

# Regular Meeting

Commission Board Room  
Dixie County Courthouse  
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628  
June 15, 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**

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  
Brenda Royal, 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 June 01, 2023. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

## **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

*Commissioner Osteen 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 Osteen. Board approved.***

A petition by **Gary and Elizabeth Evans** 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. (AG) Agriculture zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/06/2023 to be located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 02-09-13-3948-0000-0130, 557 NE 626 Ave, Old Town, FL 32680.

**(Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)**

**Tabled 06-01-2023**

Building Official Leon Wright appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Gary and Elizabeth Evans. There was no opposition.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Gary and Elizabeth Evans. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.***

A petition by **Robert Garn and Denise Stefanik** 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 a (ESA) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/16/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 36-10-13-5665-0023-0200, 185 SE 902 ST, Old Town, FL 32680.

**(Commission District 2, Daniel Wood)**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Robert Garn and Denise Stefanik. There was no opposition.

***Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Robert Garn and Denise Stefanik. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

A petition by **Jeff and Tammy Brown** 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 a (ESA) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/17/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 12-10-13-4513-0000-0360, 485 NE 189th Ave, Old Town, FL 32680.

**(Commission District 2 Daniel Wood)**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception requested by Jeff and Tammy Brown. There was opposition.

***Commissioner Wood made the motion to deny the Special Exception requested by Jeff and Tammy Brown. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board denied.***

A petition by **Debra Rennie** 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 a (ESA) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/22/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 36-10-13-5665-0008-0010, 60 SE 209th Ave, Old Town, FL 32680.

**(Commission District 2, Daniel Wood)**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Debra Rennie. Mr. Jeff Brown expressed his opposition because his request had been denied.

***Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Debra Rennie. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

A petition by **Rodney and Kimberley Hawkins** 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 a (ESA) zoning district, in accordance with the petition dated 05/24/2023 to be located on the property described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 36-09-13-4424-0000-0090, 1430 NE 796th ST, Old Town, FL 32680.

**(Commission District 1, Jody Stephenson)**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read the Special Exception request made by Rodney and Kimberley Hawkins. There was no opposition.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Special Exception request made by Rodney and Kimberley Hawkins. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.***

A petition by **Thomas Parrish** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2994-0002-1600, 62 SE 884 Ave, Old Town, FL 32680, to request a **Variance** for a reduction of front property line setbacks from 25 feet down to 10 feet for a 12 x 12 utility shed, by the petition dated 05/16/2023 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 Thomas Parrish. There was no opposition.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance request made by Thomas Parrish. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.***

A petition by **Thomas Parrish** located on the property as described as follows: Dixie County Parcel # 19-13-12-2994-0002-1600, 62 SE 884 Ave, Old Town, FL 32680, to request a **Variance** for a reduction of front setbacks from 25 feet down to 10 feet and the east side property line reduction from 10 feet down to 3 feet for a 12 x 24 utility shed, by the petition dated 05/16/2023 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 Thomas Parrish. There was no opposition.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the Variance request made by Thomas Parrish. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.*

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-49**

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 MAY 6, 2023.

**Gary and Elizabeth Evans**

**Tabled from 06-01-2023**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-49 in support of Gary and Elizabeth Evans.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-49 in support of Gary and Elizabeth Evans. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2023-50**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROPOSES TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE LOCAL RESTAURANT OWNERS AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE IN CREATING A “SPECIAL ACT” PERMITTING BONA FIDE RESTAURANTS CONTAINING ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR SERVING FULL COURSE MEALS REGULARLY AND OPERATING WITH A VALID “4COP SFS” LICENSE TO OPERATE UNDER THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS 2500 SQUARE FOOT OF TOTAL SERVICE AREA; AND CAPACITY FOR SERVICE OF 50 OR MORE PATRONS AT TABLES WHICH DERIVE NO LESS THAN FIFTY-ONE PERCENT (51%) OF GROSS INCOME PER ANNUM FROM THE SALE OF FOOD CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES.

**First Reading 06-01-2023**

**Second Reading 06-15-2023**

County Attorney Chana Watson appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-50 in support of a “Special Act” for Restaurants serving alcohol.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-50 in support of a “Special Act” for Restaurants serving alcohol. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2023-51**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.3.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MAY 16, 2023.

**Robert Garn and Denise Stefanik**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-51 in support of Robert Garn and Denise Stefanik.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-51 in support of Robert Garn and Denise Stefanik. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2023-52**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.3.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MAY 17, 2023.

**Jeff and Tammy Brown**

*Resolution 2023-52 was denied due to the Special Exception it supported being denied earlier in the public hearing.*

**RESOLUTION 2023-53**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.3.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MAY 22, 2023.

**Debra Rennie**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-53 in support of Debra Rennie.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-53 in support of Debra Rennie. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2023-54**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BE GRANTED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4.3.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS OF THE DIXIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ONE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN ENVIROMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) ZONING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PETITION DATED MAY 24, 2023.

**Rodney and Kimberley Hawkins**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-54 in support of Rodney and Kimberley Hawkins.

*Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-54 in support of Rodney and Kimberley Hawkins. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2023-55**

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 FRONT PROPERTY LINE SETBACKS FROM 25 FEET DOWN TO 10 FEET FOR A 12X12 UTILITY SHED 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 MAY 16, 2023. **Thomas Parrish**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-55 in support of Thomas Parrish.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-55 in support of Thomas Parrish. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.*

**RESOLUTION 2023-56**

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 FRONT SETBACKS FROM 25 FEET DOWN TO 10 FEET AND THE EAST SIDE PROPERTY LINE REDUCTION FROM 10 FEET DOWN TO 3 FEET FOR A 12X24 UTILITY SHED 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 MAY 16, 2023. **Thomas Parrish**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and read Resolution 2023-56 in support of Thomas Parrish.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-56 in support of Thomas Parrish. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.*

**JOHN McDaris, SERVICES NEEDED FOR JENA**

Mr. McDaris was not present.

**GREG BAILEY, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Kellan Bailey appeared before the Board to update them on several projects. He said the EOC expansion is moving forward and they have several meetings scheduled with the contractors. He said they are working on the Old Town station septic design and retention pond design. He said that the 95 and 97 CDBG application needs an environmental review done and then they will move forward with the survey. He said the Hal Chairs Road field review has been completed this week.

Commissioner Hatch asked about the lane width of 95 and 97.

Mr. Bailey replied yes, they will remain the same.

Mr. Phil Bishop appeared before the Board to address the Cross City Library roof repairs.

He said they are in communications with the adjacent property owners, Forever 54 Florist and Subway, about roof repairs to their sections as well. This would affect the manufacturers' warranty on the library roof. He said the Board needs to decide on the placement location for the AC units, roof top or ground level. The prices will vary accordingly. It will cost \$15,000.00 to place the AC units back on the roof versus \$30,000.00 to place them on the ground. The library roof itself, new curbs and new AC units would cost \$126,000.00 to the county plus another \$15,000.00 if the AC units are placed on the ground.

Mr. Bishop said Subway has initially declined their roof to be repaired for a cost estimate of \$83,000.00 and the florist may be interested to repair their roof for a cost estimate of \$67,000.00.

Commissioner Hatch asked where their AC units are located.

Mr. Bailey replied the florist shop AC units are on the ground, the Subway AC units are on the roof.

Mr. Bailey said that Anderson Columbia will be paving today and tomorrow on County Road 340 and installing new guard rails.

**JOHN LOCKLEAR, LOCKLEAR AND ASSOCIATES**

Mr. Josh Green had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

**CINDY BELLOT, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Ms. Bellot was not present for this meeting.

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

Mr. Fremem appeared before the Board and informed them that he has turned over the Code Enforcement Cases that are not Homestead properties to the County Attorney. He said several will need to be cleaned up.

Mr. W. C. Mills asked about the crab traps at Jena.

Mr. Fremem said they will start working on this again after the new rules are in place within the next few months.

**STEVE HUTCHISON, COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Hutchison was not present.

**DWAYNE CHAUNCEY, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR**

Mr. Chauncey was not present.

**TIM JOHNSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Tim Johnson appeared before the Board and informed them they have passed the DEP inspection at the transfer Station and they are working on the C & D waste.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the metal being brought to the transfer station.

Mr. Johnson replied there is not enough room and the Transfer Station is monitored by satellite and they must comply with regulations. He said having a central location, versus the roll off sites, for metal and burning would be a good idea.

Mr. Johnson said they are working on installing a front fence at the Rock Pit. He said they have verified with FDOT and must stay behind the FDOT marker.

**LEON WRIGHT, BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICIAL**

Mr. Wright appeared before the Board and informed them that the Building Code will be changing December 31, 2023. He said this will affect Condo Inspections and Flood Insurance Requirements. He said some folks who did not need insurance coverage before may now be required to have a policy. He said the Wind Speed Maps have changed for the whole county. He said they will need to update the Ordinances for the Building Department by December.

Mr. Wright informed the Board the Land Development Code Book training will be put on pause until they get a Draft prepared and then Final version adopted. He said the quantity of permits is the same as two (2) years ago, however last year was a record year.

Commissioner Hatch asked Mr. Wright to elaborate on the Condo issue.

Mr. Wright explained that 98 people were killed in a condo collapse. He said the structural damage had been reported but not fixed. He said our coastal communities have condos and they will be required to be inspected by a third party at the expense of the Condo Association.

**DARIAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Emergency Management Chief Scott Garner appeared before the Board and informed them of the \$66,000.00 State Grant that was awarded to Dixie County for Ventilators. He said this is usually a 75/25 or 90/10 match grant. However, the state has made this a 100 percent funded grant.

He said the contract will be presented later for the Chairman's' signature.

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

Mr. Pendarvis was not present.

Chief Deputy Clerk Verna Wilson commended Mr. Pendarvis for his work on the new phone system. Commissioner Hatch added this new system will save the county \$50,000.00 per year.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about an ambulance that was broke down. Chief Garner said he was unaware of this.



**GAIL CARTER, INDIGENT CARE**

Ms. Carter was not present.

**HOLLY HOUGHTON, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT**

Ms. Houghton was not present.

**ANGIE CROWLEY, HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR**

Ms. Crowley had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

**DUANE CANNON, COUNTY MANAGER**

Asst. County Manager Paul Gainey appeared before the Board to go over the Manager's Report as follows:

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Preliminary Rate **RESOLUTION 2023-58** for Fire Protection Services of the Special Assessment FY 2024. There is no rate increase.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Preliminary Rate Resolution 2023-58 for Fire Protection Services of the Special Assessment FY 2024. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.*

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Preliminary Rate **RESOLUTION 2023-59** for Solid Waste and Disposal Services of the Special Assessment FY 2024. There is no rate increase.

*Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the Preliminary Rate Resolution 2023-59 for Solid Waste and Disposal Services of the Special Assessment FY 2024. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.*

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute Addendum 2 of the Farm Lease at Cross City Airport and Former Landfill amending the acreage only.

*Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute Addendum 2 of the Farm Lease at Cross City Airport and Former Landfill amending the acreage only. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the SHIP Rehab Reimbursement for Gladys Davis in the amount of \$22,597.60.

*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the SHIP Rehab Reimbursement for Gladys Davis in the amount of \$22,597.60. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.*

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the SHIP Release of Lien for Sarah Smith in the amount of \$19,931.60. The check has been received and sent to finance for processing.

County Attorney Chana Watson informed the Board this was the Foreclosure Case they have been working on for several months.

Commissioner Hatch said this money will go back into the SHIP Program.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to execute the SHIP Release of Lien for Sarah Smith in the amount of \$19,931.60. The check has been received and sent to finance for processing. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Work Order 23-15 for Passero Associates, LLC for the Design of Two (2) Taxi lanes and a Stormwater Management Facility to support an FDOT funded T-Hangar Building at the Cross City Airport in the amount of \$95,000.00. The amount of \$85,000.00 is covered by FAA 3-12-0015-019-2023 CTY Construct Taxi lane for T-Hangars Design Only Grant and \$10,000.00 is covered by PTGA FDOT 431310-3-94-23 Design & Construction of Taxi lanes to T-Hangars.

***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute the Work Order 23-15 for Passero Associates, LLC for the Design of Two (2) Taxi lanes and a Stormwater Management Facility to support an FDOT funded T-Hangar Building at the Cross City Airport in the amount of \$95,000.00. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Locklear & Associates Task Order for Design/Engineering Flood and Stormwater Mitigation services on Old Town Residential Canal System for the LPA0279 DCFSM Project Grant in the amount of \$65,000.00.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the Locklear & Associates Task Order for Design/Engineering Flood and Stormwater Mitigation services on Old Town Residential Canal System for the LPA0279 DCFSM Project Grant in the amount of \$65,000.00. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute Locklear & Associates Task Order for Design/Engineering Flood and Stormwater Mitigation services on NW Hwy 358 (Old 19) Canal Cleanout for the LPA0279 DCFSM Project Grant in the amount of \$65,000.00.

***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute Locklear & Associates Task Order for Design/Engineering Flood and Stormwater Mitigation services on NW Hwy 358 (Old 19) Canal Cleanout for the LPA0279 DCFSM Project Grant in the amount of \$65,000.00. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Completion Letter for the LPA0279 DCFSM Old Town Residential Canal System Ph I 23-001 contract between Dixie County and Right of Way Contracting, LLC based off the SWTF recommendation.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the Completion Letter for the LPA0279 DCFSM Old Town Residential Canal System Ph I 23-001 contract between Dixie County and Right of Way Contracting, LLC based off the SWTF recommendation. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Completion Letter for the LPA0279 DCFSM Twin Lakes Canal System Ph I 23-002 contract between Dixie County and Right of Way Contracting, LLC based off the SWTF recommendation.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the Completion Letter for the LPA0279 DCFSM Twin Lakes Canal System Ph I 23-002 contract between Dixie County and Right of Way Contracting, LLC based off the SWTF recommendation. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Completion Letter for the LPA0279 DCFSM NW Hwy 358 (Old 19) Ditch Cleanout Ph I 23-003 contract between Dixie County and Right of Way Contracting, LLC based off the SWTF recommendation.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to execute the Completion Letter for the LPA0279 DCFSM NW Hwy 358 (Old 19) Ditch Cleanout Ph I 23-003 contract between Dixie County and Right of Way Contracting, LLC based off the SWTF recommendation. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Change Order # 1 for the DEP 22FRP81 Dixie County Airport and Prison Flood Abatement moving \$100,000.00 Local Match from Construction to Design & Permitting.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve to execute the Change Order # 1 for the DEP 22FRP81 Dixie County Airport and Prison Flood Abatement moving \$100,000.00 Local Match from Construction to Design & Permitting. Commissioner Hatch seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to execute the Notice of Award to Anderson Columbia for NE 272nd Ave from NE 592nd St to NE SR 349 in the amount of \$364,217.46 pending attorney review.

***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve to execute the Notice of Award to Anderson Columbia for NE 272nd Ave from NE 592nd St to NE SR 349 in the amount of \$364,217.46 pending attorney review. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval for a Goal Day for County Employees on July 03, 2023. There have been no long-term worker comp claims for the period of January 01, 2023, to present.

***Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve a Goal Day for County Employees on July 03, 2023. There have been no long-term worker comp claims for the period of January 01, 2023, to present. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey requested the Board's approval to accept the highest bidder, H & O Salvage, LLC Tod Herring at \$6.50 per 100 lbs., for the Scrap Metal pick up at the Dixie County Roll-off and Transfer Stations.

***Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve to accept the highest bidder, H & O Salvage, LLC Tod Herring at \$6.50 per 100 lbs., for the Scrap Metal pick up at the Dixie County Roll-off and Transfer Stations. Commissioner Stephenson seconded.***

***Commissioner Wood voted to oppose H & O Salvage, LLC Tod Herring.  
Commissioner Osteen voted to oppose H & O Salvage, LLC Tod Herring.***

Commissioner Storey said the main problem has been the metal does not get moved from the sites and the county does not get paid for the metal when it does.

Mr. Tod Herring spoke to the Board and said he bid higher than he should have. He said he had a cuber machine and liability insurance.

Asst. Co. Manager Paul Gainey said once the Board accepts the winning bid, the County Attorney, the County Manager and the contractor will all meet and discuss the terms of the contract.

Mr. W. C. Mills spoke to the Board and said he will work and handle the metal pick up himself. He said the price of metal fluctuates with the stock market. He said his bid is fair.

Commissioner Storey said the citizens want this to be cleaned up now. He asked Mr. Mills how fast this can be cleaned up.

Mr. Mills replied the sites can be cleaned up in two (2) days per site.

Commissioner Storey verified this could be done within two (2) weeks.

Mr. Mills replied yes.

Commissioner Storey asked Mr. Herring how fast the sites can be cleaned up.

Mr. Herring replied a month to six (6) weeks.

Commissioner Stephenson asked Mr. Mills if they chose Mr. Herring and he breaches his contract would he be willing to pick up the metal.

Mr. Mills replied no.

Commissioner Storey said he must listen to the citizens. He said this has been an issue for several years. He said it's time to settle the matter.

***Commissioner Storey voted to oppose H & O Salvage, LLC Tod Herring.***

***Commissioner Osteen made the motion to accept the bid from W. C. Mills at \$5.10 per 100 lbs., for the Scrap Metal pick up at the Dixie County Roll-off and Transfer Stations. Commissioner Wood seconded.***

Commissioner Hatch said the advertisement was for the highest bidder.

Commissioner Stephenson said they must make a decision that is best for the county.

Solid Waste Director Tim Johnson said his crew is the ones who have to clean up the metal that is strewn around after people cut the fence and steal the metal on the weekends.

***Commissioner Storey voted in favor of W. C. Mills for the Scrap Metal pick up at the Dixie County Roll-off and Transfer Stations. Board approved.***

***Commissioner Hatch voted to oppose W. C. Mills.***

***Commissioner Stephenson voted to oppose W. C. Mills.***

Asst. Co. Manager Gainey informed every one of the following:

- The County Offices will be closed on July 03, 2023 for a Board approved Goal Day.
- The County offices will be closed on July 04, 2023, in observance of Independence Day.
- The FAC 2023 Conference will be held on June 27-30 in Orlando, FL for all Commissioner's. Their folders were given to them for the event.
- The JMT Consulting Group has scheduled the BOCC Board Room for July 12, 2023, from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. The group will be holding a meeting that will be open to the public, seeking information about Historical Buildings and Landmarks in Dixie County. They are under contract with the state of Florida.

**CHANA WATSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Chana Watson said she has prepared the Deed for the East side of the Old Jail site to the Town of Cross City which needs to be signed by the Chairman and then recorded by the Clerk of Court.

*Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve the execution of the Deed for the East side of the Old Jail site to the Town of Cross City. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.*

**BARBIE HIGGINBOTHAM, CLERK OF COURT**

Clerk Higginbotham had nothing to discuss with the Board at this time.

**COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Wood expressed his thanks to Solid Waste Director Tim Johnson for passing the Transfer Station Inspection.

Commissioner Hatch had nothing further to discuss.

Commissioner Osteen asked about the progress of the Pickleball Courts.  
Commissioner Hatch said they hope to have these completed by July 01, 2023.

Commissioner Osteen said they will be installing a fence at DTRAC in Jena.

Commissioner Stephenson said he would like to make some changes at Gornto Springs regarding camping sites. He said the millings will be re done on the Log landing Road.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Ms. Barbara Cummings asked about the "Special Act" Resolution for the restaurants serving alcohol.

Commissioner Stephenson replied the Suwannee Belle has purchased their liquor license.

County Attorney Chana Watson said the Shrimp Boat will need the "Special Act" Resolution.

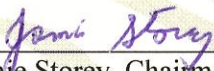
**ADJOURN**


*Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM. Commissioner Osteen 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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