

**Workshop**  
**Dumpster Rentals**  
Commission Board Room  
Dixie County Courthouse  
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628  
September 01, 2022 – 2:00 PM

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**COMMISSIONERS**

Jody Stephenson, District 1  
W. C. Mills, District 2, Vice Chairman  
Mark Hatch, District 3  
Jamie Storey, District 4, Chairman  
James Valentine, District 5

**STAFF**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting/Workshop was called to order at 2:00 PM by Commissioner Storey.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Valentine and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Commissioner Mills.

**DISCUSSION**

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board and informed everyone that we are here to discuss the Dumpster Can Rental Program. He said the Solid Waste Budget for this year does not include this program. He said the Board had voted to terminate this program on October 01, 2022. He said the public has asked them to continue the program.

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Manager Cannon requested the Board look at the information presented for the rental of four-yard cans. He said there are 90 cans that are being serviced and billed for. He said they calculated the can purchase and five (5) year depreciation, the labor at the transfer station, the fuel tickets, the truck purchase price and depreciation, truck repairs, and administration (Denise Lytle, Michael Latson, Tim Johnson, Tammy Rollison) over the program to come up with the weekly totals.

He said if this program is continued and restructured, a specific person would be over billing. He said the cost would be \$178.75 per month for the rental of the four (4) yard can. He said the current charge is \$75.00 per monthly rental, which cost \$16,087.50 per month and bring in \$6,750.00 monthly revenue. He said that 100% of the monthly bills are never paid within the month.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if all the revenue collected goes back to the Solid Waste Department.

Manager Cannon said this projected revenue was used to balance the Solid Waste budget; however, all the revenue was not received, and the General Fund had to support the Department by \$112,050.00 for the rental cans.

Asst. Solid Waste Director Tim Johnson informed everyone that the program is losing money.

Commissioner Mills said they must charge more and collect all the money.

Ms. Barbara Cummings asked if a deposit is required, and if so, it should be kept for non-payment.

Clerk of Court Barbie Higginbotham presented a new list of customers that owe money for rental cans.

Manager Cannon explained that every fund is balanced with the General Fund.

He said all the county revenue from the State, Federal, ad valorem taxes, building permits, etc. goes into General Fund and is then disbursed to each appropriate account.

Manager Cannon pointed out that this service only covers .09 of the county's 16,572 residents. He said there are not enough cans to provide for the whole population so everyone else must use the roll off sites.

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Manager Cannon requested the Board look at the information presented as a comparison for Waste Pro Services. He said they charge \$175.00 per month for one dump per week, and \$300.00 for two dumps per week. He said that Waste Pro can provide services cheaper than the county.

Commissioner Mills asked what Waste Pro is paying to dump at the transfer station.

Manager Cannon said they do not pay any fees.

Attorney Watson shared Alachua County statistics for comparison.

Solid Waste Director Michael Latson said Waste Pro pays \$35.00 per ton for clean C & D and they pay \$70.00 per ton for dirty C & D at the landfill.

Mr. Latson said it cost \$43.00 per ton to dump at Aucilla in Greenville.

Manager Cannon said that Waste Pro has a contract with the Town of Cross City to pick up and dump their garbage. Their contract states they are responsible for the disposal fee. He said he was told there was a verbal agreement between the City Council and the BOCC that there was no disposal fee because the residents already pay the Solid Waste Special Assessment.

Commissioner Stephenson said that small businesses are gathering garbage from residents and dumping trailer loads of trash. He said they should pay a fee to dump.

Commissioner Mills said the county allowed "Mom and Pop" to dump at the roll off sites during the storm.

Mr. Johnson said more cans are needed at the roll off sites and the sites need to be cleaner.

Commissioner Mills said that more cans are needed for the program to work. He said replacement cans will also be needed. He said he would like to create a plan that can work.

Clerk Higginbotham pointed out that no one from the public is here to fight for this program.

Commissioner Stephenson said that once a can is picked up for non-payment, the decision to take the can back to that same client should be the decision of the whole Board.

Mr. Latson said he needs an operator and a spotter on the hill and a Greenville driver in order to work on Saturday. He said he needs more trailers and more staff. He said Greenville is not open on Saturday.

Manager Cannon said they have budgeted to purchase two (2) compactors this year.

Commissioner Mills said that the Solid Waste Department will need more staff and hours to accommodate the growth within the county.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that the surrounding counties charge \$4.00 extra for dumping each mattress and piece of furniture.

Commissioner Mills said the county must charge for all the services.

Mr. Johnson said the tipping fee is \$63.00 per ton in Levy County. He said that Dixie County charges \$10.00 less.

Commissioner Mills said they haven't charged fees for scrap metal and C & D was to help discourage littering and dumping illegally. He said the Sheriff can take care of that. He said the dumpster rental program will make money if it's run correctly.

Mr. Johnson said that 40 hours is not enough time to do everything.

Clerk Higginbotham said Waste Pro should be charged for dumping.

Manager Cannon said Waste Pro is currently negotiating with the Town of Cross City. He said they have asked about a tipping fee being charged and have said they will raise their prices to cover the fee.

Commissioner Mills asked what Waste Pro is charging county residents.

Manager Cannon said he will find out.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if the revenue goes to the city or the county.

Attorney Watson said the Cross City residents pay a fee for Water, Sewer and Trash to the city.

Chief Financial Officer Brenda Royal said that the city benefits from charging for Water, Sewer and Garbage. She said that Waste Pro does not pay the county.

Mr. Latson said that the city makes \$3.00 per can.

Commissioner Hatch said that several county programs are operating in the red, from the community buildings, schools, churches, etc.

Ms. Royal informed the Board that they had eight (8) funds in the red last year and three (3) funds in the red this year. She said Solid Waste is still in the red.

Commissioner Stephenson asked how much was collected from the can rentals.

Manager Cannon said they have collected some back pay.

Commissioner Mills said each department needs to stand on its own.

Commissioner Stephenson agreed if the program is run correctly it can make some money.

Mr. Latson said new cans are on six (6) months to one year back order.  
He added that some of the people who owe money for the rentals are businesses.

Manager Cannon said he will talk to the city manager and Waste Pro about charging them a tipping fee to dump.

Commissioner Mills recommended they pick up all the rental cans that owe money on October 01, 2022.

Commissioner Hatch said something must be in place to make the program work.

Attorney Watson said they will need a contract and a deposit for the rentals.

Ms. Royal said an account will be needed for these rental deposits.

Mr. Johnson said that some people have never paid and are now out-of-business.  
He added that if the rent is not paid, they should not be allowed to rent for a year.

Commissioner Mills suggested they try the program for another year and then eliminate it if it doesn't work.

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Manager Cannon requested the Board look at the information presented which list all the cans at every roll off location and the additional cans that are needed at these sites.

Ms. Barbara Cummings said if the rental can is picked up due to non-payment, that person should be placed at the end of the waiting list.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

There were no comments or questions expressed at this time.

**ADJOURN**

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to adjourn at 3:25 PM. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

  
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Jamie Storey, Chairman

  
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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