

## List of Polling Places

1. **First District Community Building**  
9335 NE 349 Hwy. - Old Town
2. **Masonic Lodge**  
325 NE 134 St. - Cross City
4. **School Board Meeting Facility**  
841 SE 349 Hwy. - Old Town
5. **Suwannee Community Center**  
23465 SE 349 Hwy. - Suwannee
6. **55A Community Building**  
1950 SE 55A Hwy. – Old Town
7. **Ward Ave County Building**  
103 SE 45 Ave. - Cross City  
(Across from Riels' Garage)
9. **Cross City, City Hall**  
99 NE 210 Ave. - Cross City
10. **Shamrock County Building**  
376 SE 242 St. - Cross City
11. **Jena Community Center**  
62 SW 812 St. - Jena
12. **Horseshoe Beach City Hall**  
18 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. - Horseshoe Beach

# *Dixie County Voter's Guide*



*Starlet Cannon*

*Dixie County*

*Supervisor of Elections*

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# 2016 ELECTION DATES

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## Primary Election

Registration or Party Changes Book closing:  
AUGUST 1, 2016

**Election Day: AUGUST 30, 2016**

**Early Voting: August 18 – 27, 2016**  
Monday thru Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



## General Election

Registration Book closing:  
OCTOBER 11, 2016

**Election Day: NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**Early Voting: October 27 – November 5, 2016**  
Monday thru Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.**

As your Supervisor of Elections, I am pleased to present to you, the Dixie County Voter's Guide. It contains information about state laws that govern the registration and voting process, as well as vital contact information. I hope this guide will encourage your participation in the greatest gift our forefathers gave us. Make sure your voice is heard. One vote can make a difference.

*Starlet Cannon*

*Dixie County Supervisor of Elections*

### Municipality of Cross City

PO Box 417  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352) 498-3306

City Manager – <b>Gary Pinner</b>	498-3079
City Clerk – <b>Angie Bush</b>	498-3468
City Attorney – <b>Greg Beauchamp</b>	493-1458
Fire Chief – <b>Danny Liles</b>	498-3318
Police Chief – <b>Wesley Jones</b>	498-3507

### City Council

**Jovante Teague**  
PO Box 2093  
Cross City, FL 32628  
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**Jamie Martin**  
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**Rex Beckham**  
93 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352)356-0394

**Heddie Johnson**  
PO Box 393  
Cross City, FL 32628  
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### Kenneth (Tank) Lee - Mayor

PO Box 1534  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352)498-5700



### Municipality of Horseshoe Beach

PO Box 86  
Horseshoe Beach, FL 32648  
(352) 498-5234

Mayor	<b>Talmadge Bennett</b>	<b>498-5234</b>
Town Clerk	<b>Nikki Selph</b>	<b>498-5234</b>

### Town Council

<b>Mike Ewing</b>	<b>498-5356</b>
<b>Bob Webb</b>	<b>498-5234</b>
<b>Roy Tyler Futch</b>	<b>498-2720</b>
<b>Hiram McCall</b>	<b>498-1528</b>

**Dixie County Manager**  
**Manager Tim Alexander**  
**Assistant Duane Cannon**

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**Dixie County Building and Zoning**

**Bob Zerbe**  
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Cross City, FL 32628  
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**Dixie Soil & Water Conservation**

Chairman – **Jody Stephenson**  
Vice Chairman – **Herman (Trey) Sanchez, III**  
Treasurer – **Ronnie Piechocki**  
Secretary – **John Jenkins**  
Member – **Nicole Spencer**

**Suwannee Water Association**

PO Box 143  
Suwannee, FL 32692  
(352) 542-7570

**Suwannee Water & Sewer Board**

**H. Derry O'Quinn**  
**Ron Phillips**  
**Ronnie Parr**  
**John R. Taylor**  
**Gregg Leggett**

## **THREE WAYS TO VOTE**

### **1) EARLY VOTING**

**Any registered voter may vote early** beginning on the 10th day before an election and ending on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day before the election. Early Voting is held in the Supervisor of Elections Office, please call the elections office at **(352) 498-1216** for more information.

### **2) VOTE BY MAIL**

**Any registered voter may vote by mail.** A mail ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. The request can be made in person, by mail or by telephone. Only the voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian can request a ballot for the voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent or sibling of the voter. (F.S. 101.62)

**Voting & Returning Your Mail Ballot:** The voter must personally vote the ballot (unless assistance is required due to blindness or disability to read or write) **AND** sign the return envelope. Mail ballots must be returned by mail or hand delivered so that they reach the elections office by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Voters may NOT drop off vote by mail ballots at voting precincts. Vote by mail ballots may only be dropped off at the Supervisor of Elections office and must be returned no later than 7:00 p.m. in order for them to be canvassed. (F.S. 101.67)

### **3) VOTE AT YOUR PRECINCT**

**Election Day:** Voters must vote in the precinct in which they reside (check your voter information card for location). Call the Supervisor of Elections office at **(352) 498-1216** prior to Election with any address changes or name changes. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. All voters in line at 7:00 p.m. will be permitted to vote.

**YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:**

- You are a U.S. Citizen
- You are 18 years of age (may pre-register at 16, but must be 18 to vote).
- You are a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the county in which you wish to register.

Anyone convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent with respect to voting, may not register or vote until his or her civil rights or competency has been legally restored.

**HOW TO REGISTER:**

You may register *in person* at the elections office, driver’s license offices, public libraries, HRS centers and state offices that serve persons with disabilities. You may also register *by mail*. Registration applications may be picked up at most libraries, post offices, city halls and other public locations or you may call the elections office to have an application mailed to you. You may also print an application from the elections office web site at [www.dixievotes.com](http://www.dixievotes.com).

**WHEN TO REGISTER:**

You can apply to register to vote at any time. However, registration books close 29 days before each election. You must be registered for at least 29 days before you can vote in an election. **If you mail your registration application, the date your application is postmarked will be your registration date.** If your application is complete and you are a qualified voter, a voter information card will be mailed to you.

Your Dixie County voter registration will permit you to vote in national, state, county and municipal elections, if you live in a municipality.

**Florida is a Closed Primary Election State (F.S. 101.021)**

Since Florida is a closed primary state, only voters who are registered members of the two major political parties (Republicans and Democrats) may vote for their respective party’s candidates in a primary election.

Registered minor political party voters and voters without party affiliation are not eligible to vote for major party candidates in a primary election.

HOWEVER, if all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary election for that office.

At general elections, all voters receive the same ballot and may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot.

If there are write-in candidates, a space will be left on the ballot where a write-in candidate’s name may be written.

**Dixie County Schools**

Dixie County High School  
Principal: **Diana Locke**  
16077 NE 19 HWY  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352) 498-6410

Ruth Rains Middle School  
Principal: **Chris Lord**  
981 SE 351 HWY  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352) 498-1346

Old Town Elementary School  
Principal: **Karen Tillis**  
221 SE 136 Ave  
Old Town, FL 32680  
(352) 542-7818

Anderson Elementary School  
Principal: **Mike Thomas**  
815 SE 351 HWY  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352) 498-1333



**Superintendent of Schools**  
**(4 year terms)**

**Mark Rains**  
16077 NE 19 HWY  
Cross City, FL 32628  
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**School Board Members**  
**(4 year terms)**

**Cheryl C. Pridgeon**  
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**Board of County Commissioners**  
**(4 year terms)**

**Main Office**  
**PO Box 2600**  
**Cross City, FL 32628**  
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**Gene Higginbotham**

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**Jody Robson**

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Cross City, FL 32628  
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**James Ronnie Edmonds**

District 5  
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Cross City, FL 32628  
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**Board Meetings**  
**1st Thursday at 10:00 am**  
**3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm**

**W.C. Mills**

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**Jason Holifield**

District 4  
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**Elected Constitutional Officers**  
**(4 year terms)**

**Starlet E. Cannon**

Supervisor of Elections  
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Cross City, FL 32628  
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**Robert A. Lee**

Property Appraiser  
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Cross City, FL 32628  
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**CHANGES IN REGISTRATION:**

It is the responsibility of the voter to notify the elections office of a name, address or party change. If you have an address change within Dixie County, you may call the elections office at (352) 498-1216 to make the change or you may go online and print off and complete a voter registration application to make the necessary change to your address, then mail it in to the Supervisor of Elections Office. If a voter changes his or her name by marriage or other legal process, or if a voter wants to change his or her party affiliation, the voter must notify the Supervisor of Elections Office by completing a Florida Voter Registration Application or by other written means, provided the notice is signed and contains the person's date of birth or voter registration number. The Voter Registration Application or the written and signed notice may be mailed to the Supervisor of Elections Office at PO Box 2057, Cross City, FL 32628 or by delivering it to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

NOTE: The deadline to change party affiliation is 29 days prior to an Election.

It is important that the elections office has your **current signature** on file. This is especially important when validating your signature on an absentee ballot and/or petitions. **If your signature has changed**, you may update it at any time by submitting a voter registration application to the elections office. (Available at libraries, government offices and post offices or by calling or e-mailing the elections office to have an application mailed to you. You may also print an application from the elections office web site, **www.dixievotes.com.**)

**WHERE TO VOTE:**

Your precinct number and polling place location are listed on your voter information card. **You will not be permitted to vote in a precinct in which you do not live.**

Your voter information card will also tell you which U.S. Representative, State Senate, State House, County Commission and School Board districts you live in based on your residence address. You can match these numbers with the district numbers listed in this guide to identify your elected officials.

**IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE:**

**Voter information cards cannot be used for identification. Photo and signature ID is required for voting.** If the photo does not also contain your signature, an additional ID that includes your signature shall be required. Photo ID must be current and valid. **Approved forms of ID are:**

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida Identification Card (issued by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles)
- U.S. Passport
- Debit/Credit Card
- Military or Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID (Social Security or other social services)
- Veteran Health ID Card (issued by US Dept. of Veterans Affairs)
- License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06
- Employee ID card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

If you do not present picture and signature identification, you will be allowed to vote a **provisional ballot.**

## DIXIE COUNTY'S VOTING SYSTEM

Dixie County voters use the **Accu-Vote optical scan** precinct tabulator as their primary voting system.

The voter receives a **paper ballot** inside a secrecy folder. The voter records his vote by completely filling in the oval next to the candidate or issue of his choice by using the pen provided in the voting booth (black or blue pen if voting by absentee ballot).



After voting, the voter takes his ballot to the Accu-Vote tabulator and inserts it into a slot on top of the machine. The scanning device reads the votes cast and deposits the voted ballot into a locked and sealed ballot box.

With the Accu-Vote voting system, if you overvote a race (voting for more candidates or issues than allowed in a race) **or** if you leave your ballot completely blank, it will be returned to you when you insert the ballot into the Accu-Vote machine. This gives you the opportunity to correct your ballot, so that you can be sure that every vote counts.

**If you make a mistake on your ballot**, you may return that ballot to the elections official and obtain another ballot. Florida law says that you may obtain up to two replacement ballots.

Before entering the voting booth, you will be offered instructions on how to vote using the optical scan voting system.

### ELECTRONIC BALLOTS

In July 2005, in compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act, Dixie County added one touch screen unit with audio capability per precinct to allow voters with disabilities to vote in secret and without assistance.

These machines do not use paper ballots, but instead allow the voter to make their choices on a screen similar to a computer screen. The voter with a disability can use headphones to hear the ballot being read to him/ her and uses a keypad to make his/her choices. The touch screen machines will not allow a voter to overvote a race and will alert the voter if a race is left blank.

Please take the time to become informed on the candidates and issues and vote in all elections. If you have questions, or need further information, please call the elections office at (352) 498-1216.

### "EViD" ELECTRONIC VOTER CHECK-IN

Effective August 26, 2014, the Supervisor of Elections will introduce EViD Electronic Voter Identification Systems into all 10 precincts and early voting, streamlining the voter verification and check in process.

## Dixie County Attorney & Judge

### **Rhett Bullard**

County Attorney  
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Live Oak, FL 32064  
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### **Jennifer Ellison**

County Judge (6 year term)  
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Cross City, FL 32628  
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### **Blair Payne** **Public Defender – 3rd Circuit**

**Melody Fenton**  
**Attorney for Public Defender**  
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### **Jeff Siegmeister** **State Attorney – 3rd Circuit**

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### Office Phone Numbers

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Live Oak: (386) 362-2320  
Perry: (850) 584-2886

The ultimate  
voting machine  
is **YOU.**

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### **First District Court of Appeals**

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Chief Judge

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### **VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Section 101.031(2), Florida Statutes**

#### **Each registered voter in this state has the right to:**

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

#### **Each registered voter in this state should:**

1. Familiarize him/herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violation of election laws to the supervisor of elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.



## Federal Officials

**Barack Obama (Dem)**  
**President of the United States of America**

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**House Speaker – John Boehner (Rep)**

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Secretary of the Treasury  
Secretary of Defense  
Attorney General  
Secretary of the Interior  
Secretary of Agriculture  
Secretary of Commerce  
Secretary of Labor  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
Secretary of Housing and Urban Dev  
Secretary of Transportation  
Secretary of Energy  
Secretary of Education  
Secretary of Veteran Affairs  
Secretary of Homeland Security

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**Sylvia Mathews Burwell**  
**Julian Castro**  
**Anthony Foxx**  
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## State Officials

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Secretary of State  
Attorney General  
Chief Financial Officer  
Commissioner of Education  
Commissioner of Agriculture

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**Ken Detzner**  
**Pam Bondi**  
**Jeff Atwater**  
**Pam Stewart**  
**Adam H. Putnam**

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**Charles S. "Charlie" Dean, Sr.**

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