

# Regular Meeting

School Board Meeting Room  
328 SE Hwy 349, Old Town, FL 32680  
June 16, 2022 – 6:00 PM

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## **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  
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court  
Della Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting/Workshop was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Storey.

## **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Storey 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 June 02, 2022. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

## **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Hatch 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 Hatch. 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) Tabled 06-02-2022**

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

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the special exception requested by Nicole King. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

A petition by **Richard and Mary Lou Harmon** 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 03/29/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 13-09-13-4051-0000-1110, 1950 NE 835th 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 Richard and Mary Lou Harmon. There was opposition.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to table the special exception requested by Richard and Mary Lou Harmon. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board tabled.***

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

A petition by **Richard Smiley** 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 04/26/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 04-10-10-0423-0000-0310, 25 SW 693 Street, Steinhatchee, FL 32359. **(Commission District 5, James Valentine)**

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

Mr. Donald Hollander spoke to the Board and said he would be okay with this as long as it is only one camper.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the special exception requested by Richard Smiley. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

A petition by *Arthur and Cindy Paiva* 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 05/16/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 27-09-13-4471-0000-0410, 1744 NE 364 Avenue, 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 Arthur and Cindy Paiva. There was no opposition.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the special exception requested by Arthur and Cindy Paiva. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

A petition by *Sandra J. Waters* 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 05/16/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 27-09-13-4357-0001-0320, 811 NE 386TH Avenue, 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 Sandra J. Waters. There was no opposition.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the special exception requested by Sandra J. Waters. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

A petition by *Debra Williams* 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 05/17/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 16-13-12-2927-0000-1410, 106 SE 851 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 Debra Williams. There was no opposition.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the special exception requested by Debra Williams. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

A petition by *Adrienne and Staci Janssen* 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 05/18/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 01-10-13-4512-0000-0470, 110 NE 770TH Street, 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 Adrienne and Staci Janssen. There was opposition.

Mr. Charlie Staub spoke to the Board and said he is opposed. He said this area has homes in it. He said the special exception requests are getting out of hand. He said once approved more campers are brought in.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to table the special exception requested by Adrienne and Staci Janssen. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board tabled.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

A petition by *Yandi and Mercedes San Ramon Boffil* 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 05/19/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 33-09-13-4492-0000-0820, 355 NE 542 Street, Old Town, FL 32680. (**Commission District 4, Jamie Storey**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the special exception request made by Yandi and Mercedes San Ramon Boffil. There was no opposition.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the special exception requested by Yandi and Mercedes San Ramon Boffil. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

A petition by *J. T. and Jan Woods* 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 05/25/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-11-11-1180-0000-0100, 13710 SW 351 Hwy, Horseshoe Beach, FL 32648. (**Commission District 5, James Valentine**)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the special exception request made by J. T. and Jan Woods. There was no opposition.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the special exception requested by J. T. and Jan Woods. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

*The motion to go out of the Public Hearing and back into the Board Meeting was made by Commissioner Stephenson. Seconded by Commissioner Hatch. 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 Tabled 06-02-2022**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-78 in support of Nicole King.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-78 in support of Nicole King.  
Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

**RESOLUTION 2022-82**

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 MARCH 29, 2022.

**Richard and Mary Lou Harmon**

*Resolution 2022-82 was tabled due to the special exception request it supported being tabled earlier.*

**RESOLUTION 2022-83**

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 APRIL 26, 2022.

**Richard Smiley**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-83 in support of Richard Smiley.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-83 in support of Richard Smiley.  
Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

**RESOLUTION 2022-84**

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 16, 2022.

**Arthur and Cindy Paiva**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-84 in support of Arthur and Cindy Paiva.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-84 in support of Arthur and Cindy Paiva. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

**RESOLUTION 2022-85**

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 16, 2022. **Sandra J. Waters**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-85 in support of Sandra J. Waters.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-85 in support of Sandra J. Waters. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

**RESOLUTION 2022-86**

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 17, 2022.

**Debra Williams**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-86 in support of Debra Williams.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-86 in support of Debra Williams. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

**RESOLUTION 2022-87**

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 18, 2022.

**Adrienne and Staci Janssen**

*Resolution 2022-87 was tabled due to the special exception request it supported being tabled earlier.*

**RESOLUTION 2022-88**

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 19, 2022. **Yandi and Mercedes San Ramon Boffil**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-88 in support of Yandi and Mercedes San Ramon Boffil.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-88 in support of Yandi and Mercedes San Ramon Boffil. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

**RESOLUTION 2022-89**

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 25, 2022.

**J. T. and Jan Woods**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-89 in support of J. T. and Jan Woods.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-89 in support of J. T. and Jan Woods. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

**MARK REBLIN, BIG BEND WATER AUTHORITY**

Mr. Mark Reblin appeared before the Board to request their approval of the BBWA Budget for 2022-2023. He informed them of the growth in Steinatchee.

He said since 2021, they have installed 45 new water hook ups and 26 new sewer hook ups. He said the service has grown over the past five years to 200 water and 124 sewer customers. He said the water Board has not raised rates in six years. He said they will be reviewing their rates and may possibly raise the rates.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the BBWA Budget for 2022-2023. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

**GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Kellan Bailey had nothing to discuss at this time.

**JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES**

Mr. Lizzotte was not present for this meeting.

**CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Ms. Bellot was not present for this meeting.

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

Mr. Fremen had nothing to discuss at this time.

**STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Hutchison was present via telephone.

**DWAYNE CHAUNCEY, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR**

Mr. Chauncey was not present for this meeting.

**MICHAEL LATSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

Mr., Latson had nothing to discuss at this time.

**LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL**

Mr. Wright had nothing to discuss at this time.

**DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Scott Garner had nothing to discuss at this time.

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

Mr. Pendarvis was not present for this meeting.

**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 had nothing to discuss at this time.

**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 Preliminary Rate Resolution 2022-90 for Fire Protection Services for FY 2022 as presented.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the execution of the Preliminary Rate Resolution 2022-90 for Fire Protection Services for FY 2022 as presented. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.*

Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.



Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Preliminary Rate Resolution 2022-91 for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal for FY 2022 as presented.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the execution of the Preliminary Rate Resolution 2022-91 for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal for FY 2022 as presented. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement for July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$16,372.00.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve the execution of the FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement for July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$16,372.00. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to accept the contract between Dixie County and Blue Rok, Inc for the Airport Canal System Project Phase I, pending attorney review approval.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to accept the contract between Dixie County and Blue Rok, Inc for the Airport Canal System Project Phase I, pending attorney review approval. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to allow Shelby Jefferies, Dixie County High School Coach, to conduct a Soccer Camp at Roy Ward Little League Field under SK Soccer, from July 11, 2022 to July 22, 2022. He said week one will be K-6 grades and week two will be 7-12 grades. He said they have provided proof of insurance.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to allow Shelby Jefferies, Dixie County High School Coach, to conduct a Soccer Camp at Roy Ward Little League Field under SK Soccer, from July 11, 2022 to July 22, 2022. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to accept the Airport Canal Culvert Cleanout in the amount of \$25,000.00.

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to accept the Airport Canal Culvert Cleanout in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Manager Cannon informed the Board that he has two quotes for the purchase of a used Grapple Truck.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about purchasing new equipment instead of used.

Manager Cannon said these two quotes are within the Budgeted allowance. He said these machines are very expensive if purchased new.

Commissioner Mills agreed a new machine, comparable to these, would cost \$250,00.00 up to \$300,000.00.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's decision to move forward with the purchase of the 2002 Grapple Truck for the Road Department as presented for \$56,500.00.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to move forward with the purchase of the 2002 Grapple Truck for the Road Department as presented for \$56,500.00. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Mr. Mikel Gainey said he has looked at both trucks and they are in good shape. He said he recommended to purchase the one from Jena.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to purchase the 2008 John Deere Bulldozer for the Solid Waste Department based on the lowest financing rates available as presented. He said he will get quotes from local banks.

Commissioner Mills said this machine is needed.

Mr. Tim Johnson said he looked at this equipment and it is a good tractor at a good price. He said the warranty is still good and it has been well maintained.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2008 John Deere Bulldozer for the Solid Waste Department based on the lowest financing rates available as presented. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Manager Cannon spoke about the discussion from the Budget Workshop to terminate the solid waste rental can program. He said they would be able to focus more on the roll off sites.

Commissioner Mills said he understands they need to do this.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to terminate the solid waste rental can program. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

***Commissioner Stephenson was opposed.***

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Commissioner Hatch instructed staff to give the renters notice.

Manager Cannon said the July invoice will have the deadline noticed as September 29, 2022.

Commissioner Stephenson said they should just raise the rental rates.

Manager Cannon said they have looked at this over the past years. He said they have already raised the rental rates, and this is still not working.

Commissioner Storey said that fuel is higher, and time is money. He said the county is behind on maintaining the roll off sites.

Commissioner Mills said he would like to eliminate complaints on the roll off sites.

Manager Cannon said they will put more cans at the nine roll off site locations.

Commissioner Hatch asked Mr. Latson if they will have enough time to maintain the roll off sites.

Mr. Latson said yes, they will have more time to focus on the roll off sites.

Manager Cannon reminder everyone the Regular Board Meeting for July 07, 2022, at 10:00 AM will be held at the School Board Meeting Room in Old Town.

Manager Cannon said a Budget Workshop will be held on July 21, 2022 from 3:00 until 5:00 PM at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Budget Workshop to be held on July 21, 2022 from 3:00 until 5:00 PM at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Manager Cannon reminded everyone that the Regular Board Meeting of July 21, 2022, at 6:00 PM will be held at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse.

**MICHAEL OSTEEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Osteen was not present for this meeting.

Attorney Conrad Bishop, from Taylor County, was present as requested by Attorney Osteen. Attorney Bishop said he is the lawyer for Horseshoe Beach and would normally attend their meeting which is also scheduled for tonight.

Commissioner Mills asked if there has been any information from the County Attorney.

Manager Cannon replied he does not have any official information on the case. He said the County Attorney has reached out to a Commissioner and has asked him to speak at his trial on the list of unfinished county business. He said he doesn't know how to handle this request or the transition of the workload.

Commissioner Mills asked if an Interim County Attorney needs to be appointed.

Manager Cannon said the Board needs to ask Attorney Bishop that legal question.

Attorney Conrad Bishop asked for clarification that Attorney Osteen has asked for someone to go to court tomorrow in Jacksonville. He recommended the Board wait on doing this and see what the court and the bar will decide about him finishing his projects. He said you should have an answer on this tomorrow. He informed the Board that if convicted of a felony, an attorney will be suspended or disbarred and can no longer practice law. He recommended the Board hold a special meeting to appoint interim council until they can advertise for a new attorney.

Manager Cannon asked Attorney Bishop if he had been asked to represent Dixie County.

Attorney Bishop replied I was only asked to fill in for tonight. He said he did not have any more information on the case.

Commissioner Mills said the verdict is on the internet as of today.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to advertise for a new County Attorney. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Commissioner Mills asked when an Interim Attorney should be appointed.

Manager Cannon said it's the attorney's responsibility to have someone fill in for him in his absence, however if Attorney Osteen cannot practice law then his contract with the county is void.

Commissioner Hatch said that Attorney Chana Watson has filled in for Attorney Osteen on several occasions in the past. He said he would not be opposed to using her as their Interim Attorney.

Manager Cannon confirmed, per Board Meeting Minutes, that Attorney Watson has filled in for Attorney Osteen when there was a conflict of interest. He said she is not under any contractual agreement to represent the Board.

Commissioner Hatch said he was contacted by Attorney Osteen who asked him to speak at the trial on behalf of the county on the unfinished business. He said Attorney Osteen wanted there to be a smooth transition. He said Attorney Osteen had done a good job as the County Attorney.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Commissioner Hatch to go to Attorney Osteen's trial in Jacksonville and speak on behalf of the Board on the unfinished county business. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

**Commissioner Valentine was not present for this vote.**

Manager Cannon said he has more questions regarding this matter.

**\*\*\* Commissioner Valentine arrived late for the meeting.**

Commissioner Hatch inquired about an incident at the Hwy 55 A roll off site.

Manager Cannon said he has met with the employee and sent information to the HR Department and the Labor Law Attorney. He said the Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident. He said the employee safety is priority. He said he will update the Board when he gets all the information.

Mr. Jeffrey Crawl, county employee, spoke to the Board on the roll off incident. He said the Sheriff gave their report to the State's Attorney. The State's Attorney said they need more information to be able to charge the individuals involved. He said one person had given a statement and the others are not cooperating. He said they are also changing staff at the State's Attorney Office, so the case has been handed off to someone else. He said he has the reports because he is involved in the incident. He said the other person claims to have a contract with the county to get metal, however there is no written contract. He asked the Board if this individual will still be allowed on county property while the incident is under investigation.

Commissioner Hatch said until we have information from the State's Attorney the Board cannot make a decision.

Commissioner Mills asked if the written contracts were ever finished.

Manager Cannon said the County Attorney recommended no written contract at this time.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if the company will not be allowed on the county property or just the individual.

Mr. Crawl clarified just the individual and the people involved.

Commissioner Hatch said the incident happened between a county employee and a county contractor on county property.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to not allow that named individuals to be on county property while the investigation is ongoing. He said the contractor can send their employees to get the metal. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

**BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT**

Clerk Higginbotham had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Valentine had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Hatch informed the Board that Ms. Linda Brock, 81 SE 220 Street, has requested the Board temporarily close the road for the fireworks display for safety concerns.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the temporary closure of SE 220 Street for fireworks except for emergency vehicles and residents. Commissioner Mills seconded. Board approved.***

Commissioner Hatch said the Fire Station in Jena will be maned for July 04, 2022 holiday.

Emergency Management Chief Scott Garner clarified this is only for the day of July 02, 2022 only and not the whole weekend.

Commissioner Stephenson wanted to discuss a limit for what is a reasonable amount of yard debris being hauled to the roll off site.

Commissioner Hatch recommended they address this issue at another time.

Commissioner Stephenson discussed installing a fence around the rock pit dump.

Commissioner Hatch said people will cut the fence to dumpster dive.

Commissioner Mills recommended the Board talk with Attorney Chana Watson and bring her up to speed on things.

Commissioner Mills commented that Jena is growing. He said the Board needs to put a helipad at DTRAC for the helicopter to land.

Chief Roy Bass said they prefer to use Old Town or the airport to land because it is a designated landing zone.

Commissioner Hatch instructed staff to get some specs for the construction of a helipad.

***Commissioner Mills made the motion to approve building a helipad in Jena at DTRAC. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

Commissioner Storey thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Ms. Koko Augustine spoke to the Board about the semi-truck traffic on 223 Ave in Cross City. She said this is dangerous because a lot of seniors and kids live along this road.

Commissioner Hatch asked if this was in the city or the county.

Manager Cannon said this has been widened to FDOT specifications and has signs posted

Commissioner Hatch and Manager Cannon said they will look at this road again.

Mr. Justin Waters spoke to the Board and informed them he will be seeking the Republican nomination on August 23, 2022 for District 3. He said this seat was formally held by Neil Dunn, however due to re-districting is now vacant. He thanked the Board and the public and requested their support. He said he is an attorney, a prior resident of Dixie County and a current member of one of the local hunting clubs within the county. He said, if elected, he will make sure that Dixie County receives state and federal funding for flooding, EMS and Law Enforcement.

Mr. Charles Staub spoke to the Board about an animal control issue. He said his neighbor's dog is harassing his goats. He said he called Animal Control about the incident. He said the Board needs to address the current Animal Control Ordinance, especially animals on a leash. He said if the dog is not on a leash how can it be under the owner's control.

Commissioner Stephenson said that hunting dogs are exempt.

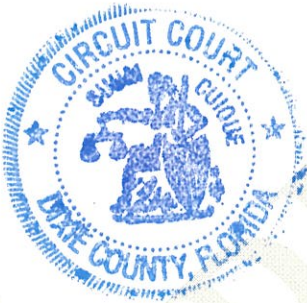
Commissioner Hatch said the Board adopts Ordinances and Resolutions for the county. He said they can look at this again.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the County Parks that don't have attendants. He said the playgrounds need to be accessible for the kids.

Manager Cannon said they are in the process of hiring an attendant for Turner Point.

**ADJOURN**

*Commissioner Mills made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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Jami Storey, Chairman

*Barbie Higginbotham*  
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Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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