

Regular Meeting

Commission Board Room
Dixie County Courthouse
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628
July 20, 2023 – 6:00 PM

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COMMISSIONERS

Jody Stephenson, District 1, Vice Chairman
Daniel Wood, District 2
Mark Hatch, District 3
Jamie Storey, District 4, Chairman
David Osteen, District 5

STAFF

Paul Gainey, Asst. County Manager
Martha McCaskill, Administrative Asst/Grant Coordinator
Chana Watson, County Attorney
Verna Wilson, Chief Deputy Clerk
Della J. Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk
Brenda Royal, Chief Financial Officer

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Hatch and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Commissioner Stephenson.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 06, 2023. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Wood 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 Osteen. Seconded by Commissioner Stephenson. Board approved.

CAROLE CHAPUIS, SWEET AND SPICEY SHACK

Located on the corner of Hwy 19 and 300 Street, would like to hold a Special Event and is requesting permission for a mobile bar to serve beer, wine and mixed drinks from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM for their Grand Opening on October 07, 2023.

Ms. Chapuis appeared before the Board and said she is opening a new business. She is planning to have a car show and live music for the event.

County Attorney Chana Watson spoke and presented Code Enforcement 14.11 for Special Events. She said the Board cannot approve a beer or liquor license. She said Ms. Chapuis will need to contact the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. She said a site plan will need to be provided for parking, a paid law enforcement officer will be needed for the event, the event will need to be advertised and the public will be allowed to speak for or against the matter.

APPLICATIONS for SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

A petition by **Thomas and Traci Carter** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.3.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 06/06/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 21-13-12-0000-3454-0000, 259 SE 371ST Street, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 3, Mark Hatch)

Tabled 07-06-2023

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Thomas and Traci Carter. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Thomas and Traci Carter. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Andrew Charles Disney** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.4.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit one recreational vehicle in an Agriculture (AG) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 06/06/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 03-09-13-3949-0000-0170, 428 NE 582 Ave, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)

Tabled 07-06-2023

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Andrew Charles Disney. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Andrew Charles Disney. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Vincent and Karen Piasecki** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted as provided in 4.4.5 Special Exceptions of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit an Automotive Repair/Auto Sales #30 (Special Exception) located in an Agriculture (AG) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 06/27/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 21-09-13-4323-0000-0010, 397 NE 538th 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 Vincent and Karen Piasecki. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Vincent and Karen Piasecki. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

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

APPLICATIONS for VARIANCES

A petition by **Robert Bowlby** located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 30-13-12-3500-000A-0080, 33 SE 916 AVE, Suwannee, FL 32692, to request a **Variance** for a reduction to the West side setback from 10 feet to 5 feet and the rear set back from 15 feet to 5 feet for the construction of a Pole Barn by the petition dated 06/30/2023 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 Robert Bowlby. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance request made by Robert Bowlby. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-61

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 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS 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 JUNE 6, 2023.

Thomas and Traci Carter

Tabled 07-06-2023

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-61 in support of Thomas and Traci Carter.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-61 in support of Thomas and Traci Carter. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-62

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 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 JUNE 6, 2023.

Andrew Charles Disney

Tabled 07-06-2023

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-62 in support of Andrew Charles Disney.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-62 in support of Andrew Charles Disney. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-65

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 NEW CONSTRUCTION OF 24X30 OPEN POLE BARN WHICH IS LOCATED IN AN AGRICULTURAL (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED JUNE 27, 2023.

Vincent and Karen Piasecki

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-65 in support of Vincent and Karen Piasecki.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-65 in support of Vincent and Karen Piasecki. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-66

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 WITHIN SECTION 4.7.7 RSF/MH SUBPARAGRAPH (2) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR A VARIANCE FOR A REDUCE THE WEST SIDE SETBACK FROM 10 FEET TO 5 FEET AND THE REAR SET BACK FROM 15 FEET FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POLE BARN WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN SECTION 4.7.7. A RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME AREA (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED JUNE 30, 2023. **Robert Bowlby**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-66 in support of Robert Bowlby.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-66 in support of Robert Bowlby. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

CAROL WEST AND CLINT BEAUCHAMP

Women's Cross-Country Air Race Classic

Ms. Carol West appeared before the Board and presented information regarding the 2023 Annual Women's Cross-Country Air Race Classic which was held on June 20 thru 23. She said there were 42 planes participating, flying from Grand Forks, ND to Homestead, FL. She said one of the stops along the way was the Cross City Airport. She said the pilots stayed overnight at the local hotels and ate at the local restaurants. She said several local individuals helped to drive them to and from their accommodations. She said the TDC gave bags and literature, to the pilots, promoting Dixie County. She said this event contributed \$35,481.00 to the economic development of the county.

GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Bailey appeared before the Board to update them on the status of several projects around the county.

Mr. Bailey said he met with Emergency Management staff last week regarding the EOC expansion. He said he has submitted the site plans to get the SRWMD permits. He said he will be getting permits for the Fire Station next week and they can bid this out in August or September.

Mr. Bailey said the Restore Act Application for the Horseshoe Working Waterfront is due by August 12, 2023.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board that the Subway and Forever 54 Flower Shop do not want to participate in the shared roof repairs planned for the Cross City Library. He said this will affect the limited warranty on the shared roof. He said the AC units will be moved from the library portion of the roof to the ground as directed by the Board.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if there is an existing firewall between the shops and the library.

Mr. Bailey replied he hadn't checked.

Ms. Cindy Bellot, Library Director, added there is no firewall between the library and the subway shop and a partial firewall between the library and the flower shop.

Mr. Bailey asked if the walls were assessable.

Ms. Bellot replied there are bookshelves along one wall.

Ms. Bellot requested a new library be built.

Commissioner Hatch agreed and requested Commissioner Osteen look for available grant funding for libraries. He said the county owns additional properties that could be utilized for a new library.

Ms. Bellot said other than the State Aid to Libraries Grant, they received state funding in 1998 to purchase the current location for the library.

Mr. Bailey said the state funded 1.5 million dollars for the library in Dowling Park.

Commissioner Hatch said he would like to look into funding for a new library.

Mr. Bailey said the Environmental Survey for 95 and 97 Street is complete. He said Commissioner Stephenson will need to sign the documents.

Mr. Bailey said the plans for Hal Chaires Road are 60 percent complete.

Mr. Bailey said the guardrail work, asphalt, grass and seed on CR 340 is coming to an end within the next 30 days.

Mr. Bailey said the Resilient Grant Study for the county, which will open in August and September, can be used for seawall projects. He recommended doing the project in phases to get funding approved.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the water issues with the Hal Chaires Road.

Mr. Bailey replied cleaning the ditches will help.

Commissioner Hatch said a culvert needs to be replaced in that area.

JOHN LOCKLEAR, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. Locklear was not present for this meeting.

CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Cindy informed the Board that the Summer programs for kids were a huge success. She said they are working on scheduling next years' programs. She said more patrons are coming to the Cross City Library, and for more than just books and movies. She said the staff welcomes everyone and promotes the area. She said when prayer is requested, they pray for them and several patrons appreciate that and the fellowship they find at the library.

STEVE FREMEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT & VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mr. Fremen appeared before the Board and updated them on the DEP violation status of the property behind the Methodist Church in Old Town. He said there is another property along Tick Road with DEP violations.

County Attorney Chana Watson said she will meet next week, with DEP, and hopefully find some solutions to these issues.

Mr. Fremen informed the Board that the 1960 mobile home that was abandoned on the side of Hwy 351 is now gone.

STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hutchison was not present for this meeting.

DWAYNE CHAUNCEY, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR

Mr. Chauncey appeared before the Board to discuss the monthly reports and tracking devices for the mosquito spraying trucks. He said the speed, amount of chemicals used, and other information is monitored closely.

Mr. Chauncey spoke to the Board about the Mosquito Department Budget. He said it has been the same amount, \$48,000.000, over the past eight (8) years. He said this needs to be increased. He explained the prices of all the chemicals used to combat mosquitos have increased. In the past they have purchased chemicals for \$1,200.00 per barrel, which was \$52.00 per gallon. He said this has increased to \$81.20 per gallon. He said it is now \$82.09 per gallon for non-scented chemicals. He said the pellets, used for areas with standing water, costs \$1,576.00 for a case. He said the current usage is one (1) barrel of scented and one (1) barrel of non-scented chemicals and one (1) case of pellets per week. He said the \$38,000.00 from the State and Federal government doesn't cover the cost of the chemicals.

Mr. Chauncey recommended they get away from being dependent upon the state for the money. He said they should increase the assessment so it would pay for the chemicals. He said this would also cut out some of the red tape. He said the regulatory constraints are getting worse.

Commissioner Hatch said they must have complaints to justify spraying the chemicals, per state regulations.

Mr. Chauncey said they now want him to trap mosquitos, which is time consuming. He said in training, they teach using the Landing Rate Count, which he does, to justify spraying for mosquitos.

Mr. Chauncey said the Director's License is just a stamp on both the Core Exam and Public Health Applicator's License, which he has, and the stamp is necessary to get the \$38,000.00 from the state. He said you can still purchase chemicals and spray without this stamp.

Commissioner Hatch recommended looking at a \$10.00 assessment versus a \$5.00 assessment for mosquito. He said he would like to get the detailed information, from the Mosquito Department, to the public for review.

Commissioner Stephenson said you cannot spray some areas because of bee farmers.

TIM JOHNSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

Mr. Johnson was not present for this meeting.

LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL

Mr. Wright was not present for this meeting.

DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Director Brown appeared before the Board and presented his Monthly Budget Report. He said they are on track with deposited collections and he said Ms. Sumrall is doing a great job in this role. He said he has spoken with SRWMD about a site plan that has been approved for the cell tower from Verizon for the Town of Cross City. He informed the Board that the Tanker Truck has been approved, however there is a three (3) to four (4) year delay for Fire Truck orders. He said they will be getting the Tanker Truck in October/November of this year.

He informed the Board there is a one (1) year timeline to use the appropriations money or you must give it back to the state.

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

Mr. Pendarvis had nothing to discuss at this time.

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 was not present for this meeting.

DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER

Assistant County Manager Paul Gainey appeared before the Board to request their approval of several items.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Amendment #1 for the ARPA CR 351 Canal System West Cross City Conveyance Project Phase I contract with Blue Rok, Inc., to increase contract price of \$238,250.00 by \$10,500.00 for a total of \$248,750.00, for up to 30 hours of work utilizing the Long Reach Excavator at \$350.00 per hour, based on SWTF recommendation.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to execute the Amendment #1 for the ARPA CR 351 Canal System West Cross City Conveyance Project Phase I contract with Blue Rok, Inc., to increase contract price of \$238,250.00 by \$10,500.00 for a total of \$248,750.00, for up to 30 hours of work utilizing the Long Reach Excavator at \$350.00 per hour, based on SWTF recommendation. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval of Addendum #1 Time Extension with Anderson Columbia's contract, road project for NE 362nd Ave & NE 364th Ave from NE 594th St to SR 349, from August 1, 2023 to October 30, 2023, due to material shortage.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve Addendum #1 Time Extension with Anderson Columbia's contract, road project for NE 362nd Ave & NE 364th Ave from NE 594th St to SR 349, from August 1, 2023 to October 30, 2023, due to material shortage. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Grant in the amount of \$690,634.00.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Grant in the amount of \$690,634.00. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute Amendment #1 Scope Modification for the PTGA FDOT Drainage Improvement Planning Review of the airfield at Cross City Airport to add "Permitting" to the scope of work.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to execute Amendment #1 Scope Modification for the PTGA FDOT Drainage Improvement Planning Review of the airfield at Cross City Airport to add "Permitting" to the scope of work. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to draft a letter of request to present to Resolute asking them for assistance of the CR 351 Canal Clean Out on their property based on SWTF recommendation.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to draft a letter of request to present to Resolute asking them for assistance of the CR 351 Canal Clean Out on their property based on SWTF recommendation. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to appoint Mike Cassidy as a SWTF member, replacing Keith Lee, based off SWTF recommendation.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to appoint Mike Cassidy as a SWTF member, replacing Keith Lee, based off SWTF recommendation. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to appoint Ryan Parker as a SWTF member, replacing Jimmy Futch, based off SWTF recommendation.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to appoint Ryan Parker as a SWTF member, replacing Jimmy Futch, based off SWTF recommendation. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to purchase a John Deere 5095M Utility Tractor, a John Deere FC12E Flex Wing Rotary Cutter, and a John Deere RC8M Pull-Type Center Drive Rotary Cutter - 540 RPM PTO, in the amount of \$97,324.58. The cost is based on state contract pricing. He said this has been budgeted for.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to purchase a John Deere 5095M Utility Tractor, a John Deere FC12E Flex Wing Rotary Cutter, and a John Deere RC8M Pull-Type Center Drive Rotary Cutter - 540 RPM PTO, in the amount of \$97,324.58. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Mosquito Control Interlocal Agreement between Dixie County and Horseshoe Beach, pending attorney review.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute the Mosquito Control Interlocal Agreement between Dixie County and Horseshoe Beach, pending attorney review. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to proceed with the line of credit with Ameris Bank. He said they received three (3) proposals, and Ameris Bank offered the lowest rate. The rate will be calculated using the 30-day SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate) index, plus a margin of 2.36%, for a taxable rate of 7.50%, times 0.78 for an anticipated interest rate of 5.85%, bank qualified and tax-exempt. This is needed for cash flow.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to proceed with the line of credit with Ameris Bank. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to set the Tentative Budget Hearing for September 07, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to set the Tentative Budget Hearing for September 07, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to move the regularly scheduled BOCC meeting on September 07, 2023, 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM on September 07, 2023, at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve move the regularly scheduled BOCC meeting on September 07, 2023, 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM on September 07, 2023, at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to set the Final Budget Hearing for September 18, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to set the Final Budget Hearing for September 18, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to move the regularly scheduled BOCC meeting on September 21, 2023, 6:00 PM to September 18, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the BOCC meeting Room at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to move the regularly scheduled BOCC meeting on September 21, 2023, 6:00 PM to September 18, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the BOCC meeting Room at the Courthouse. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to set the Proposed General Fund Millage Rate at 10 mils.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to set the Proposed General Fund Millage Rate at 10 mils. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to set the Proposed Recreation/Library Millage Rate at 0.5 mils.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to set the Proposed Recreation/Library Millage Rate at 0.5 mils. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to set the Proposed EMS Millage Rate at 3.2 mils.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to set the Proposed EMS Millage Rate at 3.2 mils. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the SHIP down payment assistance/closing cost for John Rogers, in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to execute the SHIP down payment assistance/closing cost for John Rogers, in the amount of \$20,000.00. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval for the Anti-Drug Coalition to place signs and flags around the Courthouse August 27-31, 2023, as part of Overdose Awareness, and to hold an event on the Courthouse steps August 31, 2023, from 7:30 – 9:00 PM.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the Anti-Drug Coalition to place signs and flags around the Courthouse August 27-31, 2023, as part of Overdose Awareness, and to hold an event on the Courthouse steps August 31, 2023, from 7:30 – 9:00 PM. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Scrap Metal Services Agreement between WC Mills and Dixie County.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute the Scrap Metal Services Agreement between WC Mills and Dixie County. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Asst. Manager Gainey informed the Board there will be a local government Cyber Security Grant event held at the BOCC Meeting Room with Florida Lieutenant Governor Nunez on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 2:00 PM.

CHANA WATSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Watson informed the Board that she has combined all the Suwanee Water and Sewer District Ordinances from past to present, to create one unified Ordinance. She said this 16-page document will need to be advertised, and have a first and second reading, before the Board votes to repeal and replace the Ordinance.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to move forward with advertising and holding the first and second reading of the new Ordinance for the Suwanee Water and Sewer District. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch asked for an update on the status of the Docu-Sign Program. Mr. Scotty Pendarvis replied they have looked at this and will purchasing the program soon.

Commissioner Hatch asked for an update on the monument request.
Attorney Watson replied the benches are already in place and the monument will be in the same area.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to move forward with the Monument placement on Hwy 349 in Suwannee. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the gambling within the Old Pawn Shop and several convenience stores around the county. He said there is an Ordinance in place to prohibit this.
Attorney Watson said the enforcement of the Ordinance will fall on the Code Enforcement Department.

BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Chief Financial Officer Brenda Royal presented the Budget Recap Report to the Board for review.

Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk Della Rhymes reminded the Board about reviewing the Value Adjustment Board members from last year and to consider their appointments for this years' VAB members.

Ms. Royal reminded the Board that all members must be present for the September 07, 2023 Tentative Budget and September 18, 2023 Final Budget Hearings.

COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Wood thanked the County Road Department for all their hard work around the county.

Commissioner Hatch requested the Board approve placing a 20-yard dumpster in Horseshoe for their festival on October 21, 2023.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to place a 20-yard dumpster in Horseshoe for their Festival on October 21, 2023. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Osteen requested the Asst. County Manager follow up with striping Hwy 358 to Jena, FL. He said there is cause for concern when driving along this road at night.
Asst. County Manager said he will get some quotes on this.

Commissioner Osteen said that movie night, Saturdays from 8:00 – 9:00 PM at DTRAC has been a success. He said about 40 people attended.

Asst. County Manager Gainey informed the Board that the Pickle Ball Courts in Suwannee are nearing completion and the construction of the Pickle Ball Courts in Jena will start today.

Commissioner Stephenson thanked the County Road Department for their work at Gornto Springs, and for trimming the trees along Hwy 351 U. He informed everyone that Purvis Road is holding water and will need to be graded.

Commissioner Stephenson said the nice RV's are being stigmatized by the illegal, derelict ones.
Ms. Barbara Cummings stated the citizens don't want RV's in their residential neighborhood at all.
Commissioner Stephenson said RV's are for temporary recreation, and that Dixie County is a recreation destination. He said many people want to use their property for recreation before they build a home.

Commissioner Storey thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the Road Department, and Solid Waste, and the Mosquito Control Department for all their hard work around the county.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Ms. Lori Hartman spoke to the Board and said she purchased land in Dixie County and stayed in an RV Park while she built her home. She said it took over one (1) year to build her home and she paid \$600.00 rent per month in an RV Park because it was the right thing to do. She now has an investment of over \$300,000.00 in her land and her home. She said allowing RV Special Exceptions is not fair. She said that folks who are here for recreation, need to park in an RV Park.

Ms. Debra Johnson spoke to the Board and thanked them for following up on this issue. She said they have owned property for 21 years and had an issue next to their property. She said the people are now gone but have left all their dogs behind. She said the regulations must be enforced.

Commissioner Stephenson said property owners should be able to recreate on their property.

Mr. Robert Bowlby asked if there were any reports of Malaria from mosquitos in this area.

Mr. Troy Sass said he was having issue with deliveries to his 911 address.

ADJOURN


Commissioner Hatch made the motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



Jamie Storey, Chairman


Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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The Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM and the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Individuals that would like to be placed on the agenda should call Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court, by 4:00 PM on the Friday Preceding the Board meeting, at (352) 498-1200.