

**Regular Meeting**  
*Dixie County Courthouse*  
*Commission Board Room*  
**214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628**  
**February 17, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

*While adhering to the CDC Guidelines and following State of Florida Executive Orders: 20-51 Establishing Response Protocol, 20-52 declaring a Public Health Emergency, 20-69 regarding Local Government Public Meetings and the Dixie County Emergency Declaration 2020-29. 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  
Verna Wilson, Chief Deputy Clerk  
Della Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk  
Jacki Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Storey.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Valentine and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Commissioner Mills.

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2022. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**ACCEPT COMMISSION MINUTES**

*Commissioner Valentine made the motion to accept Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 03, 2020. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board accepted.*

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to accept Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2020. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board accepted.*

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to accept Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 01, 2020. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board accepted.*

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to accept Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 05, 2020. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board accepted.*

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

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

A petition by **Kevin Ohmer** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-3266-0000-0100 (162 SE 228th Street. Suwannee, FL 32692) to request a **variance** for a reduction of side set-backs to 5 feet, reduce rear set-backs to 5 feet, reduce front set back to zero for a canter-levered porch with parking below by the petition dated 01/14/2022 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) Tabled 02-03-2022**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the variance request made by Kevin Ohmer.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the variance request made by Kevin Ohmer. Commissioner Mills 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 an additional 10 extra feet by 30 feet to add to the existing 20 x 30 open carport for RV for resolution 2022-15 by the petition dated 01/21/2022 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 5, James Valentine)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the variance request made by Loren and Debbie Boone.

***Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the variance requested by Loren and Debbie Boone. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

A petition by **Robert Carl** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 18-08-14-3722-0000-0160 (800 NE 807th Avenue, Old Town, FL 32680) to request a **variance** for a 20x45carport for RV by the petition dated 01/26/2022 which is located within Section 4.3.7 ESA Sub paragraph (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 Robert Carl.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the variance request made by Robert Carl. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-26**

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 SIDE SET BACKS TO 5 FEET REDUCE REAR SET BACKS TO 5 FEET, REDUCE FRONT SET BACK TO ZERO FOR A CENTERLEVERED PORCH WITH PARKING BELOW, 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 JANUARY 14, 2022.

**Kevin Ohmer, Tabled 02-03-2022**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-26 in support of Kevin Ohmer.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-26 in support of Kevin Ohmer. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-31**

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 AN ADDITIONAL 10 EXTRA FEET BY 30 FEET TO ADD TO THE EXISTING 20 x 30 OPEN CARPORT FOR RV FOR RESOLUTION 2022-15 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 2022-31 in support of Loren and Debbie Boone.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-31 in support of Loren and Debbie Boone. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

**RESOLUTION 2022-30**

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 20X45 CARPORT FOR RV WHICH IS LOCATED IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED JANUARY 26, 2022.

**Robert Carl**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-30 in support of Robert Carl.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-30 in support of Robert Carl. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Greg Bailey appeared before the Board and informed them they had two bid openings last week. He said the bids for the Courthouse Security project were \$160,000.00 from the Shine Company, \$134,673.00 from Gray Construction and \$119,344.70 from Slack Construction. He recommended the Board award this project to the lowest bidder.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to award the project to the lowest bidder. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

Mr. Bailey said there is a Notice of Award to be executed in support of this project.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board there were two bids for the parking lot. He said Anderson Columbia bid \$119,827.77 and S & T Services bid \$46,850.00. He said that Anderson Columbia had met all the requirement criteria whereas the other bidder did not.

Commissioner Stephenson asked why the spread was so large between the two bids.

Mr. Bailey said that S & T Services did not have all the documents needed.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion for the County Manager to negotiate the price with Anderson Columbia because the county has already placed the rock on the site. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

Manager Cannon requested that Mr. Bailey be in these negotiations as well.

Mr. Bailey agreed to help.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board that the final authorization packets for NE 362 and 364 Avenue have been submitted to FDOT.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board that there are not many options for funding a new Board Meeting Room. He said it would qualify for a CDBG COVID grant. Unfortunately, this program is not open at this time.

He said there are low interest loans through the state. He said there are some cost share grants. He said there is legislative appropriations for special facilities in the amount of \$60 million across the state. Commissioner Stephenson suggested they wait and see if they get the Old Town School Board Meeting Room. He said they could then move the meetings to that building for a larger venue.

Commissioner Hatch suggested they wait until the grant opens back up. He asked about the seawall status.

Mr. Bailey replied nothing yet.

**JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES**

Mr. John Locklear had nothing to discuss at this time.

**CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Ms. Cindy Bellot reminded everyone of the Art Festival in Suwannee on March 12 and a Seed Saving Workshop for heirloom fruits and vegetables at the Dixie County Public Library on March 15. She informed everyone that on Thursday, February 24 and Friday, February 25 the Dixie County Public Library will be closed for inventory.

**STEVE FREMEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT & VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

Mr. Steve Fremen had nothing to discuss at this time.

**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**

Mr. Latson was not present for this meeting.

**LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL**

Building Official Leon Wright appeared before the Board and informed them of a campground that will be coming up for approval. He said there is a site plan available. He said he will be meeting with FDOT about the turn off.

**DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Director Brown appeared before the Board to inform them he will go to Bradenton in March to look at some new fire engines.

Director Brown informed the Board that he and Chief Garner went to Tallahassee last week. He said the station appropriations are in the Budget; however, neither are 100 percent funded at this time.

Director Brown informed the Board that Ms. Lola Butler has been working part time as the billing clerk for Emergency Services while also working full time for the Dixie County Health Department. He said he needs a full-time employee for this position. He requested to advertise for this position.

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

Mr. Scott Pendarvis appeared before the Board and informed them that the county needs to sign and submit the paperwork for the annual Spring grant of \$11,752.00 for systems maintenance.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to sign and submit the paperwork for the grant. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

Mr. Pendarvis informed the Board that as the I. T. Director for the county, he has been trying to get better internet service for the Courthouse, the Manager's office and the IFAS office through fiber. He said he met with Unity Fiber and they propose to put in a network between the county offices. He presented the quotes for monthly services of \$545.00 for 250 megs at the Courthouse, \$345.00 for 50 megs at the UF office and \$300.00 for 30 megs at the County Manager's office. He added that the start-up cost would be around \$4,000.00.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the quoted services provided by Unity Fiber. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

Mr. Pendarvis informed them that the Jail generator is having some issues. He said that the state is transitioning to a next generation 911 system. He said the servers would be in a cloud-based situation. He said that he has been in meetings with the companies that supply this service. He said this would allow the 911 system to more easily be moved to other facility locations as needed.

**GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE**

Ms. Carter had nothing to discuss at this time.

**HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT**

Ms. Houghton was not present for this meeting.

**ANGIE CROWLEY, HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR**

**County Employee Policy and Procedures Manual**

Ms. Angie Crowley appeared before the Board to request the Board's approval of the County Employee Policy and Procedures Manual. She said the adoptive date and the effective date will need to be the same date. She said the County Attorney will present the Resolution for approval.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the County Employee Policy and Procedures Manual. Commissioner Mills seconded.*

County Attorney Michael Osteen requested that Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk Della Rhymes read aloud the Resolution adopting the County Employee Policy and Procedures Manual.

Ms. Crowley said that 200 copies will be printed for the employees and they will sign and notarize the form that they have received and understand the book.

Commissioner Stephenson said he wants to make sure that the information in the County Employee Policy and Procedures Manual will be followed.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the County Employee Policy and Procedures Manual. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk Della Rhymes read aloud Resolution 2022-29 by title only which adopted the County Employee Policy and Procedures Manual.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-29. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

**DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER**

Manager Cannon appeared before the Board to request their approval of several items.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Notice of Award to Anderson Columbia for the NE 316<sup>th</sup> Ave, NE 497<sup>th</sup> St, and NE 305<sup>th</sup> Ave Roadway Paving Project.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the Notice of Award to Anderson Columbia for the NE 316<sup>th</sup> Ave, NE 497<sup>th</sup> St, and NE 305<sup>th</sup> Ave Roadway Paving Project. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Commissioner Stephenson said that pipes need to be installed before they pave the road.

Manager Cannon said this is a reimbursable grant.

Commissioner Storey expressed the need for caution.

**Frank Darabi, Darabi and Associates**

Mr. Darabi appeared before the Board and said he has looked at this in the past. He said that Suwannee River Water Management must be involved in the permitting. He said you must show how the water will flow and that you are not flooding someone else by moving the water.

Commissioner Mills asked if there is a deadline for the project.

Manager Cannon said there is a deadline in the FDOT agreement.

Mr. Darabi said the bid from Anderson Columbia is good for 30 days only. He said he does not want to be involved in the county liability of moving the water.

Commissioner Stephenson said these subdivisions were planned back when there was not an LDR to follow. He said no plans for drainage were created back then. He said he will be meeting a cabinet member from the Governor's office next week to discuss funding.

Commissioner Mills said there is more work to be done. He said this needs to be engineered. He said he does not want driveways without culverts. He said there needs to be ditches for the water to flow. He said he does not want to flood anyone by moving the water around.

County Attorney Michael Osteen requested a Workshop for culverts and the Ordinance.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to move forward with the bid from Anderson Columbia. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the contract between Dixie County and Anderson Columbia for the NE 316<sup>th</sup> Ave, NE 497<sup>th</sup> St and NE 305<sup>th</sup> Ave Roadway Paving Reconstruction in the amount of \$1,013,186.09.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the contract between Dixie County and Anderson Columbia for the NE 316<sup>th</sup> Ave, NE 497<sup>th</sup> St, and NE 305<sup>th</sup> Ave Roadway Paving Reconstruction. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Commissioner Stephenson asked for clarification of the contract specifics.

Commissioner Mills said he does not want to speculate on the placement of the culverts.

John Locklear, Locklear and Associates

Mr. Locklear said they have been working under some grants for separate projects. He said they have created a model of the surface and ground water for the county. He said the changes of water flow with larger culverts must be modeled and permitted by SRWMD and that takes time. He said they have accumulated a lot of data throughout the county.

Manager Cannon reminded everyone that the Board had approved to execute the Notice of Award to Slack Construction, Inc for the Courthouse Security Improvements earlier in this meeting.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Contract between Dixie County and Slack Construction, Inc for the Courthouse Security Improvements in the amount of \$119,344.70 upon Attorney review and approval.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve to execute the Contract between Dixie County and Slack Construction, Inc for the Courthouse Security Improvements upon Attorney review and approval. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon reminded everyone that the Board has approved to allow the County Manager to negotiate with the apparent low bidder of the Courthouse Parking Lot earlier in this meeting.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to dedicate a portion of CR 55A from US 19 to the first curve in memory of Dayn Haag with a road sign provided by the family.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the dedication of a portion of CR 55A from US 19 to the first curve in memory of Dayn Haag with a road sign provided by the family. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to advertise for sealed bids of Board owned properties as presented.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the advertising for sealed bids of Board owned properties as presented. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***



Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to deed back to the Dixie County School Board a 60' parcel located east of the track at Ruth Raines Middle School for an access road between schools.

Commissioner Hatch said he wants the Suwannee property to be deeded to the Board.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to deed back to the Dixie County School Board a 60' parcel located east of the track at Ruth Raines Middle School for an access road between schools. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon said the School Board has agreed to deed the Suwannee property to the County Commission Board with help from the county to complete this access road.

Commissioner Mills asked about the specifics of the help requested.

Manager Cannon replied the prep work.

Commissioner Storey said there will be a ditch alongside this road connecting to the airport canal.

Commissioner Mills said there needs to be more engineering to help this area of the county.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to accept the quote between Dixie County and Flying Hawk Enterprises, Inc for the Courthouse flooring in the amount of \$16,273.60.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the quote between Dixie County and Flying Hawk Enterprises, Inc for the Courthouse flooring. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to accept the SHIP Subordination Agreement for Angela Corsette for the purpose of a lower interest rate, and thus lower monthly payments.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to accept the SHIP Subordination Agreement for Angela Corsette for the purpose of a lower interest rate, and thus lower monthly payments. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval for the Town of Cross City, Resolution 2022-32, in support of the TAP Project. This is to add a pedestrian lane in the historical downtown area on Hwy 351.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Town of Cross City, Resolution 2022-32, in support of the TAP Project. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to order the listed materials for the Dixie County Storm Water Task Force for Phase I Project.

- 18 60" x 30' long Galvanized pipe
- 6 48" x 30' long Galvanized pipe
- 6 36" x 30' long Galvanized pipe
- 1 36" x 40' long Galvanized pipe
- 6 24" x 30' long Galvanized pipe

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the listed materials to be ordered for the Dixie County Storm Water Task Force for Phase I Project. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Commissioner Hatch recommended these materials be stored on Mr. Dwight Knight's property and not the County Yard. He said these will be inventoried and tracked by the County Manager.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to store the materials on Mr. Dwight Knight's property. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to allow the United Methodist Church of Old Town to hold Easter Sunrise Service at Hinton Landing on April 17, 2022.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to allow the United Methodist Church of Old Town to hold Easter Sunrise Service at Hinton Landing on April 17, 2022. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to allow Gene Higginbotham and Robbie Lee to handle the Fair purchases on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners as completed in previous years. He said this money goes towards the chapter animals throughout the community. He said this is considered a donation by the Board.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to allow Gene Higginbotham and Robbie Lee to handle the Fair purchases on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to adopt the Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan to comply with FDOT for future LAP Projects.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to adopt the Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan to comply with FDOT for future LAP Projects. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of Resolution 2022-33 in support of the Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-33 in support of the Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board approve a workshop for driveways and culvert Ordinances at 9:00 AM on March 03, 2022.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the workshop on March 03, 2022 at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

Attorney Osteen added that Mr. Hughes will be invited to discuss the rental of the building in Suwannee. He said he would also like to add the discussion of the scrap metal contracts.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the workshop on March 03, 2022 at 9:00 AM to include the discussion of driveways, culverts, the culvert ordinance, the rental building in Suwannee and the scrap metal. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

Manager Cannon said that the Old US Hwy 19 will be closed from the Hines Hwy to the Jena turn off for a same size pre-existing culvert replacement. He said this will be Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

Commissioner Stephenson said that people have been complaining on the grading of the roads and the metal at the rock pit roll off site.

Manager Cannon said the scrap metal will be discussed at the workshop.

**MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY**  
**County Employee Policy and Procedures Manual**  
**Resolution 2022-29**

*Resolution 2022-29 was voted on and approved by the Board earlier in this meeting.*

County Attorney Michael Osteen had nothing to discuss at this time.

**BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT**

Clerk Higginbotham acknowledged Asst. Chief Deputy Della Rhymes for catching up and completing the Board Minutes from the year 2020. She expressed her appreciation.

**COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Valentine had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Hatch wanted to discuss the idea of Commissioners being elected by their district voters only and the possibility of limiting Commissioners to three-year terms. He said he thinks this would have to be on a ballot.

Attorney Osteen said that would have to be put on referendum.

Commissioner Valentine said he is not for this.

Commissioner Mills said he is not for this. He said the Board works for the whole county. He said they should not segregate the voting.

Commissioner Storey said all the Commissioners help each other.

Commissioner Mills said he has also helped with the scrap metal issue. He said he has pushed it up and hauled it off. He said this metal is cheap in value. He said it should be in the contract to tidy up the site.

Attorney Osteen said this is the purpose of the workshop.

Commissioner Hatch asked for an answer to his proposed question.

Commissioner Storey thanked everyone for another good meeting.

Commissioner Stephenson informed everyone that he will be repairing driveways for the elderly and handicapped people in the First District and other areas once a month.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Ms. Robin Rouse addressed the Board and asked if they had a contract for the lime rock pit yet.

Manager Cannon replied no, they are waiting on a survey.

Ms. Rouse stated that the roads in her neighborhood are bad. She asked about possible funding to fix the roads.

Commissioner Storey said they have been looking at those roads.

Ms. Rouse asked for a list of where the Grade-all has been working.

Manager Cannon replied it is currently on 219.

Ms. Rouse asked Commissioner Stephenson if he will be doing any cooking to help raise money to fix driveways.

Commissioner Stephenson said he will be looking into several options. He mentioned the possibility of a fireworks display with a love offering. He said he would like to fix at least one driveway, possibly two, per month.

Ms. Rouse said she will be selling crafts at the upcoming Air Show and she would donate her proceeds to help fix the driveways.

Commissioner Stephenson said he will do the work at his own expense.

Mr. Charles Staub addressed the Board and informed them of an issue at Purvis Landing. He said he has started a petition. He said the park attendant is renting out his trailer for \$200.00 per month. He said he is not cleaning up the trash in the parking lot or the bathrooms. He said there is a lot of drug activity and he has informed the law.

Commissioner Mills said to fire this park attendant.

Manager Cannon said this person is a volunteer.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to advertise for a new attendant.***

Manager Cannon repeated this person is a volunteer.

Attorney Osteen said they can discharge him of his services.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to advertise for a new attendant. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Ms. Mary Goodrich addressed the Board about filling holes on NE 544 road and grade it.

She asked about the culverts and the gates at Mallory Swamp being open or closed.

Commissioner Stephenson said he does not know. He said he had asked permission from the SRWMD to pull them out previously but has not been back to the area. He said people put the boards back in all the time.

Manager Cannon said that when the gates are opened other people will close the gates.  
Commissioner Stephenson said he will take someone from the Governor's cabinet to look at this, too.  
Attorney Osteen stated the Board does not control these gates. He said that Suwannee River Water Management District has authority over the gates.

Mr. Shawn Roth addressed the Board about the poor internet service in the area. He suggested they ask Comcast; from Lake City, about providing service.  
Commissioner Hatch instructed him to get with the County Manager and share the information.  
Mr. Roth asked about the culverts on NE 743 Street being maintained and who is responsible.  
Commissioner Stephenson replied the county is responsible from the property line to the street.

Ms. Robin Rouse asked about the Grade-all and where is the next location it will be assigned to.  
Commissioner Storey replied throughout the Hammock.  
Commissioner Hatch added that the Grade-all must shut down when they need to do some locations.

Commissioner Stephenson said in addition to engineering, you can use Lidar maps to see how the water will flow.

Ms. Jennifer Kincaid addressed the Board and voiced her concern about the RV park that is coming to the area. She said there is a concern for safety over the location of the entrance. She said that campers must make a U turn on the highway to enter or exit the RV park driveway.

Ms. Sarah Ross addressed the Board and asked for an update on the Volunteer Board for Zoning and Planning.  
Building Official Leon Wright said this is implemented through Resolution and Ordinance and this is being drafted.

Mr. Barry Johnson addressed the Board about a building without water and sewer. He said that several people are camping.  
Code Enforcement Officer Steve Fremen said this case has been to court and the owner must comply or be fined \$200.00 per day.

Commissioner Stephenson said this is a problem throughout the county. He said that some folks don't have much. He posed the question where will they go if they are removed. He said there needs to be a better plan to handle homeless and indigent people.

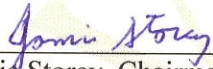
**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

  
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Jamie Storey, Chairman

  
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.*