

Regular Meeting

Commission Board Room
Dixie County Courthouse
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628
December 15, 2022 – 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
District 5

STAFF

Duane Cannon, 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
Brenda Royal, Chief Financial Officer

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 Airbnb and RV Special Exception Workshop of November 03, 2022. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 03, 2022. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve Minutes from the LDR Workshop of November 17, 2022. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2022. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 01, 2022. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

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

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

None were present.

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

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

A petition by **Harvey Jordan, Jr.** requesting a **Special Exception** to be granted, as provided in Section 4.4.5 Special Exceptions (# 31) of the Dixie County Land Development Regulations to permit a welding shop located in an "A" Agricultural zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 10/27/2022 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 35-10-13-0000-5607-0000, 117 SE 346 HWY, Old Town, FL 32680).

(Commission District 2, Daniel Wood) Tabled from 11-17-2022

Building Official Leon Wright appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Harvey Jordan, Jr. There was opposition.

Mr. Harvey Jordan Jr. spoke to the Board and said he did put up a fence and a tarp for the overspray and noise. He said he has an employee area away from the driveway.

Ms. Doretha Devere spoke to the Board opposing her neighbor, Mr. Jordan and the noise from his business.

Mr. Wright said they had to address the complaint that was filed and needed to verify the zoning and clean up the paperwork in the file.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Harvey Jordan, Jr. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-168

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 EXCEPTIONS (#31) OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT A WELDING SHOP LOCATED IN AN “A” AGRICULTURAL AREA (AG) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED OCTOBER 27, 2022.

Harvey Jordan Jr. Tabled from 11-17-2022

Building Official Leon Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2022-168 in support of Harvey Jordan Jr.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-168 in support of Harvey Jordan Jr. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

KAY MCCALLISTER, TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Ms. Kay McCallister appeared before the Board to update them on the Airbnb research and information she had gathered. She said the committee had come up with several ideas that would be very helpful.

- create a registration and licensing policy.
- tracking the tourism and discretionary taxes for the county.
- identify the rental business and require them to get a county license and a state license.
- provide information to EMS and the Sheriff office for emergencies.
- provide a checklist for county and state regulations for this type of business.

She said these properties could be listed on the Visit Dixie website and they could be provided with promotional information for Dixie County.

Ms. McCallister said the confirmation of the collection of county tourism and discretionary taxes would need to be followed up. She said that it has been brought to their attention that taxes from Airbnb properties in Jena and the First District are not going to Dixie County because of the zip codes assigned for those areas. She said the County Manager and the 911 Coordinator will contact the Taylor County Tax Collector about the Jena properties to make them aware and figure out how to correct this issue. She said the rental companies and rental property owners should be contacted about this issue as well.

Ms. McCallister said there will be a need for someone to manage this. She said there are existing companies that can be hired to do this for a fee.

County Manager Duane Cannon said he is concerned that the fees currently collected from the DOR is not itemized and this may result in double billing.

County Attorney Chana Watson said that Hotels, Motels and Campgrounds listed on the Airbnb sites pay the bed tax to the state on behalf of the county.

Ms. McCallister said the license requirement will have to be enforced.

GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Bailey was not present for this meeting.

JERED LIZOTTE, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES

Mr. Lizotte was not present for this meeting.

CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Bellot wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She thanked her staff and the Board for their continued support.

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.

MICHAEL LATSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

Commissioner Stephenson asked Mr. Latson for an update on the metal removal from the dump sites and the service contracts.

Mr. Latson replied they should start up again with removing the metal after the first of the year.

Manager Cannon said the service contracts were not completed due to the transitioning of Board Attorneys and the Board's decision to leave the matter as per their verbal agreement.

Commissioner Storey said they are falling behind, and he has spoken to them about this.

Commissioner Hatch said the roll off sites are divided between the two companies and if one was busy, their back-up person was called to pick up the metal.

Mr. Todd Herring spoke to the Board and informed them he has presented his proof of the required liability insurance coverage to work on county property. He asked if the other two contractors had also done this.

Mr. Latson said he needs a clear understanding of what the actual agreement between the county and these three companies is for the removal of the metal.

Manager Cannon said they will work on getting signed contracts for these services. He said the contractors start working on the sites, but then give reason for delays.

Attorney Watson asked about the length of time for the contract.

Manager Cannon replied one year.

Mr. Herring said a yearly contract is not profitable for the contractor. He said a longer contract is needed so the contractor can bail and store the metal on site and then move. He said the removal cost to the contractor is the same no matter how much tonnage.

Commissioner Stephenson recommended the County Manager meet with the three contractors, Mac Osteen, Goob Osteen and Todd Herring, and get it settled.

Manager Cannon said he will get the information to the attorney and they will present a contract to the Board for review. He asked for clarification of the current instructions for the metal pick up.

Commissioner Storey instructed Mr. Latson to call the contractors and give them two weeks to get the metal picked up and if they don't get it done to call Todd Herring.

LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and thanked them for the new truck that was purchased. He said it is in service and is working out good for his department. He said the added wifi has also been an improvement.

DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Director Brown appeared before the Board and presented his monthly report. He thanked the Board for help with the Veterans Thanksgiving and reminded everyone of the Christmas Fire Expo tomorrow night at 6:00 PM. He said there will be new toys to give to the children. He informed the Board that he and some of his staff traveled to Tallahassee to the Fire Fighter of the Year Award Ceremony and the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial. He said this gave them the opportunity to meet and connect with others in their field of service.

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

Mr. Pendarvis informed the Board that the server room is under construction at the Courthouse. He presented a quote of \$7,950.00 from Cassidy Heat and Air for the AC unit that will be needed for climate control of the room.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the purchase of the AC unit from Cassidy Heat and Air for \$7,950.00. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE

was not present for this meeting.

HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

was not present for this meeting.

ANGIE CROWLEY, HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Crowley expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Board and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Duane Cannon appeared before the Board and presented several items for their approval.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to choose one of the quotes from Jenkins Painting presented for the application of painted pavement markings on CR 351U (from CR 349 to CR 349) with a 6" White Solid Edge Line for \$15,853.04 or without a 6" White Solid Edge Line for \$6,623.60.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the quote for the application of painted pavement markings on CR 351U (from CR 349 to CR 349) without a 6" White Solid Edge Line for \$6,623.60 from Jenkins Painting. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of the Commissioners Committee Assignments as presented.

Commissioner Stephenson said they need to cover the assignments for District 5, James Valentine.

Manager Cannon said that Big Bend Water Authority Board will reach out to Commissioner Wood for this assignment.

Commissioner Hatch recommended the MCORES assignment be removed as this matter has been closed. He said he would cover the Florida Crown Workforce Board. He recommended removing the Healthcare Advisory Committee – Hospital Board. He recommended removing the Suwanee River Task Force. He recommended removing the Nature Coast Oyster Alliance.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of the 2022-2023 Commissioners Committee Assignments with the corrections that have been discussed.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Committee Assignments for 2022-2023 with the corrections made. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Dixie County Board of County Commissioners Committee Assignments 2022-2023

Jody Stephenson - District 1

1. Florida Association of Counties (FAC) District Board Member
2. Small County Coalition
3. Healthcare Advisory Committee – Hospital Board
4. Regional Landfill (Aucilla Area Landfill)
5. Tourism Development Council
6. Suwannee River Task Force
7. North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC)

Daniel Wood - District 2

1. Nature Coast Regional Water Authority (Fanning Springs) Alternate
2. Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition
3. Three Rivers Regional Library Board – alternate
4. Nature Coast Oyster Alliance
5. Big Bend Water Authority
6. Regional Landfill (Aucilla Area Landfill) Alternate
7. MCORE- Suncoast Toll Road (Alternate)
8. Dixie County Storm Water Task Force Committee Alternate

Mark Hatch - District 3

1. Florida Association of Counties (FAC) District Board Member
2. North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP)
3. Small County Coalition
4. Cross City Airport Committee Chairman
5. MCORE- Suncoast Toll Road
6. Three Rivers Regional Library Board
7. Dixie County Storm Water Task Force Committee Chairman
8. Florida Crown Workforce Board

Jamie Storey - District 4

1. Suwannee River Partnership CARES
2. District Three Community Alliance (Department of Children and Families)
3. Transportation Disadvantaged Board
4. Suwannee River Economic Council (SREC)
5. Family Medical Practice Advisory Board
6. North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Alternate

James Valentine - District 5

1. Dixie County Artificial Reef Development Agency
2. S.H.I.P. Compliance Committee

*****Red indicates the removed Committee Assignments.**

Manager Cannon will present the Committee Assignments with corrections at the next meeting.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to provide North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP) a letter of support for the 2023 Regional Rural Development Grant application through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). He said Diane Schultz, Carol West, and Jeff Hendry provides their assistance with this grant.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve providing North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP) a letter of support for the 2023 Regional Rural Development Grant application through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval for the Addendum to add approximately 75.770 acres to the existing Farm Lease with Southwest Cattle Company at Cross City Airport and Former Landfill. He said they did agree to the additional requirements requested by Commissioner Hatch at the last meeting.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Addendum to add approximately 75.770 acres to the existing Farm Lease with Southwest Cattle Company at Cross City Airport and Former Landfill. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to accept the lowest quote from Shamrock Sod - .25 (cents) per square yard for the Grass/Seed/Hay for approximately 6 miles, 40' (feet) wide of the Airport Canal System Project based off the SWTF recommendation.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the lowest quote from Shamrock Sod - .25 (cents) per square yard for the Grass/Seed/Hay for approximately 6 miles, 40' (feet) wide of the Airport Canal System Project based off the SWTF recommendation. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the FDOT Grant Supplemental Agreement #1 for NE 362nd Ave & NE 364th Ave from NE 594th St to SR 349 additional SCRAP funding in the amount of \$5,422.49, due to the bid amount, for a total amount of \$1,605,422.49 and time extension from 6/30/2023 to 12/31/2023.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the FDOT Grant Supplemental Agreement #1 for NE 362nd Ave & NE 364th Ave from NE 594th St to SR 349 additional SCRAP funding in the amount of \$5,422.49, due to the bid amount, for a total amount of \$1,605,422.49 and time extension from 6/30/2023 to 12/31/2023. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of **Resolution 2022-171** in support of the FDOT Grant Agreement for NE 362nd Ave & NE 364th Ave from NE 594th St to SR 349 additional SCRAP funding in the amount of \$5,422.49, due to the bid amount, for a total amount of \$1,605,422.49 and time extension from 6/30/2023 to 12/31/2023.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-171 in support of the FDOT Grant Agreement for NE 362nd Ave & NE 364th Ave from NE 594th St to SR 349 additional SCRAP funding in the amount of \$5,422.49, due to the bid amount, for a total amount of \$1,605,422.49 and time extension from 6/30/2023 to 12/31/2023. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the FDOT Grant Agreement for NE 82nd Ave from NE 592nd St to SR 55 (US 19) funding in the amount of \$2,389,589.00.

Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve to execute the FDOT Grant Agreement for NE 82nd Ave from NE 592nd St to SR 55 (US 19) funding in the amount of \$2,389,589.00. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval of Resolution 2022-172 in support of the FDOT Grant Agreement for NE 82nd Ave from NE 592nd St to SR 55 (US 19) funding in the amount of \$2,389,589.00.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-172 in support of the FDOT Grant Agreement for NE 82nd Ave from NE 592nd St to SR 55 (US 19) funding in the amount of \$2,389,589.00. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the Drainage Easement Agreement between Bascom Southern, LLC and Dixie County.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the Drainage Easement Agreement between Bascom Southern, LLC and Dixie County. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to execute the contract between Anderson Columbia and Dixie County for CR 340 from SR 349 to Suwannee River Bridge in the amount of \$2,945,483.27. He said he will present some roads for the Board's approval for the addition of millings from this project

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the contract between Anderson Columbia and Dixie County for CR 340 from SR 349 to Suwannee River Bridge in the amount of \$2,945,483.27. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to advertise to receive bids for the cleanout of the CR 358 (Old 19) Ditch ROW Project based off the SWTF recommendation.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to advertise to receive bids for the cleanout of the CR 358 (Old 19) Ditch ROW Project based off the SWTF recommendation. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to advertise for the mulching/debris removal out of the Twin Lake Canal System from CR 351 east bound across SR 349 into the Suwannee River based off the SWTF recommendation.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to advertise for the mulching/debris removal out of the Twin Lake Canal System from CR 351 east bound across SR 349 into the Suwannee River based off the SWTF recommendation. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about some county owned property in this area and if it can be sold.

Manager Cannon requested the Board's approval to proceed with the sale of the following two properties to the highest bidder as presented:

1. Bidder Kyle Felty – parcel number 25-10-13-4970-00E6-0130 – Gem Lands for \$605.00.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the sale of parcel number 25-10-13-4970-00E6-0130 – Gem Lands to Kyle Felty for \$605.00. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

2. Bidder Ronald Williams – parcel number 05-09-10-0244-0004-0170 – Mingo Acres for \$5,760.99.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the sale of parcel number 05-09-10-0244-0004-0170 – Mingo Acres to Ronnie Williams for \$5,760.99. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon recommended they not accept the bid on the third property due to the advertisement of the required \$60,000.00 minimum bid that was set by the Board.

3. Bidder Randy King – parcel number 10-10-12-2589-0000-0005 – Prison Road Turnoff for \$25,000.00.

The Board discussed if each county owned property needs to be appraised or on a case by case basis before they are presented for sale.

Attorney Watson recommended the Board list this third property with a Realtor.

Mr. Wright asked for clarification that this person approached the county about purchasing this and that it was not an escheated property.

Manager Cannon said that is correct. He requested the Board's direction.

Commissioner Hatch wanted to discuss this property further.

The consensus was that this property is in the Industrial Park and within the DUDA and has Municipal Water. The property has value and should it be lease or sold.

Manager Cannon said the bidder is currently leasing this property and wants to buy it.

Attorney Watson said the lease is two years delinquent. She said he is in default of the contract. She recommended they contact him and require the lease be paid.

Clerk of Court Barbie Higginbotham said the lease needs to be caught up and paid no matter what.

Manager Cannon said there has been several contracts that has been delinquent through the years. For example, the hanger rentals, the dumpster rentals and inmate medical.

He said having a clear understanding of the terms of the contracts and monitoring the accounts is important.

Clerk Higginbotham said records are being kept up with now.

Commissioner Storey said if the Board decides to sell this property to the current bidder, he must pay the lease up in full first.

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to put the property back on the rental market because the minimum bid was not met, and the lease has not been paid in full. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.

Manager Cannon presented the Board with some scheduled events for information purposes:

- SWTF Meeting/Luncheon Friday, December 16, 2022, 12:00 PM at the County Yard
- Fire/Rescue Christmas in Dixie will be held Friday, December 16, 2022, from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at DCHS.
- Solid Waste Meeting/Luncheon Thursday, December 22, 2022, at 12:00 PM located at the Transfer Station.

Manager Cannon confirmed that BOCC employees will be off the following dates:

- Friday, December 23, 2022 (Paid Holiday)
- Monday, December 29, 2022 (Goal Day)
- Friday, December 30, 2022 (Governor/Admin)
- Monday, January 02, 2023 (Paid Holiday)

CHANA WATSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Chana Watson appeared before the Board and updated them on a Foreclosure case for a SHIP property in January of 2023. She said she will recover funds from the sale for the Board if there is an overage.

Attorney Watson stated the Board needs to record all satisfactions of the SHIP liens. She said many of the contracts have been fulfilled, but the satisfactions have not been recorded. She said this issue needs to be resolved. She said whomever is administrator over this program should be tracking these.

Commissioner Stephenson said if the contract terms have been met then the satisfaction should still be issued.

Attorney Watson informed the Board of a court case involving a fraudulent deed which was used to get a SHIP lien.

Chief Deputy Clerk Verna Wilson clarified that if a deed meets the recording standards then it is recorded. She said the Clerk office is not responsible for the verifying the legality of the deed itself.

Commissioner Hatch suggested they compare signatures from the applications and verify time frames.

BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Higginbotham appeared before the Board and informed them of some fraudulent check activity on the vendor account. She said over the past several weeks they have caught them coming through "Positive Pay" and have stopped them. However, one did pass through which was written to a local business. She said the owner of the business called and said he never received payment. She said the check image showed it as being made payable to someone else. She said it was then processed as a mobile deposit and it cleared the bank for \$2,100.00.

Chief Financial Officer Brenda Royal added that the check cleared “Positive Pay” because several of the check features matched up. She said the other checks had more irregularities and did not clear the bank.

Clerk Higginbotham said the bank is aware and is investigating the incident. She said a Sheriff’s Report was also filed. She said the bank has suggested closing this account and opening another.

Attorney Watson said this kind of activity is happening in our area with more frequency.

Clerk Higginbotham added that the Sheriff office has had some of the same problems.

Chief Deputy Clerk Verna Wilson said the bank has contacted the Clerk and discussed some new safety feature options for “Positive Pay Plus”. She said everything must match up exactly before it will clear the account.

Chief Financial Officer Brenda Royal clarified that the fraudulent check that cleared the bank was recently issued while the other fraudulent checks that did not clear were from back in April.

Chief Deputy Clerk Verna Wilson said the \$2,100.00 will be covered by FDIC. She said the bank investigation will take longer because it was an altered check.

Clerk Higginbotham said they will issue a new \$2,100.00 check to the business owner and hand deliver the check to him.

Chief Financial Officer Brenda Royal updated the Board on the upgraded Munis system. She thanked Mr. Scott Pendarvis for helping them with tech issues. She said the new system communicates through a DSL line. She said if the DSL is not functioning properly then they cannot print checks or reports. She said they would like to upgrade the system further to be more efficient. She said there is also an annual fee for this additional software upgrade. She said a small desk top printer with miker ink dedicated for checks will be needed.

Chief Deputy Clerk Verna Wilson said the checks will be created and printed in house and will not need to be ordered.

Chief Financial Officer Brenda Royal requested the Board’s approval of the purchase of new software for \$8,200.00 to start up and an annual fee of \$5,000.00 per year. She added that the Munis system has been upgraded from 2011 to a 2021 version. She said the newer version is better for everyone. She said training on the new system will be provided by the vendor.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to purchase the new software for \$8,200.00 to start up and an annual fee of \$5,000.00 per year. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if funds to cover this purchase is in the budget.

Manager Cannon said this expense was not budgeted for.

COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Wood had nothing further to discuss at this time.

Commissioner Hatch wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

Commissioner Stephenson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Storey wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

A lady asked when the paving of the roads in town will be finished.

Manager Cannon said he spoke with Anderson Columbia and the final lay of asphalt will be made after the sidewalks are finished.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Jami Storey

Jami Storey, Chairman

Barbie Higginbotham

Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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