

# Regular Meeting

Commission Board Room  
Dixie County Courthouse  
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628  
August 03, 2023 – 10:00 AM

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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**

Duane Cannon, County Manager  
Martha McCaskill, Administrative Asst/Grant Coordinator  
Chana Watson, County Attorney  
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court  
Della J. Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk  
Jacki Johnson, Chief Financial Officer  
Brenda Royal, 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 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 20, 2023. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

## **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

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

## **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

None were present.

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

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

**APPLICATIONS for SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS**

A petition by **Donald and Kelli Holcomb** 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 07/13/2023 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 13-09-13-4051-0000-0050, 958 NE 817th 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 Donald and Kelli Holcomb. There was no opposition.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Donald and Kelli Holcomb. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.***

A petition by **Richard L. Thompkins** 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 07/13/2023, to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 08-08-14-6860-0002-0020, 214 NE 893rd Ave, Branford, FL 32008. **(Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Richard L. Thompkins. There was no opposition.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Richard L. Thompkins. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

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

**RESOLUTIONS 2023-67**

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 JULY 13, 2023.  
**Donald and Kelli Holcomb**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-67 in support of Donald and Kelli Holcomb.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-67 in support of Donald and Kelli Holcomb. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTIONS 2023-68**

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 JULY 13, 2023.

**Richard Thompkins**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-68 in support of Richard Thompkins.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-68 in support of Richard Thompkins. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.*

**DUANE THOMAS, TOPAJENA SUBDIVISION**

Mr. Thomas appeared before the Board along with Mr. John Lamb and presented plans for a new subdivision development in Jena. He said they would like to present their plans to Building and Zoning and get some feedback from Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright said he has been out of the office tending to family matters. He said this property has already been rezoned by the prior developer. However, the current plans presented by Mr. Thomas are not in compliance with the current zoning size requirements. He said there was a lot of opposition to the prior plans for development. He said he would meet with Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lamb after the meeting.

Commissioner Osteen asked how many homes they are wanting to build.

Mr. Lamb replied 44 homes.

Commissioner Osteen said there is a lot of opposition to this development.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lamb said they would do what is needed to comply.

**FLORIDA BLUE HEALTH INSURANCE, BRAD HOARD**

**Insurance Policy Renewal**

Mr. Hoard and Mr. Andrew Rains appeared before the Board to discuss the 2023 County Insurance.

Mr. Hoard said he has been the insurance representative for Dixie County for the past 15 years. He said he is pleased to present a decrease in Medical Insurance Premium rates. The county will save \$2.10 per month, per employee, totaling \$4,939.00 for the year. He said the Dental Insurance Premium will increase by \$1.61 per employee, totaling \$4,100.00 for the year. Open enrollment will start September 01 through September 22, 2023. Representatives will be on site September 13 and 14, 2023.

Commissioner Hatch said implementing the wellness program was a great idea and should be continued.

*Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the 2023 County Employee Insurance Plan Renewal. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**SHEILA FRIERSON, DIXIE COUNTY ANTI-DRUG COALITION**

Ms. Frierson appeared before the Board and informed everyone that August 31, 2023 will be recognized as International Overdose Awareness Day. She invited everyone to a candlelight vigil will be held at the Courthouse at 7:30 PM. She said they are also partnering with the schools to educate teens about the dangers of e-cigarettes and vaping. She said they are working on a project to get Vape Detectors for schools.

County Attorney Chana Watson thanked Ms. Frierson for her diligence in educating the community and School Boards. She said not only does the Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition provide services and education on a local level, they do the same for other counties as well.

Ms. Frierson said they also work with, share resources, and help train and educate law enforcement agencies.

**STEVE COPELAND, SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER MANAGER**

Mr. Copeland appeared before the Board and informed them Suwannee has 948 customers. He said they have replaced 92 meters and they have identified 206 more that need to be replaced. He said they are looking in to purchasing some new meters with a 20-year warranty for future installments.

**GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Bailey appeared before the Board and gave status updates on several projects around the county.

- Construction is pending on Project 362 and 364. The FDOT agreement deadline is approaching, so this project needs to move forward.
- The mechanical engineers are working on finalizing the structural, civil, and grading plans for the EOC expansion and the Old Town Fire Station.
- The Restore Act Application is being submitted, for the Horseshoe Working Waterfront, before the deadline of August 12, 2023.
- The mechanical engineers are working on moving the AC units, for the Cross City Library, from the roof to the ground.

Mr. Bailey said there is funding available for the construction of a new library. He said an application with cost estimates and a concept plan will need to be completed. He informed the Board that Senator Simon would like to see appropriation requests from his District by August 2023.

Commissioner Hatch said the old A & K Nursery property near the Dixie County Health Department would be a good location for the new library.

Library Director Cindy Bellot agreed due to the proximity to the school, prison, and airport.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to dedicate the A & K Nursery property near the Dixie County Health Department to the new Cross City Library location. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.*

Mr. Bailey asked if internet service is available in that area.  
Mr. Scott Pendarvis replied fiber is available.

Commissioner Hatch reminded the Board that this 1.87-acre parcel is within the Industrial Park and has been dedicated for the Library, therefore may not be available for other use.

County Manager Duane Cannon clarified they will need to apply for appropriations and/or grants for funding this project.  
Mr. Bailey recommended they apply for both.

Attorney Watson said it may be possible to utilize the Health Department Parking lot for additional parking for the new Library.

Emergency Services Director Darian Brown informed the Board they plan to request appropriations funding for a new Emergency Services Maintenance Facility with the Board's approval. He said he does not want to interfere with the library funding request.

Mr. Bailey said there will not be any conflict.

Director Brown said they have been searching, for locations for the new facility, and have located a county owned property behind the WBT Trucking property near the Cross City Airport.

Commissioner Hatch said there is a canal running through this property.

Director Brown said they will need three (3) to four (4) acres of land for the 50 x 150 five (5) bay garage. He said the plans for the facility would be similar to the School Bus Garage. This Emergency Services Maintenance Facility would provide maintenance for all EMS, Fire, City Police and Sheriff vehicles.

Mr. John Gerry spoke to the Board about asking for a waiver for the county in the application process.

Mr. Bailey said Dixie County is considered a constrained county/area of economic opportunity. He said this designation makes the waiver automatic in the application process.

- The Environmental Review for Project 95 and 97 is complete and after DEO approval they will move forward with the survey and engineered plans.
- They will need to follow up on the cross drains for the Hal Chairs Road Project.
- The contractors will finish up the guard rail for CR 340 along with their own punch list within the next two (2) weeks.
- The Seawall Project in Suwannee will need to be presented in three (3) phases. The application is due by September 01, 2023 and they will need a **Resolution** of support.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the sod on the CR 340 Project. Mr. Bailey said if it takes root it will be fine, if not it will be replaced.

Commissioner Hatch asked about the pending construction on Project 362 and 364. Mr. Bailey said they need to request an extension. Manager Cannon said they have met with FDOT to discuss some options.

**JOHN LOCKLEAR, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES**

Mr. Locklear appeared before the Board and gave status updates on several projects around the county.

- They will coordinate the construction of Project 362 with the County Manager. Pipe has been dropped and some surveying has been done.
- The Design for Project CR 351 has been reviewed by FDOT. They are addressing those comments.
- They are working, under the direction of the SWTF, towards improvements and wetlands delineation for the Airport Canal Project. They are working with SRWMD for finalization.
- They are working, under the direction of the SWTF, towards cleaning the Old Town Canal Project. The tree canopy is very dense, and they will need another approach for surveying the area for design and permitting.
- Dixie County is the leader in the Coastal Resiliency Program which includes Jefferson and Taylor Counties. The University of Florida is doing a lot of the work on this project as requested by SRWMD.

**CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Ms. Bellot appeared before the Board and expressed her happiness with the Board's decision to move forward with plans for a new Library. She said more space is definitely needed. She informed the Board that 938 people attended the 2023 Summer Programs and they also partnered with the school to distribute 100 food packages to children. She commented on the abundance of caring people within this community. She gave an example of one patron paying it forward to another by leaving a card with \$20.00 in a book.

She informed the Board that the Library will be closed on August 29, 2023 until 6:00 PM for staff training.

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

Mr. Fremen was not present for this meeting.

**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.

**TIM JOHNSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Johnson appeared before the Board and requested their approval to purchase a trash compactor in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Manager Cannon said this purchase has been budgeted for. He said this will be utilized at the Pole Gap location.

***Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the purchase of a trash compactor in the amount of \$60,000.00. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.***

Mr. Johnson requested the Board's approval to purchase a Hustler Lawnmower, from Creekside Farm Supply, in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Manager Cannon said this purchase has been budgeted for.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the purchase of a Hustler Lawnmower in the amount of \$12,000.00. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.***

Mr. Johnson requested the Board sell several pieces of old equipment for scrap metal.

Ms. Angie Crowley said she will need a detailed list of this equipment.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to sell several pieces of old equipment for scrap metal. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.***

Mr. Johnson requested the Board's approval of the purchase of materials to protect the Roll Off Sites from theft. He said people are stealing the AC units.

***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the purchase of material to protect the AC units at the Roll Off Sites from theft. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.***

Commissioner Hatch recommended they ask the power companies about running power to several of the Roll Off Sites.

Manager Cannon said they looked into this several years ago and got some quotes back then. He said it was very expensive.

Commissioner Storey said if the compactor is used at different sites it will need power to operate.

Mr. W. C. Mills stated for the Board that the money they will make off selling the scrap metal will pay for the electricity to these sites.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that Mr. Mills and his staff had completed the first round of clean up for all the Roll Off Sites within 11 days and presented the Board with a check for over \$13,000.00 from the sale of the scrap metal.

Manager Cannon requested the Board amend the language within the Scrap Metal Contract to allow the contractor to use the scales at the Metal Yard to weigh the trucks. He said the scales at the Transfer Station are too small for the type of trucks used to haul the scrap metal. He said the contractor will provide all supporting documentation.

*Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the amendment to the Scrap Metal Contract to allow the contractor to use the scales at the Metal Yard to weigh the trucks. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

Manager Cannon said the fencing wire, at the roll off sites, cannot be recycled due to the wood posts being entangled. He said that Mr. Mills has agreed to pick up this fence wire and posts, separately from the other scrap metal, at no costs or compensation to the county. He said this has been accumulating over the past eight (8) years at each site.

Mr. John Gerry made the comment that theft is on the rise and people are now using drones to see when and if people are at home or not.

**LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL**

Mr. Wright had nothing to discuss at this time.

**DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Director Brown appeared before the Board and informed them that the Fire Station 3 grant application has been submitted. He said this must be approved prior to the construction of the EOC.

**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 had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Hatch asked when they will review the County Employee Policy and Procedure Handbook.

Ms. Crowley replied, she and Ms. Houghton and the County Manager will review the document.

Manager Cannon replied this will be reviewed at the end of the calendar year and change will be made as needed.

Attorney Watson said she will review it as well.

**DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER**

Manager Cannon appeared before the Board and requested their approval of several items.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval for the Steinhatchee Stingrays Recreation Assoc. to hold a Halloween Event at the Jena DTRAC Park on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM, Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM, and Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM. They are currently holding misc. events every Saturday.



***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the Steinhatchee Stingrays Recreation Assoc. to hold a Halloween Event at the Jena DTRAC Park on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM, Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM, and Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to accept the Dixie County SHIP Annual Report for close out FY 2020-2021 and Interim year 2021-2022 as presented.

***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to accept the Dixie County SHIP Annual Report for close out FY 2020-2021 and Interim year 2021-2022 as presented. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Dixie County SHIP Local Housing Incentive Certification.

***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute the Dixie County SHIP Local Housing Incentive Certification. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the contract between Anderson Columbia and Dixie County for the LAP Project: NE 272nd Ave from NE 592nd St to NE SR 349 in the amount of \$364,217.46.

***Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve to execute the contract between Anderson Columbia and Dixie County for the LAP Project: NE 272nd Ave from NE 592nd St to NE SR 349 in the amount of \$364,217.46. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to purchase a John Deere Tractor Model # 5090M Power Quad Plus in the amount of \$78,336.80. The previously approved purchase of the John Deere Tractor Model # 5090M Utility Tractor will not be available for several months. This model is available immediately. This is a \$4,800.00 increase in price from the previously approved purchase.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere Tractor Model # 5090M Power Quad Plus in the amount of \$78,336.80. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to apply for the FY 2024 Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant. This is used to pay for tipping fees at the Aucilla Landfill.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to apply for the FY 2024 Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of Addendum # 1 60-day Time Extension project ending Sept 30, 2023, with Anderson Columbia contract for the Taxiway A Lighting and Reconfiguration project due to material shortage.

***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve Addendum # 1 60-day Time Extension project ending Sept 30, 2023, with Anderson Columbia contract for the Taxiway A Lighting and Reconfiguration project. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the contract between Dixie County Board of County Commissioners and Chana M. Watson, Attorney at Law, P.A. The contract renewal is increased by \$2,000.00.

***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute the contract between Dixie County Board of County Commissioners and Chana M. Watson, Attorney at Law, P.A. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval for the Sheriff's Department to apply for the FY 23-24 JAG (Justice Assistance Grant).

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Sheriff's Department to apply for the FY 23-24 JAG (Justice Assistance Grant). Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the First Amendment for the Scrap Metal Services Agreement to clarify language.

***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute the First Amendment for the Scrap Metal Services Agreement to clarify language. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

Manager Cannon informed every one of the following BOCC Meeting dates:

- The Tentative Budget Hearing is on Thursday, September 07, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse.
- The regularly scheduled BOCC meeting on Thursday, September 07, 2023, is at 5:30 PM at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse.
- The Final Budget Hearing is on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse.
- The regularly scheduled BOCC meeting is on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the BOCC Meeting Room at the Courthouse.

Manager Cannon stated the renovation repairs, at the old voting precinct building, for the TDC office will cost approximately \$12,000.00. He said a part-time employee will cost \$16,000.00 per year and will be paid from the General Fund. He said the revenue generated from the business licensing fees for the Airbnb and vrbo rentals should cover these costs.

Emergency Services Director Darian Brown informed the Board of the Statute Regulated Commercial Fire Inspections and suggested the possibility of incorporating this inspection fee in the Business Licensing Fee.

Manager Cannon informed the Board they will be submitting requests for Appropriations funding for the following:

- Resubmit for Flood and Stormwater Mitigation
- Sheriff Communications System
- EM Maintenance Facility

Commissioner Hatch suggested they submit some more choices.

The following items were added to the list during discussion:

- Little League Field/Sports Facility
- Tax Collector Office/Courthouse Renovations
- Community Centers

Manager Cannon said they can add to the “Appropriations Wish List” as the Commissioners think of some more choices.

#### **CHANA WATSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Watson thanked the board for renewing her contract.

#### **BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT**

Clerk Higginbotham thanked Ms. Cindy Bellot for scheduling the Summer Programs for kids at the Library. She said her granddaughter attended and enjoyed them all.

Chief Financial Officer Brenda Royal informed the Board they are working on streamlining the functions within the Finance Department. She requested the Board allow them to pay bills on a weekly basis instead of bi-weekly due to the volume. She said they will still present the Voucher Reports and individual Vouchers can be viewed at any time.

Commissioner Hatch, Commissioner Wood, and Commissioner Osteen agreed this is a good idea.

Commissioner Hatch said this would be very helpful for small businesses and eliminate some foot traffic at the Courthouse. He said the security station records 400-475 people entering the Courthouse daily.

*Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve allow the Finance Department to pay bills on a weekly basis instead of bi-weekly Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

#### **COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Wood thanked the Road Department and the Solid waste Department for all their hard work.

Commissioner Hatch had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Osteen thanked the employees and the volunteers for working hard on the DTRAC Park in Jena. He asked Attorney Watson about the status of the crab traps on the Navine property in Jena.

Attorney Watson said they are working on code enforcement updates.

Building Official Leon Wright said they can move forward with another court case.

Attorney Watson said the court process is costly and lengthy. She will speak with Mr. Navine’s attorney and maybe they can come up with a resolution that everyone can agree with.

Commissioner Stephenson said the grapevines along the road to the Forest Park Hills Bingo Hall re overgrown and need to be trimmed back.

Commissioner Hatch reminded everyone that school starts back August 10, 2023.

Commissioner Storey said they will need to keep the trees trimmed up along the roads for the new electric buses. He said the AC units are on the top of the buses and low limbs and vines will be an issue.

Attorney Watson informed everyone that the School District is getting grant funding for 23 air conditioned electric buses to replace the diesel buses.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

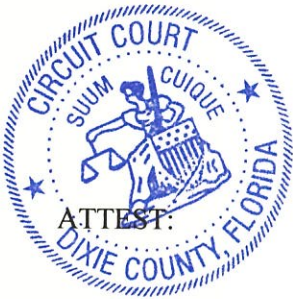
Commissioner Storey instructed the public to address any questions, about the school buses, to the School Board.

Mr. Brian Turk informed the Board and said he would like to build a home two (2) years from now. He said he has an RV and would like to get a Special Exception however; his neighbors are opposed to him doing this.

Commissioner Hatch said that he does consider opposition from the neighbors in the decision process. He suggested Mr. Turk work things out with his neighbors.

**ADJOURN**

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to adjourn at 11:55 AM. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.*



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

*Jamie Storey*  
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Jamie Storey, Chairman

*Barbie Higginbotham*  
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Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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