

Regular Meeting

Commission Board Room
Dixie County Courthouse
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628
August 17, 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

Duane Cannon, County Manager
Paul Gainey, Asst. County Manager
Martha McCaskill, Administrative Asst/Grant Coordinator
Chana Watson, County Attorney
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court
Verna Wilson, Chief Deputy Clerk
Della J. Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk
Jacki Johnson, 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 August 03, 2023. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

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

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

None were present.

CAROL WEST, RYAN FULFORD, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. West appeared before the Board to give an update on Retail Economic Development. She informed everyone that they have received a Grant from Duke Energy for \$25,000.00, plus \$7,500.00 from the County, and another \$7,500.00 from the Town of Cross City. They have hired Retail Strategies, from Birmingham, Alabama, to do a study and an assessment of the county to determine what businesses would be a good fit for Dixie County.

The task force members are:

- County Manager Duane Cannon
- City Manager John Driggers
- Vice Mayor Ryan Fulford
- Karen Van Aernam
- Carol West
- Asst. County Manager Paul Gainey

The members will provide information about the county which may help entice businesses to open in Dixie County.

Commissioner Stephenson said we need growth but must also look out for the small businesses.

Mr. Ryan Fulford said they have also met with Florida Representative Kat Cammack about the needs of the county.

Commissioner Hatch said the residents need to have opportunities and choices to spend their money within the county.

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.

APPLICATIONS for SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

A petition by **John and Susan Holland** 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 06/13/2023 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 02-09-13-3949-0000-0100, 467 NE 582nd Ave, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)

Building Official Leon Wright appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by John and Susan Holland. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by John and Susan Holland. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Jamie Fracaro** 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 06/20/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 04-10-13-4520-0000-0670, 244 NE 219 Ave, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 2, Daniel Wood)

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Jamie Fracaro. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Jamie Fracaro. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Edward D. Bernd** 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 07/17/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 12-09-13-4030-0012-0170, 427 NE 830 ST, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Edward D. Bernd.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to table the Special Exception request made by Edward D. Bernd. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board tabled.

A petition by **Terry and Brenda Volkert** 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 07/18/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 27-09-13-4357-0001-0230, 425 NE 386 Ave, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 2, Daniel Wood)

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read the **Special Exception** request made by **Terry and Brenda Volkert**. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Terry and Brenda Volkert. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Richard and Adriana Kidder and Robert and Theresa White** 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 07/19/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 02-10-13-4513-000C-0040, 720 NE 212th Ave, Old Town, FL 32680.

(Commission District 2, Daniel Wood)

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Richard and Adriana Kidder and Robert and Theresa White. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Richard and Adriana Kidder and Robert and Theresa White. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

APPLICATIONS for VARIANCES

A petition by **Drift Life, LLC - Allen Kennedy** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2994-0000-0990, 101 SE 230 ST, Old Town, FL 32680 to request a **Variance** for a reduction of the front setbacks of 25 feet down to 9 feet for the new construction of a modular home due to the cul-de-sac on the northeast corner of property, by the petition dated 07/01/2023, 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**)

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Drift Life, LLC - Allen Kennedy. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance request made by Drift Life, LLC - Allen Kennedy. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Carole Chapuis, DBA: Sweet and Spicy Shack**, to request a **Variance/Special Temporary Use Permit** for a Grand Opening Event from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM on October 07, 2023, to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 13-10-12-0000-2685-0102, 38 NE 300 Street, Cross City, FL 32628, by the petition dated 07/21/2023. (**Commission District 3, Mark Hatch**)

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read the Variance/Special Temporary Use Permit request made by Carole Chapuis, DBA: Sweet and Spicy Shack. There was no opposition. They have provided a site plan.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance/Special Temporary Use Permit request made by Carole Chapuis, DBA: Sweet and Spicy Shack. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

ROAD CLOSURE

Mr. Wright informed the Board that a request to vacate a road has been submitted to the Building Department. He has requested legal to advise on this matter.

County Attorney Chana Watson informed the Board that the petitioner does not own all the surrounding properties. She said this is a deeded and plated subdivision.

Commissioner Osteen said this road has never been used by the public.

Mr. Junior Lytle of Jena, spoke to the Board requesting a road be closed near his home. He said he got permission from Tri County Electric to install a fence with gates. He said it has been closed off for 8-9 years.

Attorney Watson said statute will have to be followed to vacate the road.

Mr. Lytle said there is marshland on the other side of the road.

Mr. Duane Thomas and Mr. John Lamb spoke to the Board and said they need access to their property by using this road.

Mr. Lytle said this has always been a dead-end road.

Attorney Watson requested additional time to research the matter and get an answer for the Board.

Mr. Wright informed the Board that there is another issue with the Topajena Development. He said the site plan that has been presented does not meet the minimum lot size for the RSF 2 zoning. He said they want to apply for a zoning change. He said they want to reduce the lot size from 10,000 square foot down to 7,500 square foot. He said they want to build 44 homes.

Commissioner Osteen said he does not support the proposed zoning change.

Commissioner Hatch asked how many homes can be built if they keep the 10,000 square foot lots.

Mr. Wright replied 33 homes. He reminded everyone that nothing is being presented for a vote tonight. This is just information for the Board. He said once this development is platted, they would have to come back before the Board to re-plat if they wanted to mitigate the wetlands.

Commissioner Hatch asked Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lamb what has changed since they brought their proposal before the Board at the last meeting.

Mr. Thomas said they would rather go with this newer proposal for the development.

Mr. Wright said he did meet with Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lamb after the last Board meeting and they have returned with a new proposal. He said they can fill out the paperwork so that it can come before the Board and be discussed.

Attorney Watson agreed.

Public Hearing for the Annual Rate Solid Waste Assessment

There was no discussion from the public during this public hearing.

Public Hearing for the Annual Rate Fire Assessment

Ms. Christine Dickens spoke to the Board and questioned the Fire Assessment Rate for residential and vacant property and why it is a different amount.

County Manager Duane Cannon replied there is a different fee for vacant property versus a property where there is a residence.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-79

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 13, 2023.

John and Susan Holland

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-79 in support of John and Susan Holland.

Mr. Holland was present to speak to the Board and said he will be moving from Sarasota, FL. He said he has a two-year plan to build a home or purchase a home. Until then he wants to put his RV on his property.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-79 in support of John and Susan Holland. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-69

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 20, 2023.

Jamie Fracaro

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-69 in support of Jamie Fracaro.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-69 in support of Jamie Fracaro. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.3.5 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 JULY 17, 2023.

Edward D. Bernd

Resolution 2023-70 was tabled due to the Special Exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2023-71

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 JULY 18, 2023.

Terry and Brenda Volkert

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-71 in support of Terry and Brenda Volkert.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-71 in support of Terry and Brenda Volkert. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-72

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 ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED JULY 19, 2023.

Richard and Adriana Kidder and Robert and Theresa White

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-72 in support of Richard and Adriana Kidder and Robert and Theresa White.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-72 in support of Richard and Adriana Kidder and Robert and Theresa White. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-73

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 REDUCTION OF THE FRONT SETBACKS OF 25 FEET DOWN TO 9 FEET FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A MODULAR HOME DUE TO THE CULDESAC ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY 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 JULY 1, 2023.

Drift Life, LLC - Allen Kennedy

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-73 in support of Drift Life, LLC - Allen Kennedy.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-73 in support of Drift Life, LLC - Allen Kennedy. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-74

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 14.11.1 OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR A VARIANCE FOR A SPECIAL TEMPORARY USE EVENT FOR GRAND OPENING FROM 4:00 PM UNTIL 8:00 PM ON OCTOBER 07, 2023 WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED JULY 21, 2023.

Carole Chapuis, DBA: Sweet and Spicy Shack

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-74 in support of Carole Chapuis, DBA: Sweet and Spicy Shack.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-74 in support of Carole Chapuis, DBA: Sweet and Spicy Shack. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-76

Annual Solid Waste Assessment Rate

Manager Cannon request the Board's approval to execute the Annual Rate Resolution 2023-76 for Solid Waste and Disposal Services of the Special Assessment FY 2024.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-79 in support of the Annual Solid Waste Assessment Rate. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-77

Annual Fire Assessment Rate

Manager Cannon request the Board's approval to execute the Annual Rate Resolution 2023-77 for Fire Protection Services of the Special Assessment FY 2024.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-77 in support of Annual Fire Assessment Rate. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

ORDINANCE 2023-06

Suwannee Water and Sewer District (First Reading)

County Attorney Chana Watson appeared before the Board and read Ordinance 2023-06 in support of the Suwannee Water and Sewer District Ordinance in its entirety.

ROBERT JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CAREER SOURCE/FLORIDA CROWN

Mr. Jones appeared before the Board and informed them that there will be a reduction in the Work Force Boards and several regions will be combined. He said that Alachua County wants to be in charge of all decisions for Columbia, Gilchrist, Union, Bradford and Dixie Counties. He said Columbia and Gilchrist have approved a Resolution in opposition of this and said they will not participate if Alachua County is placed in charge of all.

Mr. Jones proposed that the other counties govern themselves and have Alachua do their own thing.

Mr. Jones said the Alachua County Board sent an email proposing their administration of all.

Commissioner Hatch requested a copy of the Resolution enacted by Columbia and Gilchrist County.

Mr. Jones stated the main reason that Alachua County wants this is so that everyone can share in their liability. He said that Alachua County has a record of incurring millions of dollars in disallowed costs. Whereas, the other counties within the region have not had this problem.

GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Bailey was not present for this meeting.

JOHN LOCKLEAR, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. Locklear had nothing to discuss at this time.

CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Bellot had nothing to discuss at this time.

STEVE FREMEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT & VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mr. Fremen appeared before the Board and requested the Board allow the County Attorney to move forward with amending the current LDRs.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the County Attorney to move forward with amending the current LDRs. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Storey asked Mr. Fremen to clarify what a Special Exception allows the property owner to do.

Mr. Fremen replied it allows for (1) one 10 x 12 shed, an RV, an open Pole Barn to cover the RV, and a maximum stay of no longer than six (6) months.

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 was not present for this meeting.

LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL

Mr. Wright had been excused from the meeting earlier.

DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Director Brown had nothing to discuss at this time.

**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

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

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the FY 2024 Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant for Dixie County in the amount of \$93,750.00.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute the FY 2024 Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant for Dixie County in the amount of \$93,750.00. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of the FY 2023-2024 County Holiday schedule as presented. There are no changes.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 County Holiday schedule as presented. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the loan documents for the Ameris Bank line of credit as presented. The LOC is for four (4) million dollars.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Loan Documents for the Ameris Bank line of credit as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of **RESOLUTION 2023-75** in support of the Ameris Bank line of credit.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the **RESOLUTION 2023-75** in support of the Ameris Bank line of credit. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.*

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Dixie County Vulnerability Assessment for Dixie, Jefferson and Taylor Counties, Peril of Flood and Adaptation Planning Grant Agreement 22PLN32 in the amount of \$969,202.00. This is required by the state.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the Dixie County Vulnerability Assessment for Dixie, Jefferson and Taylor Counties, Peril of Flood and Adaptation Planning Grant Agreement 22PLN32 in the amount of \$969,202.00. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the SHIP down payment assistance/closing cost for Jamie Jones in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the SHIP down payment assistance/closing cost for Jamie Jones in the amount of \$20,000.00. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the SHIP Repair Reimbursement request for Dane Mamagona in the amount of \$14,400.00.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to execute the SHIP Repair Reimbursement request for Dane Mamagona in the amount of \$14,400.00. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance application and policy schedule in the amount of \$36,579.60 for FY 2023-2024.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance application and policy schedule in the amount of \$36,579.60 for FY 2023-2024. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute **RESOLUTION 2023-78** in support of the Appropriations application for the Resilient Florida Grant Program Dixie County Suwannee Seawall Project.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to execute RESOLUTION 2023-78 in support of the Appropriations application for the Resilient Florida Grant Program Dixie County Suwannee Seawall Project. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of the Temporary Construction Easement for the purpose of the CR 357 Shired Creek Bridge and culvert replacement within the County ROW areas near the bridge.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the Temporary Construction Easement for the purpose of the CR 357 Shired Creek Bridge and culvert replacement within the County ROW areas near the bridge. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute **RESOLUTION 2023-80** in support of the Temporary Construction Easement for the CR 357 Shired Creek Bridge replacement.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute RESOLUTION 2023-80 in support of the Temporary Construction Easement for the CR 357 Shired Creek Bridge replacement. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of the Temporary Construction Easement for the purpose of the CR 357 California Swamp Bridge and culvert replacement within the County ROW areas near the bridge.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the Temporary Construction Easement for the purpose of the CR 357 California Swamp Bridge and culvert replacement within the County ROW areas near the bridge. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute **RESOLUTION 2023-81** in support of the Temporary Construction Easement for the CR 357 California Swamp Bridge replacement.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the RESOLUTION 2023-81 in support of the Temporary Construction Easement for the CR 357 California Swamp Bridge replacement. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute Amendment # 6 for the PTGA FDOT CTY Airport Design & Rehab Runway 4-22 Scope of Work Update Only.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to execute Amendment # 6 for the PTGA FDOT CTY Airport Design & Rehab Runway 4-22 Scope of Work Update Only. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of **RESOLUTION 2023-82** in support of the PTGA FDOT CTY Airport Design & Rehab Runway 4-22 Scope of Work Update Only.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve the RESOLUTION 2023-82 in support of the PTGA FDOT CTY Airport Design & Rehab Runway 4-22 Scope of Work Update Only. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to de-obligate ARPA funds to the Sheriff for Smart Cop purchase in the amount of \$45,000.00.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve to de-obligate ARPA funds to the Sheriff for Smart Cop purchase in the amount of \$45,000.00. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to obligate \$45,000.00 of ARPA funds for the purpose of equipping all Fire/Rescue vehicles with Smart Cop software.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to obligate \$45,000.00 of ARPA funds for the purpose of equipping all Fire/Rescue vehicles with Smart Cop software. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to increase the named storm deductible amount to 10% lowering the annual premium for property in the amount of \$121,730.00.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to increase the named storm deductible amount to 10% lowering the annual premium for property in the amount of \$121,730.00. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to continue the motor grader lease for 36 months with CAT (Caterpillar) for approximately \$5,942.00 per month with the option at the end of the lease to purchase.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to continue the motor grader lease for 36 months with CAT (Caterpillar) for approximately \$5,942.00 per month with the option at the end of the lease to purchase. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon informed every one of the following:

- Anderson Columbia is scheduled to start NE 272nd on Monday, August 21, 2023.
- 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.

CHANA WATSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Watson appeared before the Board and informed them of several unruly, disrespectful, threatening customers that have come into the Courthouse offices lately. She has been asked about the possibility of placing a No Trespass against someone. She requested direction from the Board on how to handle this matter.

Clerk of Court Barbie Higginbotham added that some have been in her offices.

Chief Deputy Clerk Verna Wilson added that it is alarming to the employees and other customers who may be present.

Commissioner Hatch asked if anyone had spoken to the Sheriff because he is the head of security.

Attorney Watson said the school system is upgrading to bulletproof glass.

BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Higginbotham thanked everyone for their help on behalf of Brenda Royal in her time of loss.

Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk Della Rhymes spoke to the Board about the Value Adjustment Board membership and scheduled dates.

COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Wood made the motion to request rumble strips be placed at Hinton Landing. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Osteen expressed his thanks to the county employees for all their hard work. He said things are running smoothly. He invited everyone to the upcoming Halloween event at DTRAC in Jena.

Commissioner Stephenson thanked the county employees. He said they need more limbs and vines cut and maintained at the intersections. He suggested looking into a five (5) year lease for equipment to save on repairs. He said the Board needs to make small increases annually to help with finances.

Commissioner Storey thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Stephenson said he would like to start reserving the spots at the campgrounds.

Clerk Higginbotham agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Richard Vizcaino said he and some of the neighbors would like to enhance Purvis Landing Park with school grade quality swings and slides.

Commissioner Osteen asked about the insurance requirements.

Commissioner Wood said this park is in his District.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion for the Purvis Landing neighbors to work with Commissioner Wood and Attorney Watson about the enhancement to the Park. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Mr. John Locklear offered his services to help with drawing plans for the Park enhancements.

Ms. Barbara Cummings asked about the extra \$5.00 that Dwayne Chauncey, Mosquito Control Director had previously mentioned that was needed to purchase more product to kill mosquitos.

Manager Cannon said that would be a Special Assessment and would require a study be done and public hearings. He said the process could take up to a year to complete.

Mr. W. C. Mills spoke to the Board and informed them that all the old fence wire has been removed from the roll off sites.

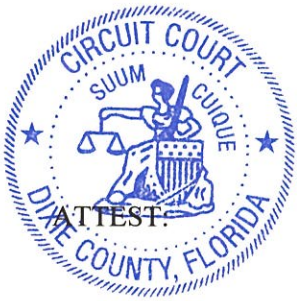
Commissioner Stephenson asked about placing a can for metal at the roll off sites for easier pick up by the contractor.

Manager Cannon said they looked at this option before and the possibility of taking it to the Transfer Station.

Clerk Higginbotham thanked Mr. Mills for picking up the metal and informed the Board they have received three (3) payments for the metal picked up by Mr. Mills.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Jamie Storey

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

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

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