

Regular Meeting

Commission Board Room
Dixie County Courthouse
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628
August 18, 2022 – 6:00 PM

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COMMISSIONERS

Jody Stephenson, District 1
Mark Hatch, District 3
Jamie Storey, District 4, Chairman
James Valentine, District 5

STAFF

Duane Cannon, County Manager
Paul Gainey, Asst. County Manager
Martha McCaskill, Administrative Asst/Grant Coordinator
Chana Watson, County Attorney
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court
Verna Wilson, Chief Deputy Clerk
Della Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk
Jacki Johnson, Chief Financial Officer
Brenda Royal, Chief Financial Officer

CALL TO ORDER

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

Commissioner Storey informed the public that Commissioner Valentine will be arriving soon.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2022. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Minutes from the Insurance Workshop of August 04, 2022. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

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

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

None were present.

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

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

A petition by **Christina Borbonio** 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 07/25/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 26-09-13-0000-4467-1500, 2351 NE 642 Street, Old Town, FL 32680.
(Commission District 2, W.C. Mills)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Christina Borbonio. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Christina Borbonio. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **David and Teresa Gayer** 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 07/26/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 03-09-13-3949-0002-0220, 211 NE 582 Avenue, Old Town, FL 32680.
(Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by David and Teresa Gayer. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by David and Teresa Gayer. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Heather D. Cowburn** 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 07/27/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 11-08-13-0000-3676-0105, 1201 NE 910 Avenue, Branford, FL 32008.
(Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Heather D. Cowburn.

Commissioner Stephenson said he has received several calls on this, and he would like to table the request.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to table the Special Exception request made by Heather D. Cowburn. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board tabled.

A petition by **Matthew L. David** to request a **Variance** located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2994-0000-0970, 109 SE 230 Street, Old Town, FL 32680, for a 1. to build a 720 square foot boat house (exceeds the 500 allowed). 2. exceed the 25% width of canal by 6 feet. by the petition dated 07/26/2022 which is located within Section 4.7.7 RSF/MH subparagraph (2) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 Variance Procedures. **(Commission District 3, Mark Hatch)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Matthew L. David. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance request made by Matthew L. David. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Michael Driscoll** to request a **Variance** located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-09-0041-0000-0270, 15 SW 294th Avenue, Steinhatchee, FL 32359, for a reduction of setback from 25 feet to 10 feet at rear of home to allow construction of new residence by the petition dated 07/26/2022 which is located within Section 4.17 Planned Residential Development (PRD) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 variance procedures. **(Commission District 5, James Valentine)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Michael Driscoll. This is in the River Shores of Jena Development. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Valentine was not present at this time to vote.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance request made by Michael Driscoll. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Michael Driscoll** to request a **Variance** located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-09-0041-0000-0080, 40 SW 290th Avenue, Steinhatchee, FL 32359, for a reduction of setbacks from 25 feet to 10 feet from rear of house to allow construction of new residence. by the petition dated 07/26/2022 which is located within Section 4.17 Planned Residential Development (PRD) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 variance procedures. **(Commission District 5, James Valentine)**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Michael Driscoll. This is in the River Shores of Jena Development. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Valentine was not present at this time to vote.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Variance request made by Michael Driscoll. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

A petition by **Michael Driscoll** to request a **Variance** located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 25-09-09-0041-0000-0070, 30 SW 290TH Avenue, Steinhatchee, FL 32359, for a reduction of setbacks from 25 feet to 10 feet at rear of house to allow for new construction of new residence by the petition dated 07/27/2022 which is located within Section 4.17 Planned Residential Development (PRD) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations in accordance with section 12.3 variance procedures.

(Commission District 5, James Valentine)

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read the Variance request made by Michael Driscoll. This is in the River Shores of Jena Development. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Valentine was not present at this time to vote.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance request made by Michael Driscoll. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

SOLID WASTE AND FIRE ASSESSMENT

County Manager Duane Cannon opened the floor for discussion at the public hearing on the Solid Waste and Fire Assessment. He said the Board approved the preliminary Resolutions and rates back in July and there have been no changes. He said this is the public hearing and the second reading of the Annual Rate Resolutions. He asked if anyone was opposed to the Solid Waste and/or the Fire Assessment at this time.

There were no comments, questions or opposition from the public expressed at this time.

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

Commissioner Hatch requested the Board wait for Commissioner Valentine to arrive before voting on the Resolutions that support the variances requested in his district. These include Resolutions 2022-115, 2022-116, 2022-117.

RESOLUTION 2022-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.3.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED JULY 25, 2022.

Christina Borbonio

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-111 in support of Christina Borbonio.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-111 in support of Christina Borbonio. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.4.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED JULY 26, 2022.

David and Teresa Gayer

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-112 in support of David and Teresa Gayer.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-112 in support of David and Teresa Gayer. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.4.5 SUBPARAGRAPH (4) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED JULY 27, 2022.

Heather D. Cowburn

Resolution 2022-113 was tabled due to the Special Exception it supported being tabled earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-114

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 1. TO BUILD A 720 SQUARE FOOT BOAT HOUSE (EXCEEDS THE 500 ALLOWED). 2. EXCEED THE 25% WIDTH OF CANAL BY 6 FEET WHICH IS LOCATED IN A RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME AREA (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED JULY 26, 2022. **Matthew L. David**

Ms. Julie Herring appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-114 in support of Matthew L. David.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-114 in support of Matthew L. David. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

SHEILA FRIERSON, DIXIE COUNTY ANTI-DRUG COALITION

Ms. Sheila Frierson appeared before the Board and informed them about a three (3) year grant that Dixie County has been awarded and how the proceeds were spent within the community.

Ms. Frierson said the Cross City Police Department was given \$10,000.00 to purchase an evidence processing and packaging station. She added they have recently been given an additional \$15,000.00.

Ms. Frierson said the Dixie County Sheriff's Office was given \$37,00.00 to purchase surveillance equipment.

Ms. Frierson said the Dixie County Emergency System was given \$59,000.00 and they will be receiving an additional \$15,000.00 - \$20,000.00.

Ms. Frierson said that Meridian was given \$100,000.00 to help provide services for Dixie County.

Ms. Frierson introduced Ms. Rebecca Fusco to help explain why Dixie County received this grant money.

Ms. Rebecca Fusco informed the Board that in 2017 Dixie County had the highest rate of overdoses in the state of Florida. She said the age group ranged from 45 to 65 for the overdose cases. She said most of these cases were from prescription drugs.

She said that the drug Fentanyl is making its way into the county and that Dixie County had two (2) overdose cases from this drug in 2020.

Commissioner Stephenson and the other Board members thanked them for their help.

GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Greg Bailey appeared before the Board and informed them that the plans for NE 362 and 364 are being finalized. He said they will go before FDOT next week for approval.

He said they recently met with county staff about the fire station project and they are beginning to work on the floor plans.

JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. Jered Lizotte had nothing to discuss at this time.

CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Cindy Bellot was not present for this meeting.

Commissioner Hatch said that all is well with the Library.

STEVE FREMEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT & VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mr. Steve Fremen had nothing to discuss at this time.

STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Steve Hutchison had nothing to discuss at this time.

DWAYNE CHAUNCEY, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR

Mr. Dwayne Chauncey was not present for this meeting.

MICHAEL LATSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

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

Commissioner Stephenson asked if some of the Solid Waste staff will be attending the Aucilla event on Saturday.

LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL

Commissioner Storey informed Commissioner Valentine of the remaining Resolutions needing approval upon his arrival. These include Resolutions 2022-115, 2022-116, and 2022-117. He asked if Commissioner Valentine had heard any opposition.

Commissioner Valentine replied no. He apologized for arriving late to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A VARIANCE TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.3.1 OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, TO GRANT A VARIANCE FOR A REDUCTION SETBACK FROM 25 FEET TO 10 FEET AT REAR OF HOME TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENCE WHICH IS LOCATED IN A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (PRD) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED JULY 26, 2022. **Michael Driscoll**

Mr. Leon Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-115 in support of Michael Driscoll.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-115 in support of Michael Driscoll. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A VARIANCE TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.3.1 OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, TO GRANT A VARIANCE FOR A REDUCTION SETBACK FROM 25 FEET TO 10 FEET AT REAR OF HOME TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENCE WHICH IS LOCATED IN A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (PRD) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED JULY 26, 2022. **Michael Driscoll**

Mr. Leon Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-116 in support of Michael Driscoll.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-116 in support of Michael Driscoll. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A VARIANCE TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.3.1 OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, TO GRANT A VARIANCE FOR A REDUCTION SETBACK FROM 25 FEET TO 10 FEET AT REAR OF HOME TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENCE WHICH IS LOCATED IN A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (PRD) ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED IN THE PETITION DATED JULY 27, 2022. **Michael Driscoll**

Mr. Leon Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-117 in support of Michael Driscoll.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-117 in support of Michael Driscoll. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Building Official Lean Wright appeared before the Board and expressed his thanks to Mr. Scott Pendarvis for the upgraded Internet Service at the Building and Zoning office.

He informed the Board that he went to Tampa with Mr. Jason Jean to get his license. He said the Licensing Board had changed members and they required more documentation for Mr. Jean. He announced that Mr. Jean has been approved for his Inspector License.

He informed the Board that he had met with Mr. Gene Boles about the LDR's. He said they are working on a rough draft. He recommended the Board appoint some Dixie County residents, one from each district, to serve on the Land Adjustment Board. He said the Board can review and adopt the revised LDRs in November and he recommended the Land Adjustment Board be in place by January of 2023.

DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Director Brown appeared before the Board and informed the Board about the grant funding for the Paramedicine Program. He said this is the third year of the program. He said there is a full-time position open and he plans to move Ms. Allison Stevens into this role. He said the grant will pay for this position.

He presented the monthly collections and deposits from the EMS Department.

He informed the Board that the Florida minimum wage has been mandated to be raised to \$15.00 per hour for Emergency staff by October 01, 2022. He said they can give \$2.00 this year instead of \$1.00 and be able to meet the requirement.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if the raise would be fair for employees with seniority versus new employees.

Commissioner Valentine made the motion to approve the \$2.00 raise for EMS and Fire staff. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

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

Mr. Scott Pendarvis appeared before the Board and updated them on the internet connection at the Building and Zoning office. He said they will be working on the Road Department connections in September and then move on to the Solid Waste Department.

He informed the Board that he, Manager Cannon, and Commissioner Hatch met with Central Florida Electric about their Fiber Optic Internet Service Program. He said this will be a three (3) to four (4) year project. He said he will be serving on the Broad Band Committee and will keep the Board informed. He said they will be drafting a letter of support.

Commissioner Hatch agreed it was a good meeting.

Manager Cannon said there are some representatives from Central Florida Electric present tonight and they can answer any questions the public or the Board may have.

The representative from Central Florida Electric spoke to the Board and gave some information about the program. She said they plan to service 35,000 meters and put in 4300 miles of line. She said that the public can get updates from the link on the Central Florida Electric webpage. She said they do intend to apply for grant funding as well to help pay for the costs.

Ms. Fusco asked if the surveys and speed tests that were done by the public in Dixie County can be used to help get funding and lower the customer cost.

The Central Florida Electric representative said they have done their estimates without depending on the grants to fund the cost to make sure this would be affordable. She said the service provided will be a combination of overhead and underground connections, depending on what is available in the specific location.

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

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board to request their approval of several items.

Manager Cannon requested the Board approve advertising on the volleyball banner for \$100.00.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve advertising on the volleyball banner for \$100.00. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve all the youth sponsorship renewals in the future so that they do not have to come before the Board each time for approval. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

A man from the public spoke to the Board and questioned his bill for the new Fire and Solid Waste Assessment. He was under the assumption that his taxes had been raised.

Manager Cannon clarified that he had received a letter regarding vacant property. He explained that over the past couple of years they have been trying to make corrections to the Solid Waste and Fire Special Assessments. He said the Building and Zoning records reflect that at some point in time an RV Special Exception had been requested for his property.

The man replied he never had an RV on the property.

Manager Cannon said he will review this and make the necessary corrections to the assessment. He clarified that taxes are not being raised.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute **Resolution 2022-109** for the Capital City Bank loan in the amount of \$197,500.00 for the acquisition of a new dozer.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to execute Resolution 2022-109 for the Capital City Bank loan in the amount of \$197,500.00 for the acquisition of a new dozer. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the **Resolution 2022-110** for the SHIP LHAP Plan (Local Housing Assistance Plan) as presented.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to execute the Resolution 2022-110 for the SHIP LHAP Plan (Local Housing Assistance Plan) as presented. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the request of the SHIP repair reimbursement for John Papale in the amount of \$14,850.00.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to execute the request of the SHIP repair reimbursement for John Papale in the amount of \$14,850.00. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Annual Rate **Resolution 2022-118** for Fire Protection Services of the Special Assessment FY 2023.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to execute the Annual Rate Resolution 2022-118 for Fire Protection Services of the Special Assessment FY 2023. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Annual Rate **Resolution 2022-119** for Solid Waste and Disposal Services of the Special Assessment FY 2023.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to execute the Annual Rate Resolution 2022-119 for Solid Waste and Disposal Services of the Special Assessment FY 2023. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval for the contract for the Taxiway A & Connectors Pavement Rehab at the Cross City Airport be awarded to Anderson Columbia based on Passero recommendation as lowest bidder in the amount of \$1,691,312.96.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion for the contract for the Taxiway A & Connectors Pavement Rehab at the Cross City Airport be awarded to Anderson Columbia based on Passero recommendation as lowest bidder in the amount of \$1,691,312.96. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Work Order 22-12R for Passero Associates, LLC for the Taxiway A & Connectors Pavement Rehab at the Cross City Airport in the amount of \$173,100.00.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to execute the Work Order 22-12R for Passero Associates, LLC for the Taxiway A & Connectors Pavement Rehab at the Cross City Airport in the amount of \$173,100.00. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to provide Central Florida Electric Cooperative a letter of support for the Broadband Middle Mile Grant.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to provide Central Florida Electric Cooperative a letter of support for the Broadband Middle Mile Grant. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the **Resolution 2022-120** in support of the Central Florida Electric Coop Broadband Middle Mile Grant letter of support.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to execute the Resolution 2022-120 in support of the Central Florida Electric Coop Broadband Middle Mile Grant letter of support. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to provide the Storm Water Task Force Field Supervisors with two (2) tanks of gas weekly for the purpose of providing Oversight Services during the Airport Canal System Project and Flood and Storm Water Mitigation duties.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to provide the Storm Water Task Force Field Supervisors with two (2) tanks of gas weekly for the purpose of providing Oversight Services during the Airport Canal System Project and Flood and Storm Water Mitigation duties. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon informed everyone there will be a Community Connection Dialogue Meeting held on September 06, 2022, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the School Board Meeting Room in Old Town. He said this is open to the public and participants can engage in a dialogue about the flood risks in Dixie County. The presenters are from Mississippi State University and they are requesting all BOCC, Storm Water Task Force (SWTF) and County Manager members and staff to be present as representatives in the efforts to relieve the flooding issues. He said they will show what improvements have been made over the past year and discuss Resilient Grant funding from the state. He said that refreshments will be provided.

Manager Cannon reminded everyone the Aucilla Landfill will have a New Cell Opening Event on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. He said refreshments will be provided.

SCOP AND SCRAP PROJECTS

Manager Cannon presented the timeline for the upcoming FDOT grant funded projects to the Board and the order in which the funds will be received:

1. December 2022: 438226-2 -- NE 82nd Avenue, from NE 592nd Street to SR 55 (US 19) (Hal Chairs Road)
2. February 2023: 443405-1 – CR 351 South, from .25 miles North of SE 163rd St to CR 351 A. (Horseshoe Hwy)
3. April 2023: 446585-1 – CR 349 from the end of CR 349 South to the beginning of the new pavement on CR 349 South. (Suwannee Hwy)

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Manager Cannon informed every one of the upcoming Board meetings that have been scheduled:

- September 01, 2022, the Regular BOCC Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM at the Courthouse.
- September 01, 2022, a Dumpster Rental Workshop will be held at 2:00 PM at the Courthouse.
- September 08, 2022, a Tentative Budget Hearing will be held at 5:30 PM at the Courthouse.
- September 15, 2022, the Regular BOCC Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM at the Courthouse.
- September 19, 2022, a Final Budget Hearing will be held at 5:30 PM at the Courthouse.

CHANA WATSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Watson was not present for this meeting. Attorney Angela Ball was present on her behalf.

BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Higginbotham appeared before the Board and informed them of an incident with the drug Fentanyl that recently happened in a neighboring county in which Emergency Services and Law Enforcement who were responding to a call were all exposed and had to seek medical attention.

Ms. Rebecca Fusco informed the Board that Narcan is available from the Anti-Drug Coalition, for free, which can be used if you have been exposed to the drug Fentanyl.

Chief Financial Officers Jacki Johnson and Brenda Royal appeared before the Board to give an update on a Budget Amendment that is needed. She said that account #102, which funds Communications, requires a transfer of \$130,000.00 from General Fund to correct an error from 2019.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the budget amendment and transfer of \$130,000.00 from the General Fund to account #102. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Ms. Johnson said they have been working on budget documents for the fiscal year. She presented a budget recap and the proposed budget. She said they must still use the carry forward to balance the budget at this time. She said the county needs more revenue. She discussed the ad valorem revenue, the millage rates, four percent raise for health insurance and the minimum wage raise of \$1.00 for employees and the \$2.00 additional raise for department heads and administrative staff. She said the Discretionary Sales Tax is down \$344,000.00. She said this was recently increased up by \$20,000.00. She discussed salaries and fuel cost.

Commissioner Stephenson said the county is trying to catch up with the times. He asked about equipment repairs and if purchases would relieve some of the cost of maintenance.

Ms. Johnson replied the maintenance is monitored by the department heads and some equipment has been replaced. She said that leasing equipment is a good idea for several reasons.

Manager Cannon informed the Board that these numbers will be presented at the Budget Hearings. He said they have over 300 hours in balancing this budget.

Commissioner Hatch asked about the audit.

Ms. Johnson said this is being wrapped up and possibly will be presented to the Board in September.

VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

Asst. Chief Deputy Della Rhymes appeared before the Board to inform them that the Homestead Property Owner position is still vacant. She requested the Board choose another resident to serve in this position.

Commissioner Hatch requested the County Manager provide assistance with this.

Ms. Rhymes requested the Board review the tentative dates presented for the Value Adjustment Board Organizational Meeting and the Hearings and agree with the dates recommended.

- **Organizational Meeting for the VA Board** – September 22, 2022 at 9:00 AM
- **Hearing and Alternate Hearing for VAB Petitions** – October 17, 2022 at 9:00 AM and October 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM

The Board members discussed and agreed upon these recommended dates.

COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Valentine had nothing to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Hatch requested everyone to support the Dixie County Bears football team and remember to vote.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the limb mower. He invited everyone to attend the Aucilla event. He said he would like to host a quarterly event at the Community Center in his district for the public to fellowship and voice their concerns.

Commissioner Storey thanked everyone for attending.

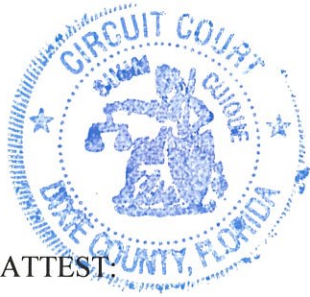
PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

A lady asked about mowing an area on 351 and 353 which has some very high weeds. She said it is a hole and the mower can't reach it.

Commissioner Storey said they have a machine that can do this.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.



ATTEST

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Jamie Storey

Jamie Storey, Chairman

Barbie Higginbotham

Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

PLEASE BE ADVISED that if a person 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.