

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2015

1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call  
2 this work session to order. I appreciate everyone  
3 being here tonight. Has everyone had time to look  
4 at the agenda? Any changes? Do what now, Don?

5 MR. TOWNSEND: When we get to number  
6 eight, we could probably just table that until next  
7 month if you want to.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Well, eight is the center  
9 line mileage report.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: It's already been  
11 submitted.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. We've already  
13 submitted it. We won't have to table the  
14 appointment anyway on DFCS. Any comments on the  
15 agenda?

16 MR. GOFF: No.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. The previous  
18 meeting minutes, I know you've had those for a week  
19 or two. Any comments, changes? Okay. You did a  
20 good job.

21 Personnel status, flip over to number  
22 three. There's not been a lot of changes, change in  
23 the jail. Back on March 16th, that was pretty  
24 much the only change that we had on there. Any  
25 questions on those figures?

1 Move down to number four, board  
2 appointments and the -- and proclamations. 4A is a  
3 proclamation, Georgia Manufacturing Appreciation  
4 Week, which would be April 13 through the 17th,  
5 2015. Any questions on that? 4B is proclamation,  
6 Trenton Dade Optimist Club. This is something we do  
7 to honor our law enforcement people every year.  
8 This was actually -- the law week is going to be May  
9 3rd through the 9th. Robert, you said that  
10 presentation day is May --

11 MR. GOFF: 5th.

12 MR. RUMLEY: That's always a special  
13 day if you have time to come out and come to that.  
14 It's a big event. They honor a law enforcement  
15 person from each department, even DNR, the whole  
16 sheriff's department, state patrol. It's a special  
17 day. Try to come to that. 4C, Resolution R-21-15,  
18 appointment of the DFCS board. That's something  
19 we'll have to table. We do have a vacancy there.  
20 It will take a special person to serve on that.  
21 Hopefully, we'll have someone between now and next  
22 month. We have the DFCS people kind of looking and  
23 giving us some names. So hopefully we'll be able to  
24 fill that.

25 Okay. Move down to number five,

1 there's no S.P.L.O.S.T or any capital equipment to  
2 approve tonight. Okay. I'm going to go ahead and  
3 move down to number seven and we'll take care of  
4 these two right here, Resolution R-21-15,  
5 authorizing administrative signatories on retirement  
6 plans. Don, if you want to go into that and explain  
7 that.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. We closed  
9 out, as you may recall, three different retirement  
10 accounts. Nationwide was a really old one there,  
11 but Great American and VALIC and we had a little  
12 issue with Great American this week or last week.  
13 I'm sorry. So we need this resolution to  
14 authorize -- they just needed an additional  
15 authorization. We already had one last October, but  
16 that was not good enough. So I put some specific  
17 wording in this one and Robin is taking a look at  
18 it. There's nothing much different, but it's got  
19 their wording in it. So now they've allowed us to  
20 go in and start closing out those accounts. And  
21 they're rolling them into -- I say closing. We're  
22 actually rolling them into a new account. Okay.  
23 GEBCorp.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions on  
25 that? Okay. We'll put that on the consent agenda.

1 Okay. All right. Move down to number eight,  
2 Resolution R-22-15, approval of our GDOT center line  
3 mileage report. That's something we've already  
4 submitted.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: Right. It's already  
6 been submitted, but what this resolution was  
7 actually going to do was update our current road  
8 listing to -- we're not quite -- we're not ready for  
9 that. So we'll table that until a later date.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right. This is  
11 something I'll talk a little bit about and Don, I'm  
12 sure, in our real meeting. But the FY16 budget  
13 hearing, you do have a report there on how many  
14 people we've met, how long we've been working on  
15 this and we've got another week or two to go. We've  
16 made a big dent in it. We usually start with the  
17 people that have a simpler budget, you know, as  
18 DFCS, health department and all. We'll keep you  
19 informed on that, of course, as we always do through  
20 the weeks as we go. Do you have anything to add to  
21 that, Don?

22 MR. TOWNSEND: If you've got time to  
23 stop by, just --

24 MR. RUMLEY: That's right. They're  
25 advertising the times. We try to maintain a

1 schedule as we go through.

2           Okay. Tonight we have on number six, I  
3 did skip that, but we have the StormReady  
4 designation to Dade County by the National Weather  
5 Service. We do have some representatives here  
6 tonight. If y'all want to come up tonight. They've  
7 got a little presentation they're going to give us.  
8 We have Alex Case, our EMA director, 911 director.

9           MR. CASE: This is Kent Frantz. He's  
10 with the National Weather Service. This is Tim  
11 Reeve with Georgia Emergency Management. He's our  
12 area six field coordinator that during our  
13 disasters, they help us. Dade and a few other  
14 counties and still some of the counties that weren't  
15 StormReady. Kent will explain what that means. And  
16 we work with some storm spotter class that we  
17 attended in other counties. Don went with me and  
18 Jerry Kyzer, our deputy EMA. We're hosting a storm  
19 spotter class here in this room the 18th of this  
20 month to help Weather Service kind of see more  
21 things, information that gets put in.

22           So this is something we've done. We've  
23 also added a local weather station outside of our  
24 center here out here on the little island on the  
25 west side of our building that we monitor that they

1 can see and report in daily on this. I'll let Ken  
2 explain about what it is. He come up and met with  
3 us about a month ago.

4 MR. FRANTZ: It was probably in  
5 January.

6 MR. CASE: Ken has also helped with  
7 some flooding issues we've had in our counties about  
8 some areas. That's where his expertise is in the  
9 flooding side of our counties and we know that when  
10 our areas in the -- Rising Fawn floods quicker than  
11 we see here and some things Kent has worked with.

12 Also, Patrick Core was a key point of  
13 this. He met with us that time during the week and  
14 Patrick has been real key as a Dade Countian and  
15 helping with emergency management during our  
16 snowstorms and keeping us updated on the storms and  
17 always good to call and works with Ms. Swader as  
18 well when we have to make these tough decisions  
19 about roads for our kids. He was a key asset. He  
20 couldn't be here because he's forecasting right now.  
21 I'll let Kent explain what StormReady does.

22 MR. FRANTZ: Good evening, everyone.  
23 Again, Kent Frantz with the National Weather  
24 Service. All right. Can you hear me better now?  
25 All right. Ken Frantz with the National Weather

1 Service, again, as Alex has stated. I'm the senior  
2 service hydrologist at the office, but I'm also a  
3 meteorologist, so I do both sides. I have worked  
4 with Alex for the last ten years on various issues  
5 with Lookout Creek, for example. But one of the  
6 things that we wanted to do, we've always worked  
7 with Dade County on a StormReady level anyway. Alex  
8 has always been very proactive about what's  
9 happening up here in the northwest corner in the  
10 state, working directly with us. This is really  
11 more of a formality and just going through the  
12 process and making it official that Dade County is  
13 now StormReady.

14 Well, what does that mean? It doesn't  
15 mean that you're storm proof. You are going to get  
16 storms. You are going to get winter weather and  
17 severe weather, but it's how you handle it. As far  
18 as receiving the information from us, he has  
19 multiple ways to get the watches and warnings and  
20 make sure that it has been locally disseminated to  
21 the Dade County citizens. It is monitoring the  
22 weather. He watches it very closely on the radar  
23 like we are and observing platforms up this way. We  
24 just recently installed one right here near the EMA  
25 office. And then further disseminating the warning

1 and the emergency preparedness part, the community  
2 talks, the weather safety type information,  
3 providing to schools and civic groups.

4           And we did have spotter training  
5 scheduled in February. Unfortunately it got  
6 postponed due to winter weather. And I had to make  
7 that up with a couple of counties. So it will be on  
8 April 18th here in this building Saturday from  
9 10:00 to noon. So I hope those that are interested  
10 will -- it's open to the public. So as many people  
11 that can come as possible would be great.

12           So, again, this is one of those things  
13 that we really like to have be part of the  
14 StormReady family. It is all the counties in  
15 Georgia is what we're trying to achieve. And my  
16 personal goal was to try to get GEMA area six  
17 completely 100 percent StormReady. We actually only  
18 have one area seven around the Atlanta metro area  
19 that's 100 percent. We're only two counties away  
20 now and that's very important because northwest  
21 Georgia is the storm track. You tend to have a lot  
22 of active weather up your way and to have every  
23 county StormReady is great.

24           So what I would like to do is we're  
25 going to be giving a certificate to the county and,

1 of course, you can reproduce this and have it in as  
2 many buildings as you would like to have there,  
3 Alex. And if I may, I would like to read a portion  
4 of the letter, a congratulations letter from my  
5 boss, the meteorologist in charge down in Atlanta,  
6 Keith Stellman. It says, Dear Alex, on behalf of  
7 the Georgia StormReady Advisory Board, I would like  
8 to congratulate you on your jurisdiction's  
9 StormReady recognition. It is clearly the result of  
10 your vision, leadership, hard work and commitment to  
11 the citizens of Dade County. They should take great  
12 pride and comfort in having achieved this status and  
13 to a great degree, they have you to thank for it.  
14 The current StormReady recognition for Dade County  
15 will be valid for three years and it is valid until  
16 March 3rd, 2018. And then at that time, there is  
17 a renewal process. There won't be any problems, but  
18 every three years we like to renew the counties.

19           So, again, congratulations, again, Alex  
20 on this achievement. We're proud to have you as  
21 part of the growing StormReady family.

22           So with that, we always like to -- we  
23 like to start off each county with some signs to let  
24 them know that they are StormReady so that you can  
25 advertise that to people coming into your county on

1 whatever buildings you would like to put this on and  
2 hopefully a lot of public traffic to see that you  
3 are StormReady. And this is a sign that the county  
4 has earned. I hope you're proud of it. It's a  
5 great achievement. It really is.

6 And then we have a second sign here  
7 that says we are StormReady. So both of these signs  
8 are a gift from us to you and you can reproduce them  
9 or purchase others as you would like. So this is a  
10 way to get you started.

11 MR. CASE: Thank you.

12 MR. FRANTZ: Congratulations. And Tim,  
13 with GEMA, did you have any comment?

14 MR. REEVE: Sure. I'll speak loud.  
15 Just a good opportunity to recognize Alex and the  
16 EMA here for a job that they do every day. We don't  
17 take enough opportunities to reach out and say thank  
18 you for the work that they do. Like I say, this is  
19 just an opportunity to say thank you for the work  
20 he's doing and that he's working on every day to  
21 make sure that Dade County is prepared. Thank you.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Thank you for  
23 coming. Any questions? Anyone in the audience have  
24 any questions for our people while they're here?

25 MR. GOFF: I would like to thank them

1 for what they do. I know in the cold weather they  
2 were very helpful with our school system and county,  
3 keeping us informed of what was coming whether we  
4 liked it or not.

5 MR. FRANTZ: Were you on the webinars?

6 MR. GOFF: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: I have one other person  
8 tonight here that wants to talk to us from Edward  
9 Jones. Do you want to come on up?

10 MR. WARE: It's good to be here  
11 tonight. I appreciate the opportunity. I am Keith  
12 Ware with Edward Jones. We're putting an office up  
13 here in town. We are a company that's been around  
14 for ninety years. I live here in the community. My  
15 wife's family is from this area as well and I'm  
16 looking forward to be able to assist people as  
17 they're planning for retirement once they get to  
18 retirement. We have a lot of investments to even  
19 help school-age children as they prepare for  
20 college. And I'm excited for the opportunity to  
21 open the office here in town. So as I'm working,  
22 I'll be out in the community knocking on doors. We  
23 like to focus in on face to face. If I can help you  
24 in any area, I would love the opportunity. Again,  
25 my name is Keith Ware. Thank you very much for the

1 time.

2 MR. RUMLEY: And you're operating  
3 now -- you're working out of your home right now  
4 until you set up an office, right?

5 MR. WARE: That is correct. I'm  
6 working out of my home. I'm fully operable. I just  
7 don't have brick and mortar here in town, but we are  
8 in that process. I'm excited for the opportunity to  
9 contribute to Dade County and to its citizens.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Thank you  
11 for coming tonight.

12 MR. WARE: Absolutely. Thank you.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Commissioners, do you have  
14 anything to add to the work session? If not, we'll  
15 go ahead and adjourn. We'll take just a minute.

16 Mitchell wants to talk tonight about  
17 the elevator that we actually voted to put in the  
18 courthouse last month. Do you want to start,  
19 Mitchell?

20 MR. SMITH: I would like to have some  
21 help -- a little more help and foresight from Ted.  
22 This is a process that was started roughly about  
23 2001, according to this paperwork, the preservation  
24 plan for the courthouse. It's not the last month or  
25 so. It's a process that started back in 2001. It's

1 been that long in the process.

2           The elevator, from my understanding,  
3 and I've done some checking, we could build it out  
4 here in the middle of the parking lot and it would  
5 be free standing and operable. Okay. So we've got  
6 a working elevator for the 49, but we will have to  
7 enclose it and house it one way or the other. And  
8 the plan right now is, my understanding again, to  
9 come in from the north end inside the building --

10           MR. RUMLEY: In the foyer. It won't  
11 actually go in the courthouse hall. It will be in  
12 the foyer. You'll go to the right there and where  
13 that storage room is at, it will go up from there.  
14 The only thing outside attached -- I'm meeting with  
15 the structural engineer tomorrow again. But if  
16 everything goes -- it will just be the actual  
17 breezeway or little thing going into it, it will be  
18 a closed area where you can get in out of the rain  
19 when you walk in and go straight into the elevator.  
20 So that's really the only thing that you'll be  
21 seeing from the outside. The original plan in this  
22 was to put it on the outside of the building. Up  
23 until we pulled those steps out, we thought we were  
24 going to have to do that, but hopefully -- well,  
25 we'll be able to actually go in and -- even the way

1 it was designed to put on the -- it would be a  
2 closed area, you know, will be blended in back in  
3 the courthouse.

4 MR. BRADFORD: Originally, it was  
5 planned to be extended, right, at the end of the  
6 building? That was the original plan.

7 MR. RUMLEY: It was actually two  
8 different plans, but we didn't know how you could go  
9 with it unless you pulled the steps. They done the  
10 boring and all. So structurally, you know, you can  
11 go in and go to the right there and not actually go  
12 to the main part of the courthouse. You're in that  
13 little foyer where the cleaning supplies and all.  
14 When you get off, you'll be getting off up at the --  
15 well, when you get onto where the sidewalk is at and  
16 you'll go up to what I call the Sarah Moore level  
17 and then you can go on up to the next level and get  
18 off right at the courtroom where you can go into the  
19 courtroom.

20 MR. BRADFORD: But the elevator is  
21 going to be sidewalk level, correct? You walk from  
22 there.

23 MR. RUMLEY: That way if you're in a  
24 wheelchair or crippled, you can --

25 MR. BRADFORD: My understanding is the

1 north end is going to be open where you will  
2 actually look down Highway 11; is that correct?

3 MR. RUMLEY: You mean -- if we want it.  
4 That would be -- we can put any type of door that  
5 you want to put there. You know, that's something  
6 we can look at. They just need to be secure.  
7 Robert, do you have any questions?

8 MR. GOFF: I don't have any questions.  
9 It's my understanding -- what I've been telling  
10 people, once we vacated that building, we were no  
11 longer grandpa anymore. We were now got to be ADA.  
12 I think we were fortunate for a lot of years that it  
13 wasn't closed down.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Well, not so much ADA.  
15 It's just the danger of the steps. We had some  
16 falls. We had some claims, you know, back the last  
17 year we were in there that a couple of people had  
18 fell. They weren't crippled, but the steps  
19 weren't -- you know, to get upstairs, they had to  
20 actually take that.

21 In '01, there was quite a bit of --  
22 well, there was a whole engineering study that was  
23 done on the courthouse. Preservation plans of 2001.  
24 And I mean, it goes into detail here. Actually,  
25 they estimated the elevator, you know, I think the

1 estimate was like -- the low number was like 140,000  
2 to put it in and the high number was 80 -- I mean,  
3 180,000. And we're going to come in probably around  
4 50, \$55,000. We're going to do a lot of work  
5 ourselves. The demo, we're going to use hopefully  
6 some of the inmates to do that. We're going to save  
7 quite a bit of money compared even back from 2001  
8 from what it was going to cost.

9           Some of this stuff has already been  
10 done, the waterproofing and all on the basement, the  
11 roof. Of course, what hurts us on the historical  
12 end of it is the windows that were put in. And  
13 that's something that in the days and years to come  
14 if we want to bring it back, the windows would have  
15 to be approved by the historical, you know, people,  
16 historical preservation, but --

17           MR. GOFF: Was this done -- when those  
18 windows were put in, was that --

19           MR. RUMLEY: Larry put them in about  
20 three or four years before, before this was drawn.  
21 Any questions from the audience? I mean --

22           MR. HARRISON: I've got several.

23           MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Come on.

24           MR. HARRISON: From my understanding,  
25 the plans have completely changed from an exterior

1 elevator?

2 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it may not be.  
3 We'll know after we -- but I'm about 90 percent sure  
4 that we'll go with the inside, which it will be an  
5 interior elevator anyway, but it will be attached to  
6 the outside of the courthouse like the original.

7 MR. HARRISON: I'm really not following  
8 how you come in from the sidewalk level because that  
9 would be kind of running into the basement at the  
10 sidewalk level.

11 MR. RUMLEY: No. There's no basement  
12 there.

13 MR. HARRISON: Well, it's a lower end.  
14 You've got to come up -- you have to go up the steps  
15 to get to that level, am I correct, the Sarah Moore  
16 level?

17 MR. RUMLEY: No. You used to. But not  
18 anymore.

19 MR. HARRISON: You'll have an entry  
20 that goes there and leads --

21 MR. RUMLEY: No. You'll go straight  
22 into the elevator from ground level. It's simple.  
23 You just walk right in.

24 MR. SMITH: You'll have three stops.

25 MR. RUMLEY: It's a three-story

1 elevator from ground level up.

2 MR. HARRISON: Okay. Well, as y'all  
3 all know, the courthouse is a lot of passion for a  
4 lot of different people. You've got all kinds of  
5 stuff all over the board from tear it down to, you  
6 know, everything.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Some people want to tear  
8 it down.

9 MR. HARRISON: What are we looking at  
10 to move into the courthouse? Why are we looking to  
11 add this elevator at this time?

12 MR. RUMLEY: Why? You know, it's been  
13 since 2001. The money was not there. Now, the  
14 S.P.L.O.S.T., you know, we've got dedicated money to  
15 do this. You can't just let a building keep  
16 deteriorating before you do it. There's a  
17 tremendous amount of people in this county behind  
18 it. I mean, a tremendous amount. I can't believe  
19 the people that's got behind this.

20 MR. HARRISON: I'm not saying that I'm  
21 behind it. I'm not sure.

22 MR. RUMLEY: It's time to quit talking  
23 about it and actually do it.

24 MR. GOFF: You're talking about -- are  
25 you talking about tenants? We do have some

1 people --

2 MR. HARRISON: When we spend the money,  
3 we need to have some sort of plan. I've not heard  
4 any plan of anything moving in, either the Chamber  
5 moving in.

6 MR. RUMLEY: We hope the Chamber will.  
7 We've got one tenant bugging us to death. He talked  
8 to us back -- even back in the days. The surveyor,  
9 the county surveyor. What is his name? Schober.  
10 He was in here last week and wanted to know a date.  
11 Hopefully, we can have it by mid summer, you know,  
12 we can have it actually accessible where we can get  
13 in there and start with the rooms downstairs. We're  
14 only going to try to rent two offices where it can  
15 generate and pay for itself with the utilities and  
16 lights and the maintenance on it. And we have had  
17 an attorney -- it's not Robin, but that's asked us  
18 about renting a space or two.

19 MR. HARRISON: Now, it's not even a  
20 historic courthouse anymore?

21 MR. RUMLEY: Well, since the windows  
22 and all is in there.

23 MR. CASE: It's never been registered.

24 MR. STONE: It's the only building in  
25 the county that's on the National Historic Registry.

1 It's the only building that's on there since last  
2 week.

3 MR. GOFF: It wouldn't pass it.

4 MR. RUMLEY: If they came back today  
5 and re-evaluated the building because the windows in  
6 it. It's not been --

7 MR. BRADFORD: David Moore is the one  
8 that put those windows in. It's been years ago.

9 MR. RUMLEY: It was about three years  
10 before this here was drawn. He had to because the  
11 windows were falling. The panes were falling out.  
12 They were in bad shape.

13 MR. HARRISON: When can we expect to  
14 see any kind of drawings or anything on this? I  
15 know you said you've met with the architect and  
16 engineers.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. We've got drawings  
18 right here.

19 MR. HARRISON: Not the actual plans.  
20 Like I said, two weeks ago, we was talking about a  
21 glass elevator on the outside.

22 MR. RUMLEY: I never heard that. Who  
23 in the world said that?

24 MR. HARRISON: Okay. Let me quote you  
25 on this, so we clear this up.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I haven't heard  
2 anything about a glass elevator.

3 MR. HARRISON: I'll clear this up. You  
4 said on Thursday morning March 12th, on the news  
5 KWN, that it was going to be enclosed in glass or  
6 windowed in. It says project historic integrity,  
7 windowed in.

8 MR. RUMLEY: No. If I said it, I don't  
9 know where it come from because it's never been even  
10 talked about, a glass elevator. I might have said  
11 it as a joke, but I don't -- I sure don't remember  
12 saying anything like that.

13 MR. HARRISON: Well, Mr. Stone --

14 MR. RUMLEY: I think he left.

15 MR. HARRISON: Imagine that.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it's not going to  
17 be. It never has been going to be, so I can clarify  
18 that.

19 MR. HARRISON: I was going to --

20 MR. RUMLEY: I look at something with a  
21 glass elevator like the Regency down in Atlanta, but  
22 that's totally ridiculous.

23 MR. HARRISON: When you said that at a  
24 meeting and asked for a vote on \$46,900 and you  
25 don't really have any plans, that's what you get.

1 You get people saying, well, it's going to be this.  
2 It's going to be that.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Well, y'all must not have  
4 heard us talking about it because --

5 MR. HARRISON: Oh, I listened. I  
6 probably listen as much as anybody in Dade County.  
7 Like I said, I do have your quote here if you would  
8 like to see it.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, I don't -- I'm just  
10 telling you right now, that was never -- if that's  
11 something I said, it might have been as a joke. But  
12 it's a closed -- it's a real elevator, enclosed  
13 elevator, professional elevator for a historical  
14 building.

15 MR. HARRISON: So we have looked at all  
16 other options now? Well, this is the final  
17 decision?

18 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah.

19 MR. HARRISON: Because what we're  
20 getting from Blue Moose is a track and the box.  
21 We're not getting any of the -- none of the shaft or  
22 anything like that?

23 MR. RUMLEY: We're getting a  
24 complete -- all the electrical and everything.  
25 They'll come in. We furnish them a hollow box there

1 and then they install everything, electrical room  
2 and the whole thing, yeah.

3 MR. HARRISON: Well, looking at the  
4 plans that I picked up the other day, it says we  
5 have to furnish the electrical or the county  
6 contractor has to furnish the electrical.

7 MR. RUMLEY: No. We'll furnish a  
8 breaker box, you know, actually which is already in  
9 the room there that we're going to be using. We'll  
10 probably have to put a 200 amp disconnect in there.

11 MR. HARRISON: And you don't have a  
12 total final number on how much it's going to cost  
13 though?

14 MR. RUMLEY: This is big dollars. We  
15 know it's not going to be anywhere close to  
16 \$140,000. I mean, there's no way. It will probably  
17 be around 60,000, maybe less, a whole lot less. I'm  
18 going to be able to get labor out of the jail.

19 MR. HARRISON: But you don't know when  
20 you'll have the final drawings?

21 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we'll have to have  
22 them before we start studding up over there.  
23 Another week or two.

24 MR. GOFF: To say something to that,  
25 Mr. Chairman, to put this in as a dollar amount.

1 That courthouse has been empty now three years.  
2 There's been very few people in it. There's a lot  
3 of work to be done not anywhere around the elevator  
4 side, but there's going to be a lot of work in the  
5 courthouse itself that is not involved in that. I  
6 just want that clear.

7 MR. RUMLEY: People know that.

8 MR. GOFF: But what happens is quite  
9 often you're quoted as saying 140 or 150,000 and  
10 then when there's 50 more thousand to be done there,  
11 that comes to 200,000 and people get that -- just  
12 like wherever the glass elevator came from. So  
13 there is going to be more to get it to where it  
14 should be.

15 MR. RUMLEY: But not the elevator.

16 MR. GOFF: No. But if it's 150,000  
17 elevator, we'll say, total put in, there's still a  
18 lot of money to be spent on the structure. So when  
19 we go to doing all that, well, that's more than 150.  
20 I just want to make it clear. I mean, just coming  
21 out and being open now. Had someone called the day  
22 after or the day of the glass elevator, however that  
23 got started, it wouldn't have went all over the  
24 county because I've got a lot of calls about the  
25 glass elevator that I didn't know about.

1 MR. HARRISON: Well, I don't think any  
2 of the commissioners --

3 MR. BRADFORD: The first call I got,  
4 Rex, the first call I got, I thought we were talking  
5 about like an elevator in a cruise ship, that type  
6 of glass elevator. That was before you and I've  
7 never found the plans yet that has one on the  
8 outside. We've discussed it, but as far as seeing  
9 what it's going to look like, I have not.

10 MR. HARRISON: See, that's what I'm  
11 saying. The commissioners voted for something that  
12 none of us have seen or had no plan for.

13 MR. GOFF: We got the lady came in.  
14 We've seen the plan --

15 (Everyone speaking at the same  
16 time.)

17 THE COURT REPORTER: One at a time,  
18 please.

19 MR. GOFF: For the elevator. We've  
20 seen the plan. It wasn't like let's put an elevator  
21 in. The company that's going to build the elevator  
22 came down. Yes, we've seen them. We're not that  
23 irresponsible.

24 MR. RUMLEY: As they did years ago.

25 MR. HARRISON: Is that what I picked up

1 at the office?

2 MR. RUMLEY: That's what's ordered for  
3 that courthouse.

4 MR. HARRISON: That's actual  
5 installation drawings?

6 MR. GOFF: Yes.

7 MR. HARRISON: But it had nothing to do  
8 the exterior?

9 MR. RUMLEY: We're handling that.  
10 We're handling that.

11 MR. GOFF: This is another architect  
12 and engineer coming --

13 MR. RUMLEY: They're looking at a  
14 structural --

15 MR. GOFF: Putting it inside rather  
16 than outside. We've got the two options and one may  
17 or may not work. The inside, let's say it don't  
18 work. We've got no option but the outside, but it  
19 was never -- I think like Commissioner Bradford said  
20 like a glass elevator going up the Marriott Marquis  
21 in Atlanta. If it's built outside, there would have  
22 to be a structure attached to the courthouse to hold  
23 it. So it would change that end of the courthouse.  
24 If we could put it inside, it would change it very  
25 little on that end except for the steps being gone.

1 MR. HARRISON: Well, like I said,  
2 reported in the media it was we're getting an  
3 elevator for \$46,900 and people were like, oh great.  
4 But then that was the end of the conversation.  
5 Nobody spoke on it. Nobody said anything about  
6 where it was going, what it was going to made of  
7 except for the quote that I have here from KWN.

8 MR. GOFF: Which goes back to my  
9 original point, yes, 49,000 for an elevator, but  
10 there's a lot of work to be done. Fortunately,  
11 we'll be able to get some of that out of inmates.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we're going to do it  
13 in-house.

14 MR. GOFF: A lot of work ourselves, the  
15 tearing out of the old steps. If we go inside, if,  
16 we've got to tear out one side of the old steps and  
17 a little closet.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Actually, the steps will  
19 stay --

20 MR. GOFF: The landing will, but it  
21 will --

22 MR. RUMLEY: -- that one, about six of  
23 them straight up.

24 MR. GOFF: It will go up through that  
25 stairwell on the west side stairwell.

1 MR. HARRISON: And then you'll have to  
2 add bathrooms and everything.

3 MR. RUMLEY: That's all in here. The  
4 bathrooms won't even be there. That will probably  
5 be down where Austin Blevins' office used to be in  
6 that area. There's an area right there that can put  
7 a men and women's handicap bathroom in.

8 MR. GOFF: That's a lot of the other  
9 expense.

10 MR. HARRISON: On the other  
11 S.P.L.O.S.T, I believe it was what, 50,000  
12 designated for it?

13 MR. TOWNSEND: Two hundred.

14 MR. HARRISON: For what year  
15 S.P.L.O.S.T is that?

16 MR. TOWNSEND: 2004 is 200 and 2008 was  
17 200.

18 MR. HARRISON: How much?

19 MR. TOWNSEND: 200,000 each year in  
20 S.P.L.O.S.T.

21 MR. HARRISON: Okay. And that was set  
22 aside supposedly back then by S.P.L.O.S.T laws.  
23 That's how we came up with that. So we're trying to  
24 work all of that out of that particular S.P.L.O.S.T.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: Not necessarily, no.

1 MR. HARRISON: Okay. We might have to  
2 take money out of the new S.P.L.O.S.T?

3 MR. TOWNSEND: It's been voted on for  
4 three consecutive S.P.L.O.S.T. to do the  
5 courthouses.

6 MR. HARRISON: All righty, gentlemen.  
7 I appreciate it.

8 MR. RUMLEY: You just can't let it keep  
9 going because it's -- the longer you let a house sit  
10 or any building, it's just going to deteriorate.

11 MR. HARRISON: Oh, I understand. I met  
12 with Robert one day and we discussed, you know.  
13 That was the thing. I'm not sure who is in the  
14 Historical Society, if there is a --

15 MR. RUMLEY: Sarah Moore is a big -- as  
16 far as the courthouse goes. You've got Donna  
17 Street, the Historical Society itself, but Sarah has  
18 been a person that even back in 2001 that was here  
19 really with this and helped us with this when we did  
20 the engineering and all the borings and all to make  
21 sure it was sound and all that. She wants to --  
22 hopefully she can see it before anything happens to  
23 Sarah, you know.

24 MR. HARRISON: Okay. I think that  
25 answers most of my questions, I hope. If I can

1 think of any more --

2 MR. RUMLEY: If you want to come over  
3 one day, any of you, I mean, all of you. We can't  
4 really -- as the construction starts, we can walk  
5 over there and show you exactly what we're talking  
6 about, where the turn is at, where you go in and all  
7 that. It's not really a complicated thing, thank  
8 goodness. It's not like some of them that really  
9 were up in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

10 MR. HARRISON: Okay. Like I said, I  
11 don't have any issues with it actually being done.  
12 It's just there was no layout of no plans the night  
13 y'all voted on it. It was just done, over with. I  
14 think Mitchell was the only one that had any  
15 questions. I left here not knowing any more and two  
16 months later still didn't know any more. We're  
17 trying to decide if it's going to be glass interior,  
18 exterior.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Definitely no glass at  
20 all. There is no glass in the elevator whatsoever.

21 MR. BRADFORD: I never heard that. You  
22 called me and I tried to figure it out. At that  
23 time, I didn't know it was going to be glass off the  
24 plans.

25 MR. HARRISON: I appreciate Allan and

1 Mitchell working with me on it. I talked to them  
2 several different times on it. I appreciate y'all  
3 and appreciate the information because, like I said,  
4 it sounds like it's changed in the last two months.  
5 So, you know, maybe it will be a glass elevator.  
6 Who knows. Thanks, y'all.

7 MR. SMITH: The main thing is just to  
8 stop confusion on the same page.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Come on up.

10 MR. BLACK: I want to approach it from  
11 a different angle. In a few months I'm probably  
12 going to be in a wheelchair. Walk me through how  
13 I'm going to get from the sidewalk up to the Sarah  
14 Moore level.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Just go in -- roll  
16 straight into the elevator.

17 MR. BLACK: So in other words, we're  
18 cutting out the end of the building where the  
19 concrete foundation is?

20 MR. RUMLEY: Just slice that  
21 foundation. There's no basement there, see. Yeah.  
22 You're going to go straight into that.

23 MR. BLACK: You're going to cut into  
24 the building there and actually going on the inside.  
25 Are you going to glass it down?

1 MR. RUMLEY: No.

2 MR. BLACK: How are you going to get in  
3 and out of it then?

4 MR. RUMLEY: There's going to be a  
5 closed breezeway -- not a breezeway, but an entrance  
6 like there is at the state capitol. The state  
7 capitol has four of them. You just go up, open the  
8 door. That door will be locked and go straight in.

9 MR. BLACK: All right. My next  
10 question is this. I'm going to be in an electric  
11 wheelchair. How big is that elevator.

12 MR. RUMLEY: I don't know. It's  
13 handicap -- they worked with the --

14 MR. BLACK: The plan says it's  
15 48 inches and 52 inches long.

16 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah. And your  
17 wheelchair is 38 inches long.

18 MR. BLACK: Yeah, it is. Depending on  
19 whether I get in or out. No one is going up with  
20 me. Now, Rex is a pretty good size guy. I'm  
21 approaching it from a disabled person's standpoint.  
22 He's a pretty good size guy. We have some big  
23 hootenanny up on the second floor. We've got all  
24 this taken care of and Rex decides his ticker is  
25 going to quit. We've got a 48 --

1 MR. RUMLEY: Decide what?

2 MR. BLACK: His ticker decides to quit.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Oh.

4 MR. BLACK: Okay. The only way to get  
5 Rex out of there is on a stretcher. I've seen some  
6 of our EMTs. I don't think they can handle him. So  
7 what are we going to do, kick the window out and  
8 throw him outside?

9 MR. RUMLEY: No. They'll have to come  
10 down the steps.

11 MR. BLACK: He ain't going to come down  
12 the elevator.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. There will have to  
14 be enough people to get him down the steps.

15 MR. BLACK: So it's not going to be --

16 MR. RUMLEY: Not for a hospital, no.  
17 Not for a stretcher.

18 MR. BLACK: No, it's not going to be  
19 handicap accessible, is it?

20 MR. RUMLEY: According to ADA, it is.

21 MS. KELLEY: Wait a minute. I think  
22 I'm following where Tom is going with this because I  
23 have an aunt who is wheelchair bound and I took her  
24 to doctor's offices that were handicap accessible,  
25 to bathrooms that were handicap accessible, yet her

1 wheelchair would not fit in that bathroom and she  
2 would be forced to change clothes or whatever it is  
3 that she needed to do in a waiting room that they  
4 had to close off for her because their handicap was  
5 based on the smallest wheelchair you could get, not  
6 the larger sizes. Not everybody fits in that same  
7 size wheelchair. So it truly isn't handicap access  
8 depending on your wheelchair size.

9 MR. BRADFORD: Thirty-eight is one of  
10 the larger ones.

11 MR. BLACK: Well, no. There is some  
12 that's different. Because we have some individuals,  
13 particularly veterans, who go in a reclined position  
14 that will not fit in that elevator.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Well, I don't know. We're  
16 building it by the ADA. You know, it's all ADA and  
17 that's something --

18 MR. BLACK: But I --

19 MR. CASE: Also, the state fire  
20 marshal's office met with me and Chief Kyzer on it.  
21 He's met on it as well with fire codes and he  
22 permitted --

23 MR. BLACK: I'm glad we've got a hook  
24 and ladder because we'll probably have to have that  
25 to get Rex out of there.

1 MR. SMITH: Why does he keep poking at  
2 you, Rex?

3 MR. HARRISON: I don't know. He's  
4 going to kill me or something.

5 MR. CASE: We've also got specialized  
6 stair chairs to take people up and down stairs that  
7 we use daily.

8 MR. SMITH: Make sure he's got your  
9 phone number.

10 MR. CASE: We have a \$4,000 stair chair  
11 that takes them up and down stairs.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

13 MR. CASE: I believe our EMTs and  
14 firefighters can get about anybody out.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Anymore questions?  
16 That's a good question. Jamey, do you have  
17 anything? You're a contractor.

18 MR. BLEVINS: I do not have anything to  
19 add.

20 MR. BLACK: I could speak to it as an  
21 architect and tell you it's going to look like crap,  
22 but what's that got to do with it? I mean, you're  
23 looking at a building that only has two sides that's  
24 basically original. The other one has the leaning  
25 pole of Trenton.

1 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

2 MR. BLACK: And all the  
3 air-conditioning units. That's the one everybody  
4 sees when they come into town. What an impression.  
5 If you come to the park and you enter from the park,  
6 particularly at night, you get to see a lit-up  
7 electrical box with a nice shadow on the side of the  
8 building. You're going to see it every day. The  
9 only two entrances we have that are close to  
10 original and esthetically pleasing is the north end  
11 that you see coming down through here and the one  
12 that we see from what used to be Brock's Restaurant,  
13 Jo Mama's Wrap now. But that is -- you know, guys,  
14 if we're trying to keep the integrity of the  
15 building, put the elevator over here on the side  
16 where we look at the electrical box.

17 MR. RUMLEY: You're looking at another  
18 100, \$150,000.

19 MR. BLACK: And keep the two sides that  
20 are as close to original esthetically and  
21 architecturally as we can. Whenever you start  
22 tearing into the wall over here, you're going to  
23 destroy the architectural integrity of that  
24 building.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Well, that's all been

1 looked at. The Historical Society has been with us.  
2 There's just a handful of people that feel that way.  
3 I've had, you know, positive calls on this thing  
4 since 2001 really. Because I wasn't even involved.  
5 We let the historical people go in and do this right  
6 here. That's your opinion. We appreciate it.

7 MR. BLACK: Well, you know, I think we  
8 really ought to build McDonald's on the side of the  
9 Lincoln Memorial.

10 MR. RUMLEY: That would be good,  
11 wouldn't it?

12 MR. BLACK: Because that's what we're  
13 going to do.

14 MR. RUMLEY: No. It will look nice.  
15 It will look just like when they built those going  
16 into the capitol at the State of Georgia. You don't  
17 even notice them. You don't even see them. And  
18 that's looking at all angles. In fact, that's what  
19 we were going to design it off of.

20 MR. BLACK: I'm just speaking from two  
21 standpoints, from the -- and from the structural  
22 integrity, I can't speak. Well, yeah, I do. I've  
23 seen waterfalls coming down walls after it's fixed.  
24 But, you know, I just -- I've got some real  
25 questions about that.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we appreciate your  
2 comments. Any other questions?

3 Okay. We'll go ahead and adjourn our  
4 work session and take a five, ten-minute break.  
5 We've got donuts back there. Go ahead and help  
6 yourself. We'll go into our regular meeting here in  
7 just a minute.

8 (Thereupon, a brief recess was  
9 taken.)

10 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call  
11 the meeting to order. Before we get started, I  
12 appreciate all of y'all being here tonight. As  
13 always, I ask Brother Robert Goff here to lead us in  
14 prayer and also the Pledge of Allegiance.

15 (Thereupon, the invocation and  
16 Pledge of Allegiance were  
given.)

17 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regularly  
18 scheduled meeting of the Board of Commission which  
19 takes place at the same time on the first Thursday  
20 of every month. Proper notice of this meeting was  
21 given to our legal organ of the Dade County Sentinel  
22 and has been posted in the hallway of the  
23 Administrative Building. At this time, I do need a  
24 roll call. Mr. Smith?

25 MR. SMITH: Here.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

2 MR. GOFF: Here.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

4 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

5 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

6 Mr. Pittman is on vacation. Actually, he's gone to  
7 Disney World -- Disney Land. Mitchell, do you want  
8 to start with your report, please?

9 MR. SMITH: The county road department  
10 will start here -- when the weather gets -- it's  
11 about ready weather-wise. They'll get started here  
12 as quick as they can. They'll be paving out on  
13 County Road 6, White Oak Gap Road. After they  
14 finish there, they'll be moving to the north end of  
15 the county. They rotate every year which end they  
16 pave in. They're the north end this year.

17 I would like to also remind everybody  
18 the 3 Mountain, 3 State bike event -- it's not a  
19 race. It's an event. It's the Saturday, May 2nd.  
20 So before our next meeting, it will be here, over  
21 and done. I sort of hope they have good weather for  
22 a change, to be honest with you. It seems like  
23 every time it's poured down rain or something has  
24 happened for the thing. That's all I've got for  
25 right now.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I thought the  
2 reason they were paving on the north end is because  
3 you're the commissioner up there.

4 MR. SMITH: No. It rotates.

5 MR. RUMLEY: It just happened to fall  
6 this year.

7 MR. HARRISON: My driveway.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Robert?

9 MR. GOFF: All right. I'm going to  
10 ramble on just a minute. Y'all get ready. House  
11 Bill 170 passed. Now, if you've been in Georgia and  
12 haven't heard that, then you've really not been  
13 paying attention. There's two things you can look  
14 at. If you want to make a copy of this, we'll be  
15 glad to. This is a little summary of it of what  
16 happened.

17 The bill that started out about 40 days  
18 ago under seven pages is now 34. So that's how many  
19 changes and different things that happened. It did  
20 come out better for the county than first -- Dade  
21 County and some other counties than first it looked  
22 like it would. But just to give you the highlights  
23 of what happened, the surcharge or excise tax on  
24 fuel will be 26 cents and on diesel will be 29.  
25 Now, that will go into effect if the governor signs

1 it, my understanding, on July 1st. That will go  
2 into effect. I still get talked to a lot and I'm  
3 sure the other commissioners do of what does that do  
4 to Dade County. It leaves us certainly hanging in  
5 the lurch and unsure.

6 We're in the middle of a budgeting  
7 process. With that fuel excise tax going up, I  
8 can't tell you what a gallon of gasoline or diesel  
9 is going to cost come July 1st and whether it's  
10 going to be more or less, probably more than over in  
11 Tennessee and over in Alabama, which makes us unique  
12 here where we are. As I said two months ago, we are  
13 the worst case scenario, according to the people  
14 that looked me in the eye and told that in Atlanta.

15 They did take our S.P.L.O.S.T out of  
16 it. They're not going to mess with our S.P.L.O.S.T  
17 pennies. But to get some of that money, there was  
18 was -- the Senate wanted to put a \$25 charge on your  
19 tag on your vehicle. They brought that back off  
20 because -- thank God they did because now people --  
21 a lady came in today, had bought a new car a year  
22 ago and buying her first tag and she said my tag  
23 only cost me \$20. Well, I would fear for some lives  
24 in that office if come July and August, September,  
25 people go in and say I've got my \$20. Sorry, it's

1 going to be 45. So you put yourself in that because  
2 the title ad valorem tax was passed. So that did,  
3 but now for tractor-trailers, anything over 26,000  
4 pounds, there's going to be \$100 more when they buy  
5 their tags, permits, whatever you want call it.  
6 There will be a \$5 per night stay on motels all  
7 across the state. Any night that they're rented  
8 except for the extended stays. There's some  
9 exemptions for them.

10           So basically that's not all of it.  
11 There was also another bill kept very quiet or I  
12 would have been rambling on it. It's House bill 106  
13 that passed the Senate, I think, last Friday. And  
14 it in essence will allow a county to get with other  
15 counties or maybe even stand alone and pass or at  
16 least have a referendum for one more -- up to one  
17 more penny and it would be a T.S.P.L.O.S.T for  
18 transportation.

19           If in your counties we only have one  
20 municipality, which is Trenton, if they said we're  
21 not going to do an intergovernmental agreement, then  
22 we could only do three-quarters of a penny,  
23 .75 percent of one penny for the county and that  
24 would be just like the S.P.L.O.S.T. is now. It  
25 would be earmarked for certain projects under your

1 transportation. So that's something we haven't even  
2 had time to digest yet and think about, but it's  
3 something that the good ole folks down in Atlanta  
4 are allowing us to do to help ourself out.

5 I don't know. Eddie and I was just  
6 talking. I don't know come July what -- if our gas  
7 goes up, there's no way -- again, here we are  
8 budgeting and we don't know if there's going to be a  
9 loss in that or not. Hope and pray there's not. If  
10 we are several cents higher than Lookout Valley and  
11 Chattanooga and Jasper, then I would think -- and  
12 the sad part is it's not only the fuel. We're  
13 focused on fuel. A lot of times, honey, I'm going  
14 to in and get a Coke, do you want anything? Yeah,  
15 bring me a bag of chips and a cup of coffee. We  
16 lose those pennies that were not fuel related. So  
17 we would lose more than just sale of fuel.

18 So I think it's better. Is it good, I  
19 don't -- I can't make that prediction, but I would  
20 rather predict that it's not going to be real good  
21 when it's signed and goes into effect. But I will  
22 be able to share or glad to share anything I can.

23 Secondly, back to the county, the  
24 Festival of Life will be June 20th at New Salem.  
25 Keep that in mind. Be thinking about it. Law

1 Enforcement Day, we've already mentioned as far as  
2 the resolution recognition day, May 5th here at the  
3 county court's facility. That is a touching thing  
4 if you come to it because they recognize all the  
5 officers throughout the state that have lost their  
6 lives in this last year.

7           One final note and it goes back to  
8 things I've been talking to some people about. I  
9 got a citizen called me the other day, said you need  
10 to go over on Creek Road, Lookout Creek Road.  
11 Somebody has thrown out some garbage again. Well, I  
12 go over. I said I would go and I do. If you tell  
13 me to go check a road out, I'll try to go. Somebody  
14 has thrown out a big recliner. If they see this on  
15 TV or read it in the paper, it's still there if you  
16 would like to go back and pick it up. It would  
17 probably -- soaking wet now, it would probably a  
18 couple of hundred pounds, but it's on the county  
19 right-of-way.

20           But I got to looking and just off the  
21 county right-of-way was household garbage in plastic  
22 bags that we take for free at our transfer station.  
23 I don't understand. So I went down and looked and  
24 these folks had left some mail in the bags. I don't  
25 know what will be done, but I have -- I have asked

1 somebody to check on that because it's just wrong.  
2 People driving through our county, driving through  
3 our city should not have to see just a dump anywhere  
4 I decide to make one with garbage that wouldn't have  
5 cost me anything. The old recliner would have  
6 probably cost a dollar and a half to get rid of at  
7 the transfer station. Somebody has thrown out about  
8 seven tires right there where you go into a  
9 cemetery, Whitt Cemetery. And if they're looking  
10 and see me, it's just wrong to do that. There's  
11 just no reason for it, especially with household  
12 garbage that you take down to the transfer station.

13           We'll even -- or not we, but the  
14 inmates are down there and will help you unload it  
15 and put it in the dumpster. You don't even have to  
16 get out of the car. So I hope we can get better  
17 than this. It's coming spring time and a lot of  
18 people cleaning and they don't have anything better  
19 to do with their trash than throw it out on city  
20 road, city street, county road, county street. But  
21 it's just wrong and I wanted to say that. If you  
22 see somebody doing it, please give somebody a call  
23 and maybe we can get some things that we can control  
24 or hopefully can control, get them caught up. Thank  
25 you.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Did you pick the couch up?

2 MR. GOFF: I did not get the couch  
3 because I'm going to have to get Billy to go over  
4 there. Oh, by the way, I did ask Billy -- now, we  
5 would have taken the household garbage and we would  
6 have charged a dollar or two for the chair. I asked  
7 Billy to go over there and get that, we're looking  
8 at somewhere like \$100 an hour in manpower and the  
9 vehicles to go over there and pick that up. So when  
10 we're talking about our tax money, which is better  
11 spent, dump it for free or pay taxes to the road  
12 department to take time for two men to go over there  
13 and fish it out and take it over there? Again,  
14 that's our tax money that -- it's your tax money at  
15 work.

16 MR. SMITH: I've got one question for  
17 Robert, Ted. How did Mr. Mullis and Deffenbaugh  
18 vote on House Bill 170?

19 MR. GOFF: Mr. Deffenbaugh on the final  
20 draft voted no. Mr. Mullis did vote yes to send it  
21 back to the House of Representatives. To go back to  
22 them, it was 25 to 29 vote from the Senate. I don't  
23 know the vote right now, but John Deffenbaugh did  
24 vote no on the bill that did pass.

25 MR. RUMLEY: That's a good thing. One

1 other thing that -- I like when Robert leaves  
2 something out. They did pass just this week, this  
3 past week is -- there's been a lot of talk about it  
4 over the years in the state of Georgia, but they did  
5 pass legalization of fireworks. That might not  
6 sound big to a lot of people. Of course, there's  
7 some really strict standards on it. You know, you  
8 won't be able to go out and just put a tent up and  
9 sell them, but from what I read, you've got what  
10 fire codes to meet and all that. But that's  
11 something you'll probably see happen in the county.  
12 It's something we haven't had since the '60s. We  
13 used to have -- used to sell fireworks down at the  
14 old game park on U.S. 11. They outlawed them I  
15 think it was in 1967 or '66. That's something. Not  
16 a real big issue, but it's something --

17 MR. GOFF: No. But while you're on  
18 that, you need to tell them about putting a  
19 cigarette load in my momma's cigarette, too.

20 MR. RUMLEY: I'll tell them that story  
21 one day. His mother worked for my mother for years  
22 at the game park. Ms. Goff, if you knew her, she  
23 didn't smile a whole lot, but she was -- she got mad  
24 at me that day though. Allan, go ahead.

25 MR. BRADFORD: First of all, we have a

1 really great transfer station. If you don't have  
2 the funds or whatever to get rid of that stuff, call  
3 me. I can be there in about five minutes rather  
4 than throw it on the road. I think our transfer  
5 station people do a great job down there, the help  
6 they have and the things they do and they keep it  
7 clean.

8           Also, our road crew, I appreciate  
9 Billy. I had a man complain to me about a road out  
10 on Lookout Mountain on Yankee Road, which is the end  
11 of the world. But anyway, I guess I batted 500. I  
12 went out there and marked four poles and two of them  
13 was in Walker County, but that's okay. We've got  
14 the ones in Dade County repaired and I've already  
15 had a good thank you. I appreciate what they've  
16 been doing. I think they put in three tiles today  
17 or two and a half -- five in today. He's done more  
18 after I talked to him. But anyway, our road crew  
19 does a great job with the amount of people that we  
20 have.

21           And another thing, I would like to  
22 thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers as my  
23 dad passed away. I don't think I ever stood at  
24 attention for four and a half hours of my life.  
25 Even in the military I didn't do that. I didn't

1 think I was ever going to get down from there. So I  
2 thank everyone who came by and everyone who said a  
3 prayer.

4           And my next thing is I don't know why  
5 Zack Stone is sitting in the back. You would think  
6 he would be like a Baptist minister up here sitting  
7 on the front. He won the rifle with the drawing  
8 down at the American Legion. It was a very nice  
9 rifle. He hasn't said nothing to anybody. I called  
10 him and he wasn't sure what to say, but that's okay.  
11 It was really nice. Now we're going to have a  
12 raffle for a safe, which is a very nice safe. It's  
13 about \$2,200. You can buy five tickets for \$20 or  
14 you can buy one for \$5. Tom Black has them with him  
15 tonight.

16           One thing for the veterans that Ted and  
17 I have been talking to different people. We had a  
18 lady come and talk to us. At the last meeting I  
19 said we were going to have an individual rep here in  
20 Trenton once a month. That's not happening yet. It  
21 could be as far away as July. But they have -- the  
22 opening is in Lafayette. They work five days a week  
23 and you can go there anytime or call. I have the  
24 number if anyone needs it. And if you're having a  
25 problem with your benefits or whatever, just get in

1 touch with me. I have a lady's number that I can  
2 call for help with whatever. She's very nice and  
3 she's very helpful, but they are working to get us  
4 an individual here for the veterans.

5 Another thing is Bill Lockhart. We  
6 really didn't get a chance, but I would like to work  
7 on a proclamation for him at the next meeting so we  
8 can get his daughters here. I think one is out of  
9 country and I think one is out of the state and one  
10 is in the city. But I would like to do a  
11 proclamation for Bill Lockhart. I don't know how  
12 many of you worked with him during the tornadoes,  
13 but I worked with him and we used 500 gallons of  
14 propane cooking and heating during that time and he  
15 was 99 percent of that. So I think he deserves a  
16 Bill Lockhart Day. And his Memorial is this  
17 Saturday at 12:00 is visitation. 1:00 is the  
18 funeral or whatever you want to call it, memorial.

19 MR. HARRISON: Celebration of life.

20 MR. BRADFORD: Wherever you went in  
21 Trenton, Bill Lockhart was there. He used to give  
22 me a hard time, but we still were friends. If you  
23 get a chance, it wouldn't hurt to go by there.  
24 That's all I have.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Touching with that

1 meeting, I was going to mention. I'm glad you did,  
2 with the VA representative. She was a person that I  
3 had never talked to. I talked to her over the  
4 phone, but never met her. She didn't just say we  
5 might get a representative. She said in July that  
6 he would -- they're scheduling this boy that's over  
7 there now in Lafayette and he would be our rep. She  
8 did brag on him. He's really a good person and all.  
9 She did say like Allan that during the meantime --  
10 of course, it's a long drive over there, but he will  
11 be there five days a week and they will answer the  
12 phone. It won't just ring and ring and ring. You  
13 know, because I've called over there a lot with no  
14 answer.

15 MR. BRADFORD: She said that wouldn't  
16 happen again. She assured us.

17 MR. RUMLEY: I felt a lot better about  
18 it. Because we had someone in there today, didn't  
19 we, Robert. You were talking to a lady there and,  
20 you know, she was talking about how far it was to  
21 Lafayette and all. Hopefully, that's something that  
22 will be remedied soon.

23 On my report, you know, a lot of the  
24 time that I've spent this month has been with Don  
25 and our elected officials on the budget. Of course,

1 we'll give you a full report on that by the end of  
2 this -- our next meeting, we can go into some really  
3 in-depth discussions, you know, with you and go over  
4 everything that we're working on. This time of year  
5 is really a stressful kind of blood pressure time  
6 for myself and Don and all the commissioners.  
7 Sporadically they come in and sit in. Robert sits  
8 in.

9                   But everything really -- I know Don and  
10 I were talking about it today. I feel good about it  
11 up to this point. I really do. I feel good about  
12 everyone is on board. They know where we're at.  
13 They're working real well with us. We haven't  
14 gotten to the sheriff or the jail yet. That's  
15 always the big one. That's where the money is at.  
16 We'll come to that next week.

17                   We had another meeting, another fly-in,  
18 call it what you what with the IDA, State of  
19 Georgia. They brought some people in here, another  
20 manufacturer. Don't know really what they do. I do  
21 know they would employ around 435 to 475 people,  
22 which is great. They are a manufacturer and they're  
23 really interested in what we showed them and I feel  
24 that they'll be back. So I did report last month on  
25 another group and they have -- they came back for

1 the second time. We've not heard anything back. So  
2 we've got really two major employers. You know,  
3 they're not employing like 50 or 75 people. This  
4 really could be a good thing for us.

5 We did have -- talking about the IDA or  
6 Industrial Park, we did have another train hit a  
7 truck just south -- or north of the Industrial Park  
8 there yesterday. Actually, it was kind of odd  
9 because today -- almost the same time when the train  
10 hit the truck up there, today is the anniversary for  
11 the fellow that actually lost his life there just  
12 about three crossings up. And so we -- it's not a  
13 good thing. But Robin -- in fact, we'll talk a  
14 little bit about that when Robin reports. He can  
15 bring us up-to-date on the county, what our part  
16 possibly could be in that.

17 The SETDA, which is Southeastern  
18 Tennessee Development District, which we are a part  
19 of. We have been for years. We meet quarterly in  
20 Chattanooga. They've helped us over the years on  
21 some of our transportation money over the years.  
22 They're one of the ones that's going to be directly  
23 responsible for handling the money for replacing  
24 through GDOT this bridge up on 299 when that  
25 happens, which it probably will happen next year it

1 looks like. They are really pushing the --  
2 something that's been talked about since the '90s,  
3 which is a east/west corridor, which would put us  
4 from I-75 into 24. And that's all kind of firing  
5 back up and they're really -- they're wanting to  
6 take the truck traffic, what they can off of  
7 Chattanooga downtown. They're trying to actually  
8 start the fire back up to work with Georgia and  
9 hopefully that -- of course, the route that's being  
10 looked at would be 2A and 2A would extend either  
11 over or through or whatever the mountain to tie in  
12 up here at 24 where the split is at. So that's  
13 something in the next year or so you're going to  
14 start hearing a lot more about it. Because traffic  
15 seems like even more just in the last or so in  
16 Chattanooga, I don't care when you go through there,  
17 it seems like, you know, you're going to be stopped.  
18 Whether there's a wreck or not, it funnels down and  
19 you're sitting there. So that's something to kind  
20 of pay attention to.

21           Robert did mention the Kelly Moore --  
22 or the actual June 20th. The actual celebration  
23 is going to be in memory of Kelly Moore. I think  
24 there's five different families that's going to be  
25 helped, maybe six this year, which is a good thing.

1 It's really -- if you didn't go last year, you need  
2 to try this year and go. Go there and you'll  
3 feel -- it's just a special feeling. It's kind of a  
4 blessing. Try to make that event.

5           And also, I will just in ending speak  
6 about Bill Lockhart. Try to go down there and show  
7 your respects to this man. Ole Bill was a little  
8 rough around the edges, but let me tell you  
9 something, he got things done. For those of you  
10 that worked for him, you know. You could put him in  
11 charge of something and all and he would make it  
12 happen. So he'll be missed. No doubt.

13           Have you got anything else to add,  
14 Mitchell? Allan? Okay. Number three, Marshanna.  
15 Marshanna Sharp with our Dade County Public Library.

16           MS. SHARP: I did some pictures y'all  
17 can just pass around, some things that happened this  
18 month at the library. We had our prime time, the  
19 grant that we received from the state. We had 17  
20 families that signed up and 12 that actually  
21 finished the program. We have two more sessions in  
22 this series and then we'll be finished with that  
23 grant and we may look at continuing the program at  
24 the library.

25           We participated in the Read to Lead at

1 the square the 21st and Amanda Clark at Family  
2 Connections, she did a great job. She did most of  
3 the organization of that event. Some of y'all were  
4 there and we had -- we lost count. There was a lot  
5 of people. There was probably over five or 600  
6 people there. I know we were giving out bags and  
7 things and some of us had over 300 and they were all  
8 gone. We had a lot of people.

9           We do have a family connections meeting  
10 at the library on the fourth Thursday of every month  
11 except for in April and we're going to have it on  
12 the 30th. It's open to the public. It's open for  
13 everybody. If any of y'all have not ever been, you  
14 should come. We usually have about 26 to 27  
15 agencies there, people from Chattanooga, Walker  
16 County, Catoosa County, United Way, Food Bank.  
17 There's tons of people at those meetings. We have  
18 them every month and we do a lot of things. We get  
19 together and, you know, people -- we want the public  
20 to come and let us know what they see. It's mainly  
21 about families and what families need. So, you  
22 know, we need to know from the public what they  
23 want. So come to the meeting and let us know.  
24 That's how that all came to be is we had a committee  
25 that worked on that.

1           We did a program with Tree City today.  
2 We had over 60 -- with the kids and we had over 60  
3 people that attended and Eloise gave trees to  
4 everybody. So in April we're going to have a  
5 genealogy workshop on the 17th. If anybody wants  
6 to look up their family history, we have some  
7 volunteers coming in and they're going to assist you  
8 and show you how to do ancestral and all that and  
9 it's going to be from 12:00 to 6:00. You've got  
10 plenty of time. It's on the 17th.

11           Computer classes, beginning computer  
12 classes. I have a lot of people ask, don't even  
13 know how to cut a computer on. Whatever you need to  
14 know, we're going to teach you that day. We're  
15 going to do one at 10:00 and one at 6:00. It's  
16 probably better if you call and sign up. I'll go  
17 ahead and take you if we have a full class. We're  
18 just going to work one-on-one, just the basics  
19 though.

20           And then the 21st is the library's  
21 friend meeting and book club. And on the 23rd is  
22 our board meeting. So if you want to know how our  
23 budgets go or anything like that, you're welcome.  
24 They're always open to the public. We have to  
25 announce them. But our board meeting is going to be

1 April 23rd.

2           We received a grant. I am so excited.  
3 We have a 3D printer. We have a scanner and --  
4 well, a 3D scanner and we have some Chrome boxes and  
5 Kindles and we have an air printer now. So if  
6 you're going through Trenton and you need to print  
7 something off your phone, you can come in and print  
8 off your phone, your tablets and everything. So we  
9 had a lot of requests. We received a grant from the  
10 State and we were able to -- it was just for  
11 technology and we were able to buy all that stuff.

12           The printers are not set up yet. The  
13 3D printer is not set up yet, but we hope to have it  
14 set up by the end of the month. So it's really  
15 cool. Do you have any questions? Thank you for  
16 your support.

17           MR. RUMLEY: Rich, you're next. Come  
18 up. Tell us who you are and who you represent.

19           WOODY WALDEN: I'm Woody Walden and I  
20 represent the Extension Agency over down at the  
21 middle school.

22           MR. RUMLEY: Speak as loud as you can.  
23 I don't know if that microphone is on.

24           WOODY WALDEN: On the 10th of this  
25 month, there were the CCRPI lessons in fifth grade.

1 And the 3rd, there were the regularly monthly 4-H  
2 Club meetings and we also had the junior and senior  
3 project achievement and the participants were Jordan  
4 Frazier, Allison Eddington, Zane Henderson, Woody  
5 Walden, Cody Doyle and Casey Howard. And Dade  
6 County also received the increased participation  
7 award.

8                   We had the BB area qualification match  
9 held in Walker County. One team and three  
10 individuals qualified for the state match. The team  
11 consisted of Alex Jones, Jaycie Sewell, Makenna  
12 Case, Joanna Rosenbalm, Dennis -- Hunter Dennis, Ann  
13 Briann Cox. The individuals that qualified were  
14 Hayden Wood, Isaiah Donaldson and Cara Wood. And we  
15 had Alex Jones who won second place individual in  
16 the chrome position.

17                   Shotgun practice is going well with the  
18 new thrower. There was a good turnout for the  
19 vegetable garden class and the pasture weed control  
20 class. We also hosted the monthly Tri-State  
21 Cattlemen's Association meeting. The upcoming  
22 events are the state BB competition in Rock Eagle,  
23 area poultry judging contest in Henry County, egg  
24 candling class in Walker County. You must sign up.  
25 And Ms. Katie attended the herb day, the Adcock

1 livestock meeting in Fort Valley. She also attended  
2 the state ANR Spring conference in Cordell, which is  
3 going on right now.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Good report. Any  
5 questions? Okay. Thanks. Good report. We're  
6 proud of you.

7 All right. We're down to number six,  
8 Zach Stone. He is our director of the Dade County  
9 Chamber of Commerce.

10 MR. STONE: All right. I'm going to do  
11 it a little differently. I'm still going to read,  
12 but I'm going to try to have a little more animation  
13 myself. So our main event of the year is our annual  
14 business banquet that's coming up. This year we're  
15 proud to have the Georgia State Insurance  
16 Commissioner, Ralph Hutchins. He's a state-wide  
17 elected official, as most of you guys know. He's  
18 charged with overseeing all state insurance,  
19 including healthcare, which I think even in the  
20 County is probably one of the biggest fixed expenses  
21 that you guys have.

22 Our banquet is a time to recognize our  
23 nominees. We have six different categories, the  
24 Bill O'Neal Award, which is a lifetime achievement  
25 award. We have educator of the year, citizen of the

1 year, small business of the year, corporation of the  
2 year and nonprofit of the year. Next week we'll  
3 be -- I think this week we have more of a bio for  
4 the commissioners and next week we'll have all our  
5 nominees in the paper. The theme this year is the  
6 roaring '20s, so I expect all you guys to be there  
7 and dressed up, right?

8 MR. RUMLEY: Believe me, Robert can  
9 handle it.

10 MR. STONE: It will be at Sunrise Farm.  
11 Tickets are 25 bucks and I've got tickets here with  
12 me tonight. So I'll just be standing around here  
13 waiting on you guys. We had our monthly luncheon  
14 this past month. Featured speaker was Sandra  
15 Cordell. She's from UTC's College of Business  
16 School. It's a really neat program. She spoke  
17 about the veteran's entrepreneurship program, which  
18 is a program. There's only three in the country  
19 that they have right now. It's obviously geared to  
20 veterans, but it's anyone that possibly could want  
21 to have an -- you know, any kind of entrepreneurship  
22 idea. They have a year-long program completely  
23 free. So it was -- it was, you know, a neat  
24 lecture. She said afterwards that she had quite a  
25 few people contact her. They were happy about that.

1           The other thing that was really good  
2 about it was Travis Louderback from Tom Graves'  
3 office was here and he was -- he was impressed by  
4 the program and said this is something they plan on  
5 trying to get with her and offer it to other  
6 counties. So that was really nice as well.

7           You know, obviously, we hope to  
8 continue to be able to collaborate with local  
9 veterans and our local educational institutions. In  
10 addition, our luncheons are going to be moved to  
11 every other month. Our next luncheon is going to be  
12 on May 15th. We've got Dr. Larry Johnson. He's the  
13 dean of the Dalton State School of Business, which  
14 is going to be pretty good as well. He's going to  
15 be speaking on current economic conditions,  
16 development in the area and kind of forecast for the  
17 economics in the northwest Georgia region.

18           We also participated in the Read to  
19 Lead Program. It was awesome. We really enjoyed  
20 it. Marshanna helped us with our idea, which was  
21 the treasure map and it went over pretty well. So  
22 like I said, we were really happy to do that and  
23 that was a lot of fun.

24           Some of our other stuff, we just sent  
25 out our Chamber gram this month. It's completely

1 different than anything we've done in the past.  
2 Instead of just being one page of just a little bit  
3 of information, this was six pages with a whole lot  
4 of information. It's things that different people  
5 in the community and the business leaders have been  
6 kind of asking for. So any input you guys have on  
7 it as well, any way we can change that up, that  
8 would be much appreciated.

9           Another really good thing we did, we  
10 were invited and attended the Friends of Cloudland  
11 Canyon annual dinner. This has not been any kind of  
12 relationship we've had before. I don't know if  
13 you've been involved in the organization at all, but  
14 it is huge. And so we're trying to develop a  
15 relationship with them, had quite a few meetings  
16 with them already. We're hoping for greater  
17 collaboration with this group in order to promote  
18 more tourism in Dade County. They said they have  
19 not had any kind of collaboration so far with the  
20 Chamber.

21           So on the other side of it, we hosted  
22 one ribbon cutting this past month. We added  
23 several new members, included some from the friends  
24 organization. They were like I'm glad you guys are  
25 taking an interest. So now we want to be a part of

1 what you guys are doing. We have two new board  
2 members, Jennifer McDaniel of Junk Salvation and Jim  
3 Tinker, who is retired from the county.

4           Some of our updates last time we talked  
5 about are welcome packets that we were putting  
6 together. Everything is finished with that except  
7 we're waiting on the assessor's office for the maps  
8 they're putting together for us. That's the only  
9 hold-up there.

10           With the IDA as you were speaking about  
11 earlier, we've been collaborating on a brochure that  
12 we can send out to people. I spoke to Peter about  
13 it today. We're in the final, final, final stages  
14 of this. So hopefully next time we'll be able to  
15 have that. And finally, any kind of suggestions  
16 that you guys may have or whatever, you guys all  
17 have my number. Feel free to give me a call. Any  
18 questions?

19           MR. RUMLEY: Now, the banquet, did you  
20 say where it's going to be, Sunrise out on Sand  
21 Mountain?

22           MR. STONE: I may not have said it. So  
23 I'll mention it one more time. We've got our  
24 banquet and I've got plenty of tickets with me  
25 tonight. That's pretty much it.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?

2 Thank you.

3 Do we have anyone here from the City of  
4 Trenton tonight to talk? IDA?

5 Okay. Don, I'll turn it over to you,  
6 our county finance officer.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: As of March 31st,  
8 2015, the general fund had a balance of one  
9 million --

10 MR. RUMLEY: Is your mic on?

11 MR. TOWNSEND: January -- back up.  
12 Strike that from the record.

13 As of March 31st, 2015, the general  
14 fund had a balance of \$1,526,879. We also have in  
15 the general fund certificate of deposits, 300,000  
16 for a total general fund balance of \$1,826,879.  
17 Federal asset fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288; sheriff's  
18 special fund, \$17,798; drug abuse education fund,  
19 \$88,498; supplemental juvenile services fund,  
20 \$23,986; victim assistance fund, \$2,384. Jail fund,  
21 \$34,449. Federal asset fund, Department of Justice,  
22 \$742. Employee flexible spending account, \$25,522.  
23 Payroll account, \$292,683. And in the 2009  
24 S.P.L.O.S.T. funds, we have in the construction  
25 account \$150; projects account, \$19,524 and proceeds

1 account, \$1,011,408.

2           The 2015 S.P.L.O.S.T, we have  
3 capitalized interest for the general obligation,  
4 sales tax bonds for the City of Trenton, debt  
5 service account of \$26,347. Series 2013 bonds, the  
6 IDA construction Series B is a balance of \$170,084.

7           Again, to repeat, we do have three  
8 certificates of deposit. Each are \$100,000.  
9 There's currently two at Citizen's Bank and one at  
10 Bank of Dade. Both of those are earning a massive  
11 amount of interest, 0.25 percent. And I'm not  
12 saying that against the bank. That's just the prime  
13 rate. So we still love you, Bank of Dade and  
14 Citizen's Bank.

15           As of February 28th, 2015, we have  
16 the different departmental revenues and you see for  
17 the month of February, we -- revenues for the month  
18 were \$470,799.99 and monthly budget should have been  
19 right at 468,804. So we were over \$1,995. Pretty  
20 close. That's when we're over in revenue, that's a  
21 good thing.

22           Year-to-date, we have collected  
23 \$6,000,955.99. We have budgeted \$7,026,134. We  
24 were under or short \$71,035 as of year-to-date,  
25 collected at 76.90 percent. For the month of

1 February for expenses, they came in at \$577,275.  
2 Budgeted was 664,045. So we were under budget  
3 \$86,770. And then for year-to-date expenses we  
4 spent \$5,345,066 and had budgeted \$5,795,528. So we  
5 were under \$450,462 for the year.

6 Budget attained this far along was  
7 66.67. That's where we should be. Revenues  
8 attained were 76.90. Expenses attained were 59.79.  
9 Revenues less expenses for February on the actual  
10 comparing revenues again to expenses, short \$106,475  
11 and then revenues less expenses year-to-date were  
12 \$1,610,032. We budgeted 1,230 605, so we were under  
13 budget \$379,426 for the month.

14 The following six pages are the  
15 breakdown of the project variance report for each  
16 fund and each general ledger number for the county.  
17 Then local option sales tax for the month of March,  
18 in my opinion, is extremely low. It seems to be --  
19 March seems to be our lowest month if you look back  
20 at the averages. I don't know what that's about.  
21 It used to be February, but now it's March. It came  
22 in at \$129,530.06. Special purpose local option  
23 sales tax came in at \$161,913.50.

24 That's a breakdown of the S.P.L.O.S.T  
25 on the next few pages. Then at the very end of the

1 report, we have for July 1st, 2014, through  
2 February 28, 2015, year-to-date tax collections for  
3 FY2015. The tax commissioner's office was  
4 \$3,677,494, which is a 3.43 percent increase for the  
5 year. So that concludes the report.

6 I would like to say that we have --  
7 again, with the three certificates of deposit, the  
8 three CDs, it's my understanding we want to continue  
9 to do that as long as we think we can afford it. So  
10 with this vote will be the authority to purchase  
11 another \$100,000 CD on April 15th. This time will  
12 be at the Bank of Dade. I'm buying one at each bank  
13 on the 15th of each month rotating each bank every  
14 other month.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for Don?  
16 Mitchell? If not, I'll entertain a motion to  
17 approve our financial report as submitted by Don  
18 Townsend.

19 MR. BRADFORD: I'll make a motion.

20 MR. GOFF: I'll second.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I have a vote and a  
22 second. I'll call a vote. Mr. Smith?

23 MR. SMITH: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

25 MR. GOFF: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

2 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

4 Thank you.

5 Robin, do you have anything you want to  
6 report? You know, we talked a little bit. I want  
7 you to touch on the paperwork.

8 MR. ROGERS: The County has received --  
9 it's called an ante litem notice and that's a notice  
10 that the statute requires that someone provide the  
11 county within a year of an incident happening and  
12 you're required to provide that before you can file  
13 a lawsuit against the county and you have two years  
14 to do that on a personal injury case. So it's  
15 required that the notice be provided, although it's  
16 not necessary that litigation actually fall.

17 I mean, we get these probably -- not  
18 that often frankly. And I would say there's  
19 actually litigation that's filed maybe half of the  
20 cases. The other half, you never hear anything  
21 more. So the purpose of the statute requiring the  
22 ante litem notice, that is just to allow the County  
23 to have knowledge or notice that it's out there and  
24 also to begin preparing for that in their budget if  
25 they choose to do so. That's really the statutory

1 reasons you have it.

2 But anyway, we received the ante litem  
3 notice from the Estate of Alvin Yont, who is the  
4 person who was killed in the railroad crossing about  
5 a year ago. So whether or not there will actually  
6 be a lawsuit filed, you just don't know. But that's  
7 where we are on that.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robin. All  
9 right. The reading of the minutes of last month's  
10 regular meeting and any special-called meeting will  
11 not be required since all Commissioners have been  
12 furnished copies in advance. The minutes are public  
13 record and available for review in our Commission  
14 office. The minutes are included in our consent  
15 agenda. At this time, Don, I would like you to read  
16 the consent agenda and we will consider.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: Approval of the agenda  
18 as presented, approval of previous meeting minutes;  
19 review of personnel status report; proclamation for  
20 Georgia Manufacturer's Appreciation Week April 13th  
21 through the 17th; proclamation for Trenton/Dade  
22 Optimist Club Respect for Law Week, May 3rd through  
23 the 9th; Resolution R-21-15 authorizing  
24 administrative signatories on retirement plans as  
25 presented.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or  
2 comments? Any changes? Okay. If not, I'll  
3 entertain a motion to approve.

4 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

6 MR. GOFF: Second.

7 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote.

8 Mr. Smith?

9 MR. SMITH: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

11 MR. GOFF: Yes.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

13 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. Of  
15 course, Mr. Pittman is out. 7B --

16 MR. TOWNSEND: That's an error. I  
17 didn't mean to put that.

18 MR. RUMLEY: I wondered. I thought we  
19 had taken care of that in January.

20 Okay. Anyone want to come up tonight  
21 and talk to us? Number eight. Come up and talk to  
22 us about anything. Come up, Tom.

23 MR. BLACK: I'm not going to fuss at  
24 you about the elevator. I've got a couple of other  
25 things that I want to be addressing. First of all,

1 Robert, I would rather have that chair at my house  
2 than the three dogs because I've got three dogs  
3 that's eating me out of house and home.

4 MR. GOFF: If they need a chair to  
5 sleep in, this is a big one.

6 MR. BLACK: I know. They get dropped  
7 off our way, too. On House Bill 170, is off-road  
8 diesel going to be exempt from ad valorem tax or  
9 have you heard? I've never been able to get that  
10 question answered. Because that affects --

11 MR. GOFF: I'll tell you what I'll do,  
12 I'll give you the bill and you'll have everything  
13 they passed. If you can make sense --

14 MR. RUMLEY: What was your question,  
15 Tom? I couldn't understand what you said.

16 MR. BLACK: Off-road diesel, is that --  
17 because, see, that affects our farmers and our  
18 construction people.

19 MR. RUMLEY: I would say there's about  
20 a 90 percent chance that's exempt, maybe 99 percent.

21 MR. BRADFORD: What I had read was it's  
22 exempt.

23 MR. BLACK: Because nobody had ever --

24 MR. RUMLEY: That's a good question.  
25 That's something we can find out tomorrow.

1           MR. GOFF: They should make up for that  
2 on the jet fuel because I think they put --

3           MR. BLACK: Also, piggy backing on what  
4 Allan said, any veteran that needs transportation to  
5 Lafayette, we will make sure. Contact me. We will  
6 make sure they get there. Okay. There is -- and I  
7 know it's hard for some veterans to go, but some  
8 don't drive well and all that. As much as we can,  
9 the American Legion Post will take care of that.

10           The other thing -- I'll get to mental  
11 health in a minute. I've got another thing here,  
12 too, that's been kind of bugging on me a little bit.  
13 If you haven't been from Jasper over to Wal-Mart on  
14 the other side of town, if you'll notice there's a  
15 real nice building on the left-hand side on old 41  
16 and what it is is Chattanooga State has a satellite  
17 school there. Gentlemen, I really think we ought to  
18 explore here because let's face it, our basic  
19 industry here is metal working. We need to see if  
20 we can't get in conjunction with Northwest. Even if  
21 we have to use -- find some building somewhere, some  
22 vacant building somewhere and get an area because  
23 the schools have fell down on vocational training.

24           I'm an old vocational teacher, so I  
25 know that. But we should be teaching skills and

1 those skills -- welding, occupational health.  
2 There's things that our kids could come to here and  
3 not have to drive across Lookout Mountain every  
4 foggy morning to go. I think that we would well  
5 spend some very good tax dollars in that area, not  
6 only for children, but for adult education, too. I  
7 really think we ought to look at that and see if we  
8 can't get something going over here.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Well, the footwork right  
10 now is happening, you know, for the past six to nine  
11 months through the Regional Commission, you know.  
12 They're at every regional meeting that we have and  
13 it's -- they're working now through the high school  
14 and Cherie Swader can come -- I may get her to come  
15 talk about that. What we're trying to do is get  
16 that footprint set and then let them establish --  
17 we've offered them property to actually build a  
18 satellite.

19 I mean, because out of all these  
20 counties per capita, no, we're not big, but we've  
21 got this chain -- this Lookout Mountain here. It's  
22 just like we're fighting to -- we fought for the  
23 driver's license people. Now they're pulling our  
24 forestry. They're pulling people away from our  
25 forestry department. Our road department down here,

1 our DOT, you know, now we've got two. We've got to  
2 keep up with this and fight for -- or we're not  
3 going to get anything. But that's something that's  
4 really important.

5 MR. BLACK: I understand they're trying  
6 to do some things at the high school level. I get  
7 to see it. But the thing is at high school, it's  
8 career exploration. You know as well as I do. If  
9 you ever took the ag classes and all that, whenever  
10 you left, you could lay out a barn. You could lay  
11 out a house. You could lay out a building. You  
12 could weld. You were a pretty good electrician.  
13 You knew the basics. But what I'm talking about is  
14 be able to graduate certified welders, carpenters.  
15 Apprentice ready carpenters, plumbers, electricians.  
16 Tried to find an electrician in Dade County lately?  
17 All of our electricians work out of town. Try to  
18 find a plumber. You know, we've got one or two and  
19 he'll get to you -- unless your house is flooding,  
20 it's three or four weeks before he gets here.

21 So we've got to turn out some people,  
22 particularly welders that we could do a lot in that  
23 area in vocational education that we're -- our kids  
24 wouldn't have to travel 50 miles to go to. And it  
25 would save the family some money, too.

1           Okay. Now then, let's get to mental  
2 health, what I actually got up here for. That's  
3 just some things that's been kind of bugging me.

4           We are going to try to -- or I am going  
5 to try to establish a NOMH chapter. Any of you know  
6 what NOMH is? Okay. It's a National Alliance for  
7 Mental Health. It's a national organization and all  
8 the work that they do is research based. They  
9 assist with families who have had suicide, dealing  
10 with mental illness. It's basically grass roots  
11 peer-to-peer and I am going to try to get some of  
12 that going here.

13           I tried to -- the advocacy group, the  
14 young people that started, I've tried to get in  
15 touch with them. They've not called me back, but  
16 this is something they could really get involved in.  
17 But I'm going to try to get the Legion to back this  
18 and do some work in this area.

19           Supposedly, all the changes in the  
20 mental health department, addictive disease  
21 department, developmental disabilities will all be  
22 in place on July 1. That's the story that they tell  
23 us. And now the reality is this, the people who are  
24 supposed to be over the CFBs, which is Lookout  
25 Mountain Community Services will not take over July.

1 Now, they were supposed to take over the first of  
2 July. Now they're going to take over January 1.  
3 They're still kind of groping in the dark. We don't  
4 really have a handle on how things are going to  
5 shake out. One thing that I did try to do and we  
6 didn't get it done this time. Hopefully, next time  
7 we will. I am the only representative from Dade  
8 County -- that we get two. It's based on  
9 population. And I said the reason why we need two,  
10 all counties need two is so we can stagger the terms  
11 because it is a limited term. So if you're limited  
12 to two terms. So if we appointed somebody for two  
13 years and two years more, we appointed somebody  
14 else, then we could stagger so we have continuity  
15 where we just don't have somebody walking in and  
16 it's all new to them and they've never been there  
17 before. Hopefully that will get changed next year.  
18 We thought we were going to get it this year, but it  
19 didn't happen. But I've been pushing for that also.

20           But once again, we're still seeing a  
21 lot of people falling through the cracks. Finding  
22 somebody to talk to because as it stands right now,  
23 a lot of the people that's in authority don't know  
24 what their authority is because they haven't been  
25 told. But that's basically what's going on in the

1 mental health end of it.

2 But gentlemen, I really suggest  
3 strongly that we look at maybe getting a satellite  
4 school here. Because if we could do that, that  
5 would be good for our young people and good for some  
6 of the people that's been out of work that can go  
7 back and train and they don't have to drive 50 miles  
8 to it. That's all I have, gentlemen.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Anyone else want to  
10 come up? If not, I need to entertain a motion to go  
11 into executive session pertaining to some discussion  
12 on some real estate.

13 MR. GOFF: I make a motion we enter  
14 executive session for real estate.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

16 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

17 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.  
18 Smith?

19 MR. SMITH: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman is out. Mr.  
21 Goff?

22 MR. GOFF: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

24 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. All

1 right. We shouldn't be too long.

2 (Thereupon, the Commissioners  
3 retired to executive session.)

4 MR. RUMLEY: I need a motion to come  
5 out of executive session.

6 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

7 MR. SMITH: Second.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.  
9 Smith?

10 MR. SMITH: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman? Mr. Goff?

12 MR. GOFF: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

14 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

16 Okay. In executive session, it was strictly an  
17 informative executive session. So there was no  
18 action taken, no need for action. So at this time  
19 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

20 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

22 MR. GOFF: Second.

23 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.  
24 Smith?

25 MR. SMITH: Yes.

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MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

MR. GOFF: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

Thank you all for staying.

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