty roads than other counties.

Commissioner Stephenson said that Road 353 is narrow, and people run off the edge of the road. He said this needs to be widened in the future.

MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Osteen had nothing to discuss at this time.

BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Higginbotham appeared before the Board and requested to purchase some scanners for the Finance Department. She said the quote is \$1,184.00 for three scanners.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the purchase of the scanners for the Finance Department. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Clerk Higginbotham informed the Board that they have interviewed four applicants for the Chief Financial Officer position. She said they will soon choose a replacement for Ms. Johnson and she will help train them.

Clerk Higginbotham presented the Board with a list of improvements and accomplishments, from the Clerk side and the Board side, that she and her staff have made during this past year.

Attorney Osteen requested to be dismissed.

Ms. Jacki Johnson presented a current financial report to the Board. She said this covers budget and revenue year to date. She said she is always available for questions.

Commissioner Hatch said it has been a long time since the Board has seen one of these reports.

Ms. Johnson said she hopes to be able to do this monthly report for the Board.

Manager Cannon said that he and Ms. Johnson have discussed meeting with Department Heads and including them in having a better understanding of their financial report records.

Ms. Johnson said they must educate and plan ahead.

COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Valentine had nothing further to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Hatch had nothing further to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Stephenson apologized to everyone for his earlier behavior. He said he wants to clear his name. He said the voters and taxpayers are the boss. He said he will continue to stand up for the people and serve to the best of his ability.

Commissioner Mills had nothing further to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Storey said he was sworn into this office to do the best for Dixie County. He said he has worked with several members of the Board throughout the years. He said it is hard to remain neutral. He said he must make his own decisions and be honest with the people and do the right thing. He said he will do what is best for the county. He said he will consider everything and try to make the best decision.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Guy Richardson asked if the county will be filling in the ditches and culverts for the post office. Commissioner Storey replied they will be cleaning these out.

Ms. Robin Rouse said the Postmaster told her the citizens can put all their mailboxes at the end of the street or purchase mail delivery vehicles.

Commissioner Storey said the county did not buy mail delivery vehicles for the city.

Commissioner Stephenson said the county is not responsible for placing rock near the mailboxes.

Manager Cannon said the Road Department will no longer do this.

Ms. Kelly Fox spoke to the Board and said they will be forming a Homeowner's Association. She asked if volunteers could help Mr. Steve Fremen with Code Enforcement.

Ms. Fox said there is a sex offender in her neighborhood who is renting rooms to other sex offenders. Mr. Wright said a written complaint must be filed about this.

A gentleman said the neighbors should be aware when a sex offender is in their neighborhood.

Commissioner Stephenson said they should be registered with the Sheriff.

Commissioner Mills said the back load with Code Enforcement is due to the court system.

Ms. Mary Goodrich informed the Board that most people are dry, but she still has some water on her property.

Commissioner Mills clarified the engineering and permits must be done for the ditches and culverts. He said some will be dug with the Gradeall, however this will not be the final ditch.

Mr. Guy Richardson asked the Board what if the pipe is too small or full of dirt.

Commissioner Mills replied this will be changed.

Ms. Sheila Frierson with the Anti-Drug Coalition appeared before the Board and announced an event will be held at the Johnny Green Park on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 1:00 PM for Black History Month. She said there will be recognition of the black leaders, past and present, in the community.

Ms. Frierson said the Coalition will also attend State Advocacy Day in Tallahassee to help promote the county and offer support on drug issues and recovery and treatment.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Mills made the motion to adjourn at 12:32 PM. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.



ATTEST:

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Jamie Storey

Jamie Storey, Chairman

Barbie Higginbotham

Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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