



# DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting Room ~ Suite 259  
Dade County Government Administrative Building  
71 Case Avenue  
Trenton, Georgia 30752

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## MINUTES

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson/County Executive Ted M. Rumley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL COMMISSIONERS

Ted Rumley, Chairperson/County Executive	<b>PRESENT</b>
Robert Goff, Vice Chairman/Commissioner (District 3)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Lamar Lowery, Commissioner (District 1)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Phillip Hartline, Commissioner (District 2)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Allan Bradford, Commissioner (District 4)	<b>PRESENT</b>

### COUNTY STAFF

Robin Rogers, County Attorney	<b>PRESENT</b>
Don Townsend, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners	<b>PRESENT</b>
Rebecca Jones, Deputy Clerk	<b>ABSENT</b>

## **WORKSHOP**

1. Approval of agenda (ADOPTED AS AMENDED ~ APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

The Chairman called for any changes to the workshop or regular agenda. Resolution (R-17-20) was added to the regular agenda under new business. Chairman Rumley called for approval of the agenda by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the amended agenda to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting.

2. Approval of previous meeting(s) minutes (SPREAD ON THE MINUTES UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

The Chairman announced the reading of the minutes from the March 5, 2020 workshop and regular meetings was not necessary since all commissioners were provided an electronic copy of the minutes in advance of this evening's meeting. The minutes are public record and available for review during normal business hours in the Office of County Clerk located inside the Dade County Commission office in the Administrative building. Chairman Rumley called for approval of the minutes by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add all minutes being considered to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting.

3. Review Personnel Status Report (SPREAD ON THE MINUTES UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Chairman Rumley called for questions or any changes pertaining to the personnel status report. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of the personnel status report by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add this report to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting.

4. Board Appointments and/or Proclamations (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Chairman Rumley noted the initial appointment of members to the Special Use Permit board would be tabled for thirty (30) days for further consideration. The Chair requested each Commissioner to present their representative to fill these five seats at the May 7, 2020 regular commission meeting for the Board's approval.

5. Approval of SPLOST / Capital Equipment (if any)

a. 2015 Ford Shuttle Van – Public Transportation – (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Mrs. Annette Cash, Director of Public Transportation recommended the County purchase from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) surplus property sales division, Dade County's retired 2015 Ford Shuttle Van from the FTA Section 5311 Rural Transit grant program. The cost is \$5,500 per van and we (Dade County's public works shop) have records of all repairs and maintenance on the van. Chairman Rumley called for approval of this SPLOST expense by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add this expense to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting.

b. Fire Department Equipment – Various Fire Departments - (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

The Board of Commissioners was petitioned to purchase nozzles, hoses, fittings and extrication equipment for Davis, New Salem, Trenton and West Brow fire departments for a total cost of \$55,338.78. Chairman Rumley called for approval of this SPLOST expense by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add this expense to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting.

c. Audio and Video Equipment for Commission Meeting Room – Administration – (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Mr. Don Townsend, County Clerk and Chief Financial Officer proposed a complete upgrade of audio and video equipment to be placed inside the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Dade County Administrative Building. He noted various private businesses, community and public/governmental offices and/or departments utilize the meeting space on a regular basis. The A/V equipment is almost twenty years old, and technology has changed greatly since this building was constructed. The equipment includes various modular digital mixers, inputs, outputs, ceiling speakers, subwoofer, tabletop boundary wireless mics, cameras, presentation software, A/V workstation, laptop to control cameras, monitor and record stream, parts, supplies, cables for a total expense of \$18,113. Chairman Rumley called for approval of this SPLOST expense by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add this expense to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting.

6. Resolution (R-15-20) – Ratify State of Local Emergency in Dade County, Georgia (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA – Later Removed)

Chairman Rumley recommended passage of Resolution (R-15-20) to ratify the State of Local Emergency and for other purposes due to COVID-19 coronavirus. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of resolution (R-15-20) by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the resolution to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record. *(Special notation: this item was removed from the consent agenda under new business on the regular agenda.)*

7. Resolution (R-16-20) – Surplus of County Property – TDS400 Scanner Digital Copier (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Chairman Rumley recommended passage of resolution (R-16-20) to declare County property no longer useable, Thus shall be considered surplus property to be disposed of by placing on GovDeals.com website and accept the highest price bid upon the surplus property; and to remove from the County's official list of capitalized assets as may be required by law. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of resolution (R-16-20) by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the resolution to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

8. **ADDED TO AGENDA: Resolution (R-17-20) – Requesting Governor Brian Kemp to consider temporarily closing Cloudland Canyon State Park to limit the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus (PLACED UNDER NEW BUSINESS ON REGULAR MEETING AGENDA)**  
Chairman Rumley recommended passage of resolution (R-17-20) requesting Governor Brian Kemp to consider temporarily closing Cloudland Canyon State Park to limit the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus from the visitors to our citizens of Dade County, Georgia. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. Whereas, there did not appear to be unanimous consent, Chairman Rumley moved this item to the regular meeting agenda under new business to allow for a separate voted to be polled.
9. **FY-2021 Budget Planning Cycle and 2020 Millage Rate Schedule (INFORMATION ONLY)**  
No official poll was taken. Presently, no other official action was required to be taken.
10. **Federal, State and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) (INFORMATION ONLY)**  
No official poll was taken. Presently, no other official action was required to be taken.
11. **City of Trenton’s Ordinance No. 2020/01 Public Health Emergency (INFORMATION ONLY)**  
No official poll was taken. Presently, no other official action was required to be taken.
12. **U.S. Congressional Acts: Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) (INFORMATION ONLY)**  
No official poll was taken. Presently, no other official action was required to be taken.

Chairman Rumley called for any additional business to come before the Commission during the work session, hearing none the Chair recessed the workshop meeting at 6:24 p.m. and immediately called the regular meeting to order.

Respectfully submitted as recorded,

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Don Townsend, Clerk to the Commission

Attest:

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Rebecca Jones, Deputy Clerk



# DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

7:00 p.m. (or following recess from Work Session)

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson/County Executive Ted M. Rumley called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL ~ COMMISSIONERS**

Ted Rumley, Chairperson/County Executive	<b>PRESENT</b>
Robert Goff, Vice Chairman/Commissioner (District 3)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Lamar Lowery, Commissioner (District 1)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Phillip Hartline, Commissioner (District 2)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Allan Bradford, Commissioner (District 4)	<b>PRESENT</b>

The Chairman announced a quorum of Commissioners present, and therefore a legal meeting was called to order and in session.

### **COUNTY STAFF**

Robin Rogers, County Attorney	<b>PRESENT</b>
Don Townsend, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners	<b>PRESENT</b>
Rebecca Jones, Deputy Clerk	<b>ABSENT</b>

## **INVOCATION**

Mr. Robert Goff, Vice Chairman/Commissioner

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited in unison

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

*The following monthly reports are verbally made at each regular monthly commission meeting by each respective Commissioner. Comments made and/or administrative reports are not transcribed nor made a part of this record.*

Commissioner's reports were provided:

- Lamar Lowery reported information regarding the following departments:
  - Animal Control
  - Board of Assessor & Equalization
  - Budget
  - Building and Property
  - Building Maintenance
  - Emergency Services ~ E-911, EMS, EMA
  - Fire Departments – North Dade & Trenton
  - Maintenance Shop
  - Roads – District 1
- Phillip Hartline reported information regarding the following departments:
  - Alcoholic Beverage Control
  - Budget
  - Code Enforcement
  - Extension Agency (UGA Extension/4-H)
  - Fire Departments – Davis & New Home
  - Parks & Recreation
  - Public Transportation
  - Roads – District 2
  - Soil Conservation
- Robert Goff reported information regarding the following departments:
  - Board of Elections
  - Budget
  - Communications & Marketing
  - Financial
  - Fire Departments – South Dade
  - Information Technology (Network)
  - Human Resources
  - Roads – District 3
  - Senior Citizens Center
- Allan Bradford reported information regarding the following departments:
  - Budget
  - Department of Family Children Services
  - Fire Departments – New Salem & West Brow
  - Historic Preservation
  - Public Health
  - Public Library
  - Roads – District 4
  - Sanitation
  - Transfer Station & Recycling Center

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

- Ted Rumley provided a State of County monthly report:
  - Administration
  - Board Appointments
  - Budget
  - City of Trenton liaison
  - Constitutional Officers' liaison
  - Courts & Judicial Administration
  - Department of Juvenile Justice
  - Economic Development
  - Fire Administration & Departments
  - Historic Preservation Commission
  - Legislative Affairs (Georgia General Assembly)
  - Public Works

## APPEARANCES

- To allow for social distancing as recommended by Governor Brian Kemp's Executive Order, there are no appearances at this evening's meeting due to COVID-19 Coronavirus restrictions.

## FISCAL REPORTS

Mr. Don Townsend, Chief Financial Officer verbally reported the financial status of Dade County and filed a written monthly financial report with each Commissioner. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

### Adoption of the Financial Report (Adopted)

**Motion made by:** Commissioner Phillip Hartline  
**Seconded by:** Commissioner Robert Goff  
**Those voting in favor:** 5 – Bradford, Goff, Hartline, Lowery, Rumley  
**Those opposed:** 0 – N/A  
**Decision:** Passed by unanimous vote

## LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Robin Rogers, County Attorney noted no official actions to be reported.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss or take action upon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Two items were moved to or from the Consent agenda under new business.

While the regular meeting was in process, the Governor’s Office published his Executive Order 04.02.20.01 on State’s website around 6:40 p.m. Ms. Carey Fauscett-Anderson, Dade County’s Public Information Officer made copies for each Commissioner and Mr. Rogers who reviewed the Executive Order before continuing with the County’s regular meeting agenda. Mr. Robin Rogers, County Attorney requested the Chair for a five-minute recess in order to review Governor Brian Kemp’s Executive Order 04.02.20.01. Following the recess Chairman Rumley called upon Mr. Rogers to report on the Executive Order. Mr. Rogers recommended to the Board of Commissioners to remove the resolution (R-15-20) added to the consent agenda during the workshop agenda. Mr. Roger’s stated, in the Executive Order the Governor has ordered the following: “That pursuant to Code Section 38-3-51, the powers of counties and cities conveyed in Titles 36 and 38, including those specific powers enumerated in Code Sections 36-5-22.1 and 36-35-3 are hereby suspended to the extent of suspending enforcement of any local ordinance or order adopted or issued since March 1, 2020, with the stated purpose or effect of responding to a public health state of emergency, ordering residents to shelter-in-place, ordering a quarantine, or combatting the spread of coronavirus or COVID-19 that in any way conflicts, varies, or differs from the terms of this Order. Enforcement of all such ordinances and orders is hereby suspended and no county or municipality shall adopt any similar order while this Order is in effect, except for such ordinances or orders as are designed to enforce compliance with this Order.” Mr. Rogers explained because Governor Kemp’s Order has suspended these local act, powers, resolutions and/or ordinances, then he advised not passing Resolution (R-15-20) until we have had sufficient time to extract from Dade County’s resolution any conflicting wording compared to the Governor’s current and future order(s).

Chairman Rumley called the meeting back to order from recess. The Chair ordered the County Attorney’s recommendation be recorded into the minutes as stated. Hearing no objection, the minutes were recorded.

Chairman Rumley called for a motion to amend the consent agenda by removing Resolution (R-15-20) ~ ratification of the State of Local Emergency in Dade County, Georgia. Commissioner Robert Goff moved to accept the Chair’s recommendation to remove Resolution (R-15-20) from this evening’s workshop consent agenda. Commissioner Phillip Hartline seconded the motion. The Chair called for any discussion, hearing none the Chair polled each member and ordered the Clerk to record the vote. The motion was favorably passed by unanimous vote. A copy of the Resolution (R-15-20) has been entered into the minutes as being “removed from the consent agenda” and therefore not approved at this evening’s meeting; furthermore, the document is made part of the official record.

Removal of Resolution (R-15-20) from Consent Agenda

- Motion made by:** Commissioner Robert Goff
- Seconded by:** Commissioner Phillip Hartline
- Those voting in favor:** 5 – Bradford, Goff, Hartline, Lowery, Rumley
- Those opposed:** 0 – N/A
- Decision:** Passed by unanimous vote

Chairman Rumley called for a motion to approve Resolution (R-17-20) a resolution requesting Governor Brian Kemp to consider temporarily closing Cloudland Canyon State Park to limit the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus. Commissioner Lamar Lowery moved to accept the Chair's recommendation to adopt Resolution (R-17-20) as presented. Commissioner Allan Bradford seconded the motion. The Chair called for any discussion. Discussion included the recommendation to close our local government's County park and recreational areas if we were going to ask the Governor to temporarily shut down the State Park (Cloudland Canyon) located in Dade County. Some Commissioner's first thought the track should remain open, but after further discussion there was impartial agreement the track should be closed to show the County's support of the Governor's recommendation to social distance and to shelter-in-place. The Chair called for any further discussion, hearing none the Chair polled each member and ordered the Clerk to record the vote. The motion was favorably passed by unanimous vote. A copy of the Resolution (R-17-20) is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

Adoption of Resolution (R-17-20) – Request Governor Brian Kemp to consider temporarily closing Cloudland Canyon State Park to limit the spread of COVID-19

**Motion made by:** Commissioner Lamar Lowery  
**Seconded by:** Commissioner Allan Bradford  
**Those voting in favor:** 5 – Bradford, Goff, Hartline, Lowery, Rumley  
**Those opposed:** 0 – N/A  
**Decision:** Passed by unanimous vote

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda under New Business for separate consideration.*

Adoption of the Consent Agenda (less R-15-20)

**Motion made by:** Commissioner Allan Bradford  
**Seconded by:** Commissioner Robert Goff  
**Those voting in favor:** 5 – Bradford, Goff, Hartline, Lowery, Rumley  
**Those opposed:** 0 – N/A  
**Decision:** Passed by unanimous vote

**CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION**

- To allow for social distancing as recommended by Governor Brian Kemp's Executive Order, no citizens participation was recognized at this evening's meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was required.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by:** Commissioner Allan Bradford  
**Seconded by:** Commissioner Robert Goff  
**Those voting in favor:** 5 – Bradford, Goff, Hartline, Lowery, Rumley  
**Those opposed:** 0 – N/A  
**Decision:** Passed by unanimous vote

There being no further business Chairman Rumley gaveled the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as recorded,

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Don Townsend, Clerk to the Commission

Attest:

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Rebecca Jones, Deputy Clerk