

Regular Meeting
School Board Meeting Room
328 SE Hwy 349, Old Town, FL 32680
May 19, 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
Michael Osteen, County Attorney, via telephone
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court
Verna Wilson, Chief Deputy Clerk
Della Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk

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 Mills made the motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 05, 2022. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

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

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

None were present.

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

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

A petition by **Matthew Knight** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in a ESA zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 04/06/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 16-13-12-2926-0000-0040, 55 SE 373rd Street, Old Town, FL 32680. **(Commission District 3, Mark Hatch) (Tabled from 05-05-2022)**

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

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Mathew Knight. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Jerome & Jaqueline Hammond** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in a (ESA) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 03/25/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 27-11-13-0000-6762-0100 9685, SE 500 Avenue, Old Town, FL 32680. **(Commission District 3, Mark Hatch)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Jerome and Jaqueline Hammond. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Jerome and Jaqueline Hammond. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Andy Hester, Socko LLC** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions: number (4) Campgrounds of less than 100 campsites of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations (ESA) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 04/14/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 26-09-09-0045-0000-0071, 34 SW 911th Street, Steinhatchee, FL 32359. **(Commission District 5, James Valentine)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Andy Hester, Socko LLC. There were several neighbors present to voice their opposition.

Mr. Andy Hester spoke to the Board about the property and his plans for it. He said he would like to develop four lots and would rent them out when he is not staying there. He said the previous owner had hauled in several loads of dirt in 2005 and the property now sits higher than the surrounding neighbors. He said there is an issue with water shed and he would like to have an engineer figure out a solution. He said he wants to clean up the property and would also agree to put up a privacy fence.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if this is for personal use or rentals.
Mr. Hester said they do want to rent these spaces out to help pay for the property.

Ms. Margaret Corbin spoke to the Board in opposition of this Special Exception request and said there are several other neighbors who are also opposed. She said the high tides are also an issue. She said she has lived there for years and due to the development, it is congested. She said this area is zoned for a home.

Mr. Norm Strickland lives near this property and also opposes the proposed development. He said the previous owner did haul several loads of dirt and the property is 12 to 16 inches higher. He said a trailer park would decrease the land value.

Mr. Paul Greenwell opposed the request as well and said the tidal surges are a problem too. He said that people who are renting the spaces may not get advanced warning of an event. He said most renters will not be courteous or keep the area clean. He said access to the property will be difficult for campers and trailers. He said he is not opposed to them building a home.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to table this. Commissioner Stephenson seconded.
Commissioner Mills asked why they are tabling this request. He said there is a lot of opposition.
Commissioner Hatch and Commissioner Mills both stated they are against tabling the matter.
Commissioner Storey said he is also against tabling the matter.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to deny the Special Exception request made by Andy Hester, Socko LLC. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board denied.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if a permit is needed to haul dirt.
Building Official Leon Wright said there are some restrictions for fill dirt.

A petition by **Michelle Fleming** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions: number (4) Campgrounds of less than 100 campsites of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations (ESA) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 04/29/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 23-09-13-0000-4360-0000, 6079 NE Hwy 349, Old Town, FL 32680. **(Commission District 4, Jamie Storey)**
*****Correction (Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)**

Building Official Leon Wright said he was told that the petitioner would like to rescind this petition. He said this needs to be submitted in writing by the petitioner.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to table the Special Exception requested by Michelle Fleming. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board tabled.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.3.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED APRIL 06, 2022.

Mathew Knight (Tabled from 05-05-2022)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-70 in support of Mathew Knight.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-70 in support of Mathew Knight. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.3.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MARCH 25, 2022.

Jerome & Jaqueline Hammond

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-75 in support of Jerome & Jaqueline Hammond.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-75 in support of Jerome & Jaqueline Hammond. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-76

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 (4) CAMPGROUNDS OF LESS THAN 100 CAMPSITES IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED APRIL 14, 2022. **Andy Hester, Socko LLC**

Resolution 2022-76 was denied due to the Special Exception request it supported being denied earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-77

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 (4) CAMPGROUNDS OF LESS THAN 100 CAMPSITES IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED APRIL 29, 2022. **Michelle Fleming**

Resolution 2022-77 was tabled due to the Special Exception request it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

ORDINANCE 2022-03

AN ORDINANCE OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE DIXIE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF MORE THAN 50 ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, **CPA 22-03**, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS, VERY LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 40 ACRES) TO ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 10 ACRES) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(Second Reading) Barbara Williams and Ronald M. Williams**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Ordinance 2022-03 in support of Barbara Williams and Ronald M. Williams.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-03 in support of Barbara Williams and Ronald M. Williams. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

ORDINANCE 2022-07

AN ORDINANCE OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT REZONING OF TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, **Z 22-03**, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS (ESA-1) TO ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS (ESA-3) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Barbara Williams and Ronald M. Williams

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Ordinance 2022-07 in support of Barbara Williams and Ronald M. Williams.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-07 in support of Barbara Williams and Ronald M. Williams. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

LINDA HAGERTY

New Rock Pit

Ms. Hagerty had voluntarily withdrawn from the Agenda.

ANDREW GUDE, U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Hydrologic Restoration on Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge

Mr. Andrew Gude appeared before the Board and spoke to them about a study to move water from the refuge to the gulf. He said the water would flow under the Dixie Mainline and out to the gulf. He said the mainline is currently obstructing the water flow. He said the area continuously floods and damages the road. He said repairs are made to the road every year because of this. He said this project would be funded from the BP oil spill money.

Ms. Charlene Stroland from Wood informed the Board about the study and how it covered both sides of the Suwannee River in Dixie and Levy County. She said there is 168,000 acres covered by the storm water model for Dixie County. She said the focus is to improve the road height, install culverts and box culverts and low water crossings to reduce maintenance costs and enhance the ecological function of the area. She said they reviewed photos of the mainline after Hurricane Elsa and storm water modeling to come up with the proposed improvements to the road.

Commissioner Stephenson stated that the county is beginning to clean interior canals and ditches which would increase the water flow to that area.

Ms. Stroland said they used studies that had already been done in that area for their data.

Mr. Gude said the next step would be to get some money for the implementation of this work. He said this was previously estimated as a five or six-million-dollar project. He said the mainline and the timber land is getting flooded. He said moving the fresh water to the gulf would also help the ecosystem. He said they would need to finalize a contract with Wood and the Suwannee River Water Management District.

GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Greg Bailey appeared before the Board and informed them that the construction is on-going at the Courthouse. He said they are working with the contractor to get a start date on the parking lot. He said there is currently a shortage of asphalt. He said the 362 and 364 projects are with FDOT to be reviewed and approved. He said they are reviewing plans on the 340 road with Darabi and Associates next week and will update the plans. He said they have reviewed Stockade road and they will need more right of way area and some utility poles are currently too close to the road. He said they will need FDOT funding for this project.

JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. John Locklear appeared before the Board and said work will begin on the Dollar Sign road on Monday.

CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Bellot was not present for this meeting.

STEVE FREMEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT & VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mr. Steve Fremem appeared before the Board and informed them of the problems with RV's. He said people are parking these on vacant property and living off the grid. He said the cost of rent and housing may be contributing to other people camping in the yard of family members.

Commissioner Stephenson said if you make the people move, they will just relocate somewhere else.

Mr. Fremmen said that he can address the campers on the vacant land, but he doesn't want to waste county money trying to take people to court.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about a hardship clause.

Mr. Leon Wright agreed the campers are a problem. He said that Mr. Fremmen has been doing a good job. He informed the Board they are currently short staffed and haven't done any inspections this week. He said Mr. Mike Jones is not doing well and he will not return to work. He said they have been looking for help. He told the Board an inspector costs \$1,000.00 for an eight-hour day. He said that Lafayette County has offered to help with inspections at \$40.00 per hour plus mileage but can only help one day per week. He said he has also asked Mr. Bob Zerbe, who works part time if he could help. He said Mr. Gene has prepared a proposal and cost estimate of \$13,000.00 for restructuring the LDR's and cleaning this up. He said that he prepared a 20-page document covering different issue and streamlining the process. He said they can talk about this more in a workshop. He said that he will be doing inspections next week and try to catch up on paperwork. He informed the Board that they may receive some complaints. He said that FEMA will no longer do the three-year community assisted visits and will now do annual audits instead. He said an inspector in Lake City makes more money than he does as the Building Official for Dixie County. He said there is a shortage of inspectors in Florida.

Commissioner Stephenson asked what credentials are needed to be an inspector.

Mr. Wright replied they need a license, six years of experience working with a contractor, must have been a Superintendent on a job, must have trade knowledge and signed affidavits from other contractors.

Mr. Wright said that Mr. Jones has been a licensed electrician since 1996 and caught on quickly. He said that he enjoyed working with him. He said this was a freak accident and the first responders did all they could to help him.

Commissioner Storey instructed them to do the best they can at the Building and Zoning office.

Commissioner Stephenson said Mr. Wright needs to be paid extra for all the extra work that he does.

Mr. Wright said he had also asked if Mr. Richard Powell would come back to work and his reply was no. He said he will advertise two weeks for some help. He said they had one applicant last time.

Commissioner Hatch agreed Mr. Wright needs to be paid more and expressed his appreciation.

Mr. Wright said that Mr. Jones was inspecting jobs daily.

He said that some people will be understanding and accommodating while others will not. He said this job is frustrating and stressful for all the employees.

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. Michael Latson appeared before the Board and informed them that it is time for their annual inspection. He said he wanted to talk about the dozer and burnt houses. He said the roll off truck is broke down and he doesn't have any rental cans available. He said they need to order some 20- yard cans, but they are six months to a year on back order.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the welding class students at the school possibly building some trash cans.

Commissioner Hatch asked about the quote on the dozer.
Mr. Latson said the undercarriage needs to be re-done.

Manager Cannon said he has looked into possibly acquiring another dozer. He said they may have to finance it or budget it for next year. He said they can have one machine for the road department and one for the solid waste department. He said the dozer is on lease for a landfill in another county and is specific for landfill work.

Manager Cannon requested the Board allow him to solicit some financing quotes from the local banks to get this machine.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to allow the County Manager to solicit some financing quotes from the local banks. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL

Mr. Wright had nothing to discuss at this time.

DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Director Brown appeared before the Board and informed them that they have one of the two new trucks outside. He said they came in last Monday. He said more equipment is needed for them. He said he has put together a list of the \$20,000.00 in additional equipment per truck. He said he does not want to take this money from the Fire Budget. He said he would like to use the money from the impact fee funding to pay for this equipment.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to spend the money from the impact fees to purchase the equipment needed for the firetrucks. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Director Brown reminded everyone of the upcoming 2022 Hurricane Season Kick Off Recovery Meeting. He said this will be held at the Emergency Operations Center on June 07, 2021 beginning at 10:30 AM. He said there will be a presentation and lunch will be served.

Director Brown informed the Board they will perform a traditional ceremony to bless the new fire trucks on Monday, at Fire Station Two in Old Town, beginning at 12:30 PM.

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

Mr. Pendarvis appeared before the Board and informed them that the fiber has been installed in the HR, UF and County Manager offices. He said he is working on the Constitutional offices.

Mr. Pendarvis requested the Board approve the official quote of \$400.00 for the wifi at the Building and Zoning office. He said this may take two months to get up and running.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the \$400.00 quote for wifi at the Building and Zoning office. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE

Ms. Carter was not present for this meeting.

HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

Ms. Houghton was not present for this meeting.

ANGIE CROWLEY, HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Crowley left the meeting earlier.

Commissioner Hatch thanked Ms. Crowley for going to the hospital to check on Mr. Mike Jones and his status.

DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board and requested their approval to expand the DEP Resilient Program Grant for the vulnerability assessment study to include Taylor, Levy, and Jefferson Counties. He said that Locklear and Associates and Dr. Sheng with UF will compile the required information for the application.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to expand the DEP Resilient Program Grant for the vulnerability assessment study to include Taylor, Levy, and Jefferson Counties. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval for the quote on the culvert pipe cleanout for approximately 25 culverts at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00. (\$10.00 per foot, up to 24 inches. \$15.00 per foot for 25-36 inch.)

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the quote on the culvert pipe cleanout for approximately 25 culverts at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to purchase five culvert pipes at an approximate cost of \$10,000.00 for the Twin Lakes Project, using ARPA Funds per the request from the Storm Water Task Force.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the purchase of five culvert pipes at an approximate cost of \$10,000.00 for the Twin Lakes Project, using ARPA Funds per the request from the Storm Water Task Force. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to submit an application for the Small County Consolidated Waste Management Grant with Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the submission of an application for the Small County Consolidated Waste Management Grant with Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Boards' approval to schedule a Budget Workshop on June 16, 2022 from 3:00 until 5:00 PM.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve scheduling a Budget Workshop on June 16, 2022 from 3:00 until 5:00 PM. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to hold the 6:00 PM Board Meeting of June 16, 2022 at the School Board Meeting Room in Old Town, FL.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion approving the 6:00 PM Board Meeting of June 16, 2022 to be held at the School Board Meeting Room in Old Town, FL. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that the Department of Health would like to offer their Lease of the portable building w/Dixie County to the Anti-Drug Coalition

Manager Cannon informed the Board of the Budget FY 2023 minimum wage increase to \$11.00 per hour. He asked if the Board wanted to explore \$1.00 per hour across the board for budget planning purposes, as well as the evaluation of pay rate for dept. heads.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that the Special Assessment working group have reviewed 200 parcels for discrepancies. He said they need to address the annual renewable \$300.00 RV Special Assessment Permits. He said these sites also require fire protection and create solid waste and should be paying for that. He said this is lost revenue. He clarified that the land is not vacant if there is a RV or camper on it.

Commissioner Stephenson said this Special Exception Permit should expire after a set amount of years so that the residents don't continue to live in campers.

MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Michael Osteen spoke to the Board via telephone. He recommended they do not make any changes to the Animal/Dog Ordinance. He suggested the public get a Service Dog Certification if they want to bring dogs into the County Parks. He said this may cost the public around \$90.00.

BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Higginbotham appeared before the Board and informed them that Ms. Jacki Johnson from the Finance Department and the County Manager are scheduling Budget Meetings with department heads.

COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Valentine had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Hatch asked if the Board would like to address Air B and B rentals and the parking issues they are creating in Suwannee.

Building Official Leon Wright said that other counties have short term rental Ordinances to deal with these situations.

Commissioner Stephenson suggested to see the Tourist Development Council about this because of the bed tax.

Commissioner Hatch mentioned complaints about the parking at the boat ramps. He said they need to make sure signs are posted and the spaces are marked.

Commissioner Mills asked about the status of the Boat Stickers.

Commissioner Stephenson said they did not resolve the issue of who would be responsible to distribute the stickers.

Commissioner Mills said this is important and they need to move forward. He said this is another source of revenue for the county. He said there is boat ramp maintenance and solid waste expenses that need to be covered.

Commissioner Hatch requested prayer for Mr. Mike Jones and his family.

Attorney Osteen said they did speak to the Tax Collector and she was not willing to distribute the Boat Stickers. He said the distribution issue and the enforcement issue was never settled.

Clerk Higginbotham suggested the Park Attendants issue the Boat Stickers.

Attorney Osteen suggested allowing the Marinas to distribute Boat Stickers like they do Hunting and Fishing Licenses. He said that he and the County Manager and the assistant County Manager will continue to work on this matter.

Commissioner Stephenson informed everyone about the meeting last night in Aucilla. He said they will have Grand Opening Ceremony for the new cell on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 4:00 until 6:00 PM.

Commissioner Storey thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Kyle Keller and Ms. Savannah Keller, Managers of the Shady Oaks RV Park appeared before the Board. He said they have 150 residents in the park. He requested the Board clean out the main culvert near the park to assist with water flow and prevent flooding of the park.

Commissioner Hatch said they did some work in that area previously and that DEP mandates this work be permitted. He said they had intended to go further, but they stopped the work.

Manager Cannon said there is specific DEP restrictions that must be followed for the clean out.

Mr. Paul Greenwell requested the Board look at the flooding and water run-off in the Mitchell Parking Lot at the Jena Boat Ramp on Hwy 358.

Manager Cannon said when clearing the property, they had Darabi and Associates look at this for water runoff and they left some area to address drainage. He said they can look at this again.

Mr. Greenwell informed the Board that the Condo near the Jena Boat Ramp may possible donate some of their land to the county.

Mr. Warren Barrow spoke via telephone. He asked what taxes the \$300.00 RV Special Exception Permit covers. He asked about a Solid Waste Assessment for vacant land. He said he had not received the annual bill for the \$300.00 exemption in the mail. He suggested there may be others who are not getting the annual renewal bill.

Building Official Leon Wright said the annual renewals were mailed out in bulk.

Commissioner Stephenson said there are many campers within the county that did not go through the proper channels in the first place and there is no record of where to send a bill.


ADJOURN

Commissioner Mills made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.




ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA



Jamie Storey, Chairman


Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

PLEASE BE ADVISED that if a person decided to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearings, he/ she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he/ she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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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.