

Regular Meeting
School Board Meeting Room
328 SE Hwy 349, Old Town, FL 32680
June 02, 2022 – 10:00 AM

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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 May 19, 2022. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

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

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

None were present.

The Board agreed to allow Director Brown to speak at this time so that he and his staff could leave early.

DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Director Brown appeared before the Board and informed them that the Florida Forestry Service will be utilizing Fire Station 51 in Jena. He said they will be housing a tractor transport unit there. He informed the Board that he will be absent for the next Board meeting. He said it is Hurricane season.

Chief Scott Garner appeared before the Board and presented a handout. He said there is a Tropical Storm that may hit the Tampa area. He said there will be six to eight inches of rain from Miami to the keys this weekend. He reminded everyone of the Tuesday, June 07 meeting at the EOC for the Hurricane Season Kickoff and Recovery.

Commissioner Mills asked where the storm is currently.
Commissioner Stephenson asked if our area will be affected.
Chief Garner said he feels the storm will stay to the south.

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 **Nicole King** 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 a ("AG" AGRICULTURE) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/02/2022, to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 21-09-13-4319-0000-0440, 152 NE 538TH Street, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the special exception request made by Nicole King. There was opposition.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to table the special exception request made by Nicole King.
Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board tabled.***

A petition by **Craig and Jodi Bernard** 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 05/02/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 26-09-13-4468-0000-0460, 2053 NE 642 St, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 2, W.C. Mills)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the special exception request made by Craig and Jodi Bernard. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the special exception request made by Craig and Jodi Bernard. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Branson Q. Skierski** to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel #19-13-12-2942-0000-0260, 86 SE 234TH Street, Old Town, FL 32680, to request a **variance** for a reduction of west side setbacks from ten feet to four feet for the construction of a 30 x 30 pole barn, by the petition dated 04/21/2022, which is located within Section 4.7.7 RSF/MH subparagraph (2) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 Variance Procedures. **(Commission District 3, Mark Hatch)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the variance request made by Branson Q. Skierski. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the variance request made by Branson Q. Skierski. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Z 22-04, an application by Salty Souls, LLC, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations, by changing the zoning district from RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) to RESIDENTIAL, (CONVENTIONAL) SINGLE FAMILY-2 (RSF-2) on the property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 10 East, Dixie County, Florida. The West 3/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 30 lying North of County Road 358. Containing 8.00 acres, more or less.

AND

A parcel of land lying in Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 10 East, Dixie County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 30; thence North 89°50'00" West, along the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 30, a distance of 825.00 feet; thence South 00°48'15" West 220.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00°48'15" East 440.00 feet; thence South 89°50'00" East 206.25 feet; thence North 00°48'15" West 440.00 feet; thence North 89°50'00" West 206.25 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 2.08 acres, more or less.

All said lands containing 10.08 acres, more or less.

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the requested zoning change made by Salty Souls, LLC.

A petition was presented to the Board opposing this zoning change request and opposing speakers were also present.

Building Official Leon Wright appeared before the Board and clarified this is a request for a zoning change. He presented copies of the opposing petition to the Board and the Clerk. He said the landowners are present and would like to speak to the Board.

Mr. William Sikes spoke to the Board and said he would like to develop this property in Jena. He said it will have residential lots and some retail space which would provide potential jobs. He said there are also some wetlands which will be preserved.

Mr. Fred Odom, the Engineer on the Isles at River's Edge project, spoke to the Board and said this development will be unique to the area. He said they would like to develop 28 lots with 14 to 28 boat slips and two commercial buildings of 6400 square feet total. He said there will also be a covered pavilion near the dock. He said they are developing two nature viewing areas for people to enjoy. Commissioner Valentine asked how people will access the water. Mr. Sikes replied from the property.

Commissioner Stephenson asked how many homes they are proposing per acre.

Mr. Clay Spivey replied 28 homes on ¼ acre lots. He said they are donating the two acres of wetlands to the state. He said they would like to make a bridge to access the water. He said the development will be self-contained. He said the residents would not need to use the road to the existing boat ramp near the property.

Commissioner Hatch asked if every home will have a boat slip.

Mr. Sikes replied yes.

Mr. Spivey said they feel the docks are a better alternative to keep people off the private road.

Mr. Sikes said the residents can leave their boat in the water.

Commissioner Storey asked if the public can use the walking trails.

Mr. Sikes replied yes, as well as the retail area.

Commissioner Stephenson asked Mr. Wright to clarify the Future Land Use Map timeframe.

Mr. Wright said that the Future Land Use Map of 2025 allows for the same density that they are now requesting. He said this development would not have to come before the Board in 2025.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about other developments in the area of this same size.

Mr. Wright replied that River Shores at Jena is similar with a higher density.

Commissioner Storey said there are also several homes in the area on small lots.

Commissioner Valentine said he doesn't think they have enough land to develop all their proposed plans.

Mr. Sikes said that 28 homes is the maximum they could put on the acreage without filling in the wetland area.

Mr. Spivey said they could fill in the wetlands and put more homes on the property but do not want to do this.

Mr. Wright clarified the Board is only looking at the zoning change requested. He said they are not approving the site plan. He said anything to be developed will come back before the Board later.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about additional parking. He said the property setbacks would limit the residents on parking.

Mr. Sikes replied yes, additional parking will be at the retail sites and the property lots will be 85 feet x 125 feet.

Commissioner Hatch said he doesn't have an issue with this request for zoning change.

Commissioner Stephenson said he would prefer having more homes on the tax roll and less RV's.

Commissioner Mills said he is concerned with the large number of residents that are opposing this. He said he had spoken to Mr. Sikes and Mr. Sikes told him that he would build per the current zoning and make it work.

Mr. Sikes agreed he would do this if he had to.

Commissioner Mills said he can't disregard all the people who oppose this when there is an alternative.

Mr. Jay Lytle spoke to the Board and said he lives behind this property on the river in Jena. He said he is worried about the increased traffic and the run-off from the development coming on his property. He said that 28 homes on ¼ acre lots is too many. He said many residents have signed a petition opposing this. Commissioner Stephenson asked how large his property is.

Mr. Lytle replied that he has 300 foot of water-front and approximately two acres total.

Commissioner Stephenson said he wants to be fair to everyone. He said some areas have been approved for smaller lots and it not fair to deny another person for wanting the same thing.

Commissioner Storey said the county needs approximately \$600,000.00 for employee salaries due to the state mandated minimum wage increase. He said this affects all businesses in Florida. He said the county has only two options to deal with this. He said they must either raise taxes or approve development. He said the county will need to come up with over one million and ½ dollars over the next three years to pay employee salaries. He said that's doesn't cover hiring any new employees. He said laying people off is not an option because the county is under-staffed now and can't keep up with the work. He said this Board and the next one will be facing the same issue. He said this is what the county is facing.

Mr. Spivey said he owns property in the River Shores at Jena subdivision. He said they have sold four lots of the 41 lots over the past three years. He said everyone bought double and triple lots because the size of the lots is 3,000 square foot. He said this was originally zoned for 70 homes and they will have around 30 homes when completed. He said he feels it will be the same case with the new development. He said that 25 lots in Indian Oaks are only .14 acre each and 20 of these lots are only .28 acre each. He said once they finish the infrastructure of the new development then they will know more about the total of homes they can build.

Ms. Sarah Ross spoke to the Board and said she had owned a lot in Indian Shores and said this was developed in the 70's and is grandfathered in. She said that River Shores at Jena was developed incorrectly years ago and remained vacant for many years until they were able to get water and sewer. She said the Board should not approve as many RV requests and require people to build more homes. She said she would rather pay more taxes than have over development. She said more development will create more demand for services from the county.

Commissioner Stephenson said the EMS and Fire Stations are placed in areas that receive the most calls. He said the local festivals have also contributed to more people wanting to move to this area.

County Attorney Michael Osteen said that in 2025 the developers can move forward with the project anyway.

Mr. Wright said that in 2025, the zoning for the designated area in Jena will change. He said this will affect many properties not just this property. He said the DUDA Zoning and Commercial Zoning provides for Jena to grow.

Mr. Sikes said most of the people who will buy these homes will be from out of town and not be permanent residents.

Commissioner Mills said that given the knowledge of the issues with River Shores at Jena, it would make sense to propose a 20-home development.

Ms. Margaret Corbin spoke to the Board and said she has lived in Jena for nearly 50 years. She said that traffic safety is also an issue to consider with more development. She said that children are riding golf carts, 4-wheelers and rangers on the highway. She said there are no turn lanes for these new developments so this also creates danger. She said the residents must fight this increased traffic daily. She said they need a red light at the bridge for safety. She said many residents and their family have lived in Jena for generations. She said the infrastructure needs to be put in place before more development is approved.

Mr. Howard Hart spoke to the Board and said he has been a resident of Jena since 1974. He said he also has a business in Taylor County. He said that people should have the freedom to do what they want to with their property if they are within the law and pay their taxes. He said that a lot of people do come here to get away and relax. He said this is an opportunity to build a house. He said this property will have access to city sewer and water. He said the Jena community needs Ambulance, Fire and Sheriff services and revenue must be created to get this.

Commissioner Mills said it's not just one or two people who oppose this. He said there is 160 people on the petition.

Mr. Mike Della Poali spoke to the Board and said he moved here from south Florida and has lived in Jena for 40 years. He said he understands the need for revenue and growth for the county. He said regulating the growth is what they want to do. He said the developer knew what the zoning was when he purchased the property and should develop the it according to that same zoning. He said Jena is congested from Casey's Cove to the Steinhatchee River Bridge. He said there are several new developments along this road. He said the sewage goes to Taylor County and they will have to deal with the increased volume. He asked if Dixie County will have to help pay for this. He said the petitioners have opposed the zoning change not the development itself. He said they are concerned about the congestion. He said there has been an increase in the golf carts, side by sides and razors on the road. He said some of these are not supposed to be on the highway at all.

Mr. Snyder spoke to the Board and said he has lived in Jena for 40 years. He said he hates to see it over grow so quickly. He said this property slopes down towards the river. He said the woods have been cleared and he is concerned about the run-off. He said the water quality of the river has diminished over the years and it is the livelihood of the community.

Commissioner Storey asked how long it would take to develop this property.

Mr. Sikes replied possibly one year at the earliest. He said the current drainage issue is from the clearing of the property. He said it won't always be like that.

Mr. Spivey said they have removed three and ½ feet of dirt from the highest level of the property to help with drainage.

Two gentlemen spoke to the Board in favor of the development and the protection of the wetlands.

Mr. Ricky Philmon spoke to the Board and said he has lived in Jena for 68 years. He said this land was vacant and anyone could have purchased it. He said the traffic will be there regardless. He said they are building \$500,000.00 homes and this will bring more revenue for the county.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the requested zoning change made by Salty Souls, LLC. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Mills voted no.

Commissioner Stephenson voted yes.

Commissioner Storey voted yes.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-78

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 MAY 02, 2022. **Nicole King**

Resolution 2022-78 was tabled due to the special exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-80

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 MAY 02, 2022. **Craig and Jodi Bernard**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-80 in support of Craig and Jodi Bernard.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-80 in support of Craig and Jodi Bernard. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-79

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 WEST SIDE SETBACKS FROM TEN FEET TO FOUR FEET FOR A CONSTRUCTION OF A 30X30 POLE BARN, 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 APRIL 21, 2022.

Branson Q. Skierski

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-79 in support of Branson Q. Skierski

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-79 in support of Branson Q. Skierski. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-81

PZ/LPA Z 22-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT OF TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) TO RESIDENTIAL, (CONVENTIONAL) SINGLE FAMILY-2 (RSF-2) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Salty Souls Holdings, LLC*

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-81 in support of Salty Souls Holdings, LLC.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-81 in support of Salty Souls Holdings, LLC. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

ORDINANCE 2022-08

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 TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, **Z 22-04**, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) TO RESIDENTIAL, (CONVENTIONAL) SINGLE FAMILY-2 (RSF-2) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Salty Souls Holdings, LLC*

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Ordinance 2022-08 in support of Salty Souls Holdings, LLC.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-08 in support of Salty Souls Holdings, LLC. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER MANAGER

Mr. Strickland was not present for this meeting.

GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Kellan Bailey appeared before the Board and informed them that the Courthouse construction should be completed in July. He said they have the review of 362 Ave and 364 back from FDOT and there were no comments except for missing signs that will need to be replaced. He said the plans for 340 have been reviewed by Darabi and Associates.

He said they have looked at the old Shirred Island Bridge pillars for use as a fishing pier and their opinion is not to use this at all. He said there are several issues and it would be better to build something new.

Commissioner Valentine asked what is wrong with it.

Mr. Bailey said the span is too far apart and an I-beam would be needed. He said more research is needed for the safety and integrity of the structure.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about using the old road bridge once the new one is built.

County Manager Duane Cannon said FDOT has this bridge construction planned for three years out and it will be in the same location. He said they will construct one new lane at a time while using the other lane for traffic.

Mr. Bailey said they have been looking for funding for the fishing pier and the Gulf Consortium money from the oil spill may be an option.

Ms. Holly Houghton said there may be some funding available with Soil and Water Conservation Service.

Commissioner Storey asked about the two side roads in Cross City.

Mr. Bailey said once the grant opens, they will need to hold a public hearing and present an application. He said they should be able to take care of this within the next two Board meetings.

JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. John Locklear appeared before the Board and said they have placed the lime rock on the Dollar Sign Road and should pave in two to three weeks depending on the weather.

CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Bellot was not present for this meeting.

STEVE FREMEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT & VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

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

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the getting a can/dumpster to the people on the cut off road near Hwy 349 and the Rock Pit.

Mr. Latson said he does not know when he can do this because he has only one truck working.

Manager Cannon said Mr. Latson is currently working through a list of people requesting cans/dumpsters.

Mr. Latson said he is eight to nine weeks out.

Commissioner Stephenson said these people are getting stuff from the dump and taking it home.

Commissioner Mills said there needs to be a time limit on the cans/dumpsters for burnt homes. Commissioner Hatch said that they usually drop off the can/dumpster on Thursday and pick it back up on Monday.

Mr. Latson said there has been a can at one location for nine months.

Commissioner Stephenson said the cans need to be rotated.

Commissioner Hatch instructed Mr. Latson to set a time limit for the use of the cans/dumpsters.

LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL

Building Official Leon Wright appeared before the Board and informed them that the American Legion Post has requested the Board to waive their permit fee.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to waive permit fee for the American Legion. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Mr. Wright informed the Board that Mr. Bob Zerbe has agreed to help with inspections. He said he is still advertising but hasn't had anyone apply for the inspector position yet.

Mr. Wright informed the Board that Funeral Services for Mike Jones will be Saturday, 10:00 AM at the Watson Funeral Home in Trenton. He said the Building and Zoning office will close early on Friday. He said the loss of Mike has been very hard on staff.

Commissioner Hatch said there is a cake auction on Friday to help the family of Mike Jones. He suggested the Board donate \$500.00.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about how to make the permitting process faster. He asked about outside agencies pulling permits for the public.

Mr. Wright informed the Board that no one is beyond their deadline for inspections or plan reviews at this time. He said that no other county does same day permitting. He said that he has tried to do this as a courtesy but is not obligated legally to do this. He said that private inspections are expensive.

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

Mr. Pendarvis had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Hatch asked for an update on the wireless service.

Mr. Pendarvis said the service is working at the Courthouse.

GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE

Ms. Carter was not present for this meeting.

HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

Ms. Houghton appeared before the Board and informed them that the local Health Department is funded based on community support. She said every five years they are required to do a Community Health Assessment. She said there will be surveys circulating over the next six to eight months. She said this is needed for federal funding which helps provide programs like Healthy Start and Healthy Baby.

ANGIE CROWLEY, HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Crowley had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board and requested their approval to advertise some Dixie County owned properties to be purchased by sealed bids. He said there are three properties that the public has inquired about. The properties are listed as follows:

10-10-12-0000-2646-0000 NE 196th Ave

25-10-13-4970-00C4-0270 SE 149th Rd

25-10-13-4970-00D6-0120 SE 151st Ln

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to advertise the three properties for purchase from the county by sealed bid. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon asked if the Board would like to continue this same process or go through all the vacant county owned properties and make a surplus list and get them back on the tax roll.

The Board agreed for the County Manager to look over all the properties and create a surplus list.

Manager Cannon requested Board approval for the NaturChem proposal in the amount of \$7,700.00 for the vegetation treatment of the Airport Canal System from the North Runway to US Hwy 19.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the NaturChem proposal in the amount of \$7,700.00 for the vegetation treatment of the Airport Canal System from the North Runway to US Hwy 19. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested Board approval to accept the contract between Dixie County and the Department of Corrections for inmate workforce for the Solid Waste Department.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to accept the contract between Dixie County and the Department of Corrections for inmate workforce for the Solid Waste Department. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested Board approval to accept the contract between Dixie County and the Department of Corrections for inmate workforce for the Road Department.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to accept the contract between Dixie County and the Department of Corrections for inmate workforce for the Road Department. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested Board approval to accept the bid from Blue Rock, Inc as presented not to exceed the amount of \$600,000.00 for the Airport Canal System Project Phase I based off the Storm Water Task Force recommendation.

Commissioner Mills made the motion to accept the bid from Blue Rock, Inc as presented not to exceed the amount of \$600,000.00 for the Airport Canal System Project Phase I based off the Storm Water Task Force recommendation. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested Board approval to issue the Notice of Award to Blue Rock, Inc for the Airport Canal System Project Phase I not to exceed the amount of \$600,000.00.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve to issue the Notice of Award to Blue Rock, Inc for the Airport Canal System Project Phase I not to exceed the amount of \$600,000.00.
Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

Manager Cannon requested Board approval to execute the request of the SHIP down payment/closing cost assistance for Shantle McDowell in the amount of \$25,000.00.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve to execute the request of the SHIP down payment/closing cost assistance for Shantle McDowell in the amount of \$25,000.00.
Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

Manager Cannon requested Board approval to hold the July 07, 2022, 10:00 AM Regular Board Meeting held at the School Board Meeting Room in Old Town.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to hold the July 07, 2022, 10:00 AM Regular Board Meeting held at the School Board Meeting Room in Old Town.
Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.*

Manager Cannon reminded everyone of the Budget Workshop on June 16, 2022, from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the School Board Meeting Room in Old Town prior to the Board's Regular Meeting at the same location. He said that special projects, pay increases and insurance increases will be discussed.

Commissioner Hatch asked how the Board meeting will be accessed after the construction is completed and how the Board office will be accessed.

Manager Cannon said the same entrance will be used as before to access the Board Meeting Room after going through the check point. He said anyone who wants to access the Board office will enter through the check point and walk around through the hallways to enter the Board office.

Commissioner Hatch said they will need to install a map/directory to help the public find their way to the different offices within the Courthouse.

MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Michael Osteen informed the Board that he has prepared two deeds for the surplus property's that was recently purchased by Mac Osteen. He said these will need to be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and then be recorded.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the two surplus property deeds to be signed and recorded. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Higginbotham had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Valentine had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Hatch reminded everyone of the Funeral Services to be held for former Building and Zoning employee Mike Jones.

Commissioner Stephenson had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Mills had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Storey thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

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

ADJOURN

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to adjourn at 12:10 PM. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.



ATTEST

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Jamie Storey

Jamie Storey, Chairman

Barbie Higginbotham

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.

“Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (352) 486-4931 (Voice & TDD) or via Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771.”

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.