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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2015

1 MR. RUMLEY: Go ahead and call the
2 meeting to order. May 7th, 2015. Appreciate
3 everyone staying with us here through the work
4 sessions. As always, ask Brother Robert Goff to
5 lead us in prayer and also Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (Whereupon, the invocation and Pledge
7 of Allegiance were given.)

8 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert.

9 This is the regular scheduled meeting of
10 the Dade County Board of Commissioners. It takes
11 place at the same time on the first Thursday of
12 every month. Proper notice of this meeting was
13 given to our legal organ, the Dade County Sentinel,
14 and has posted in the hallway of the administrative
15 building. At this time I do need a roll call.

16 Mr. Smith?

17 MR. SMITH: Here.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

19 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

21 MR. GOFF: Here.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

23 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Chair is present.

25 Mitchell, you want to start with your

1 district report, community report?

2 MR. SMITH: I'd like to say that the
3 three-state event finally went off. It was on a
4 sunny Saturday. And from my understanding, without
5 the first EMS call. And that's been a real while.
6 So glad they enjoyed it. I will say there was at
7 least one close call and Rex knows sort of this
8 happens pretty well all the time. Coming around the
9 state line there are people that try to come a
10 little too fast and one guy tried to -- when he come
11 around, tried to take a bike with him, but the
12 cyclist got out of the way. I was there. I seen
13 it. Not a real good curve at times.

14 MR. RUMLEY: And that was, what, last
15 year or year before last? When was that?

16 MR. SMITH: No. That happened almost
17 this year.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, this year.

19 MR. SMITH: Just almost. It didn't
20 happen.

21 MR. RUMLEY: I didn't hear that.

22 MR. SMITH: But it was close.

23 For the month of April the 911 center had
24 \$2,180 total dispatch calls; 371, which was EMS; 276
25 fire and rescue; 23 forestry and public works

1 combined; 1,510 law enforcement calls dispatched.

2 Weather permitting, I know we talked about
3 this last time, but hopefully, weather permitting,
4 the paving will start Tuesday on County Road 6 and
5 then move north.

6 I've done a little checking on the Highway
7 299 bridge project. Well, the public notice went
8 out 4/24 of this year. Request for qualifications
9 is due 5/26. Their deadline to get them back in,
10 6/19. The deadline for the State is 6/26. Then
11 GDOT will inform those that are allowed to bid on
12 the project, 7/14. They'll issue their RFP -- I
13 mean 7/14, 7/17. Their deadline to get everything
14 in is 10/16. The public opening is supposed to be
15 on 10/30 of this year. So won't happen until
16 sometime in '16 or '17, probably, is my best guess.

17 And I know we discussed before about the
18 width of the bridge. Some of us were concerned
19 about it. According to the project concept report,
20 I pulled it off today, this will have two 12-foot
21 travel lanes. Two 8-foot shoulders, which would
22 allow, when and if, 299 was to ever be a turn lane
23 put in; they could have a turn lane with that bridge
24 there. So that would work out and be okay instead
25 of having to spend the money to add another bridge

1 to take care of the turn lane.

2 And that's what I have.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you.

4 Mitchell.

5 Scottie?

6 MR. PITTMAN: Well, the early season

7 of the ball tournaments or ballgames down at the

8 Four Fields started off kind of wet.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Surely not.

10 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. March was not a

11 good month. Luckily in the last few months it dried

12 up. Billy said we're -- not Billy. Stacy said

13 we've got -- we're playing about 30-plus games a

14 week down there on Tuesday night, Thursday night.

15 Tonight there's six games going on.

16 Soccer fields, we put some lighting up, we

17 talked about earlier in the year. We've set our

18 bases for the back baseball field and the soccer

19 fields. We've got seven of the ten completed.

20 Should have the other three completed in the next

21 week, week and a half. And there's probably 60

22 kids -- around 60 kids playing spring soccer. Right

23 now they're being held up because of installing

24 these lighting bases. The lighting bases are the

25 big concrete pads that eventually our light poles

1 will go on to provide adequate lighting at the
2 soccer and baseball fields.

3 But everything's going good. Stacy's
4 keeping the ball fields in good shape. Actually had
5 a couple of people call and brag on them this year.
6 It's always nice when somebody calls and tells you
7 that the ball fields are in good shape, instead of
8 complaining because they're really wet. Appreciate
9 Stacy and all he does.

10 As Mitchell mentioned, County Road 6,
11 hopefully, will get some asphalt on it starting
12 Tuesday.

13 MR. SMITH: Hopefully.

14 MR. PITTMAN: And that's basically
15 all I've got.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Robert?

17 MR. GOFF: Alrighty. Most of you --
18 or several of you were here the other day, last
19 Friday, when Nathan Deal came to sign into law here
20 in Dade County again a bill that was -- Rickey
21 Breeden, when he was commissioner, talked about
22 using part of our SPLOST proceeds in the event of
23 natural disasters in ways that before we could not.
24 That bill did pass in the House and the Senate,
25 became law. The Governor signed it sitting right at

1 the table here last week. So any future SPLOST,
2 that is something that we will be able to do, not
3 only us, but the State of Georgia will be able to do
4 and use some of that money to -- for salvage and
5 things and kind of get a little head start on
6 things. Of course, we all pray that's one of those
7 things, like the Governor said, you hope you got it,
8 but you never need it. It's kind of automobile
9 insurance. None of us want to pay it, but we want
10 it to -- want to know we got it if we are in an
11 accident somewhere.

12 That being said, I attended a meeting this
13 morning with the Board of Education. They was
14 having a public hearing on this same thing that
15 they've got a big decision to make on what type of
16 school system. And I really don't understand, you
17 know. It's on the charter school status quo. And
18 then they had a new one I'd never heard of, was the
19 E-Square whatever. The only thing is they've got
20 decisions to make. If they have any other meetings,
21 that was at least their second one, try to attend
22 some of them and find out because we're affected,
23 you know, by what goes on in the county as much by
24 our school system as we are anything else, as far as
25 revenues and spending, taxes, and that kind of

1 thing.

2 And the only other thing, and I'll try not
3 to talk about it for a year and a half now, but next
4 year in this legislative session was passed by the
5 Governor to put a referendum, Constitutional
6 referendum, on next year's ballots to be able for
7 the State to take over failing schools. Now, that
8 may never affect Dade County. It's -- I don't think
9 it's geared for Dade County and it wouldn't be a
10 school system. It would be, for instance, one
11 school out of our four, if they were in that failing
12 school list, they would be taken over by the State.

13 The only reason I say that, and I told them
14 at that meeting this morning, look at it. See what
15 it's all about before we come next year, which is a
16 long way off, but it will be here before we know it.
17 We get here to a ballot and -- or to a machine and
18 it's got that Constitutional amendment for Georgia,
19 are you in favor or whatever. And sometimes they're
20 worded so funny, when you vote yes, you didn't know
21 you was for it, against it really, when it's over
22 with. But this will be a very important bill -- or
23 a very important Constitutional amendment to allow
24 the State -- concerning our educational system.

25 Other than that, that's all I got.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Alan?

2 MR. BRADFORD: Well, as far as the
3 transfer station, the tonnage has been a lot heavier
4 this month. I think people started spring cleaning
5 already. But that's okay. We're handling it all.

6 And Billy and the road crew are doing a
7 great job. Still real busy and got a lot of things
8 done. And like we talked about, they're going to be
9 paving -- if it stays not raining for a day or two,
10 they'll start paving pretty quick.

11 Another thing, at the New Salem fish fry,
12 it was a great success. I've never cooked so much
13 fish. I think that's the most I've ever cooked at
14 one time in my life. It was a good deal up there at
15 the Community Center at New Salem. And we need to
16 thank our volunteer firemen for what they do.

17 And also I was looking in the Georgia
18 Association (inaudible), give you all kind of stuff.
19 It takes about a year and a half to read all of it
20 when you come back. But I was looking in here, and
21 one of our boys on Lookout Mountain, Brett Dyer,
22 took fifth place with a heifer and he also took
23 first place with a champion Angus heifer, which is
24 really great for a young kid like that. I think
25 they're doing a great job as far as what they're

1 doing as children.

2 Another thing I'd like to comment about
3 one of our members, our county clerk, Don. Don has
4 been invited to be a design team participant at
5 ACCG, which is a ground level starting to study
6 what's going to happen. And the thing about this,
7 there's only 12 people invited. I think that's a
8 great thing that Don got invited and got picked to
9 go to this class. I think it's a great thing.

10 Other than that, that's about it.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Alan.

12 This month's been really a busy month for
13 myself and all the commissioners and Don. We've
14 spent a lot of time -- you know, when this time of
15 the year rolls around, as far as budget time, it's
16 pretty time consuming. And a very sometimes
17 sleepless night period that you have because of what
18 we do during this -- these meetings and these
19 sessions we have with our constitutional officers
20 and our different groups that we support. As you
21 all know we actually agree or do not agree what's
22 presented to us. And many times we don't agree with
23 it, you know, but -- some people have some long
24 chins when they leave our office, but we want all of
25 you to know and our constitutional officers and

1 everyone involved that -- you need to know that, you
2 know, we have a job to do, and we're here to be
3 tight with money, with our county tax money. And
4 that's what we do. If you don't believe that, any
5 time -- our office is always open. Don is very
6 eager to show you any numbers you need, as far as
7 our finances or the budget process. Some of you
8 don't understand how that goes. This month -- last
9 month -- the last three months, really, and on into
10 this next month is something that we've spent a lot
11 of time on.

12 We did have a really good day with law day.
13 That's what I call it. But day before yesterday.
14 And had a real good turnout for that. We did have
15 several officers that got awards. We had officer of
16 the year. The officer of the year was actually one
17 of the GBI agents that cover our county. It was
18 really well attended, and I think everyone was very,
19 very pleased.

20 We've been working vary hard with the IDA.
21 Peter Cervelli is doing a really good job. I hope
22 he's not listening because every time I say that, he
23 gets the big head. He does put a lot of time in for
24 what he gets paid. And we've got -- that company
25 I've been talking about for the last two meetings is

1 actually coming back for the fourth time. We've
2 got -- it's really a -- it's going to be a -- I feel
3 the most important meeting we've had, as far as with
4 that group. And he's just -- if they do decide, as
5 I said a couple of times, they'll be bringing about
6 430 or 450 jobs right off the bat. That will be
7 really good paying jobs. And so put us in your
8 prayers on that because it will be just a beginning
9 on that. Down here at the field. At our field.
10 Our field. Industrial park, hopefully, you know,
11 when this does happen, we'll have a -- by this time
12 next year or the next couple of years, we'll have
13 the thing full, I hope. So keep us in your prayers
14 on that.

15 We have, as Mitchell mentioned, I think --
16 or you may have mentioned -- the bike event this
17 weekend. It went pretty smooth. We had just very
18 few complaints. Some people -- well, we actually
19 were -- people that had to wait for the shuttled up
20 and down the mountain to come down the mountain or
21 up the mountain. And -- but I was informed by the
22 sheriffs department, we did receive a check today
23 for the -- all the officers, you know, that actually
24 was paid from the bike event. And after all -- all
25 the officers were paid, you know, as far as cars

1 sitting there with the gas, we wound up with \$840
2 money over and above that that come back to us.

3 Did he give it to you today? He was
4 supposed to bring it over here.

5 MR. BRADFORD: I don't know.

6 MR. RUMLEY: And that will go back
7 into our general fund or the sheriffs fund toward
8 operating of the vehicles. So they want to be sure
9 that the people understand that, when you see those
10 deputies out there, you know, they're just not --
11 it's not just burning gas and costing us our tax
12 money. They're getting paid, not by the county, but
13 the bike -- they reimburse us for fuel and use of
14 that car.

15 Let's see here. Mentioned the soccer
16 fields. One thing I want to add to that, I did talk
17 to them about an hour ago, hour and a half ago, and
18 they're coming back in the morning to actually --
19 safety. Put safety netting and all around some of
20 the poles there where the soccer people can go back
21 tomorrow. They weren't going to let them -- weren't
22 going to let them get on the fields until actually
23 Tuesday. So they're going to -- you know, I told
24 them, I said, Well, you know, that's part of their
25 job. And we didn't know they were going to shut it

1 down for a week. So they're going to come back. So
2 anyone out there listening -- and Stacy's supposed
3 to call the soccer people tomorrow and let them
4 know. So all of it will be able to start back
5 tomorrow.

6 Let's see here. We've got the railroad.
7 We've talked about that at many meetings. And from
8 what I understand, Senator Mullis, when he was here
9 with the Governor the other day, he has -- he's
10 called me twice since then. He's resolved the
11 problem as far as moving the crossing with the
12 railroad. He's been meeting with them and the
13 people out of Washington. And then they've actually
14 had some -- we've had some conference calls.

15 So we feel that that will be resolved as
16 far as getting permission to move the crossing up
17 beyond where the trains are blocking the tracks and
18 can bring trucks in and out and keep that -- the
19 trucks in and out and traffic going in and out of
20 Industrial Park. So that's really good news because
21 that -- that was kind of holding back this -- not
22 this particular company, but several companies. We
23 lost one company we know because of this. And it
24 was even a larger company than is coming --
25 hopefully is coming in now. But this was one of

1 the -- or the factor that caused us to lose this
2 company that's coming back in here tomorrow. So
3 this is real big. Real big. And, of course, when I
4 mentioned Scottie's name, they just went ahead and
5 (inaudible.) But, anyway...

6 Anything else? If not, we'll move on down
7 to number three. We have Ms. Marshana Sharp. She's
8 the manager of the Dade County Public Library. If
9 you want to come up.

10 MS. SHARP: Okay. The library's
11 changing their hours again, but this time for the
12 good. We are opening to 4 o'clock on Fridays now
13 and we're openings Saturdays from 10 to 2. So this
14 was our first Saturday, open and we had quite a few
15 people. We didn't realize we were going to be that
16 busy, but evidently somebody had been telling and so
17 we were really busy. And we were glad and they were
18 excited that we were open on Saturdays.

19 The 16th we'll be having a game day. We use
20 to have game days a lot when we were open on
21 Saturdays. And we just have board games set up.
22 And we have play stations, different things set up.
23 And the whole family can come in and play games.
24 It's from 10 til 1.

25 Our summer reading's fixing to start.

1 Sign-ups are May the 26th through the 25th, and our
2 program will be June the 11th.

3 We also have a book sale going on right now.
4 A large book sale. And it will close at the end of
5 May.

6 I wanted to tell them about GLASS. It's
7 Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services.
8 A lot of people don't know about this service. And
9 it's for anybody who is unable to read regular print
10 material, that has low vision, or even have problems
11 holding a book. These are free services. They have
12 free download books. They actually send them the
13 equipment to use digital books and everything. And
14 it's all free. If anyone's interested, you can go
15 online and fill out the application or you can come
16 by the library and we'll get you an application.

17 But if you know somebody that's losing their
18 sight and they're having trouble reading, they will
19 actually send the books to their house. And it's
20 State run and they just -- a lot of people are not
21 using it, and they want us to let us know. We've
22 actually had three people sign up for it in the last
23 week. So the word's getting out that it is
24 available. It's always been available. But even
25 people that have a hard time holding a book with

1 arthritis, they're eligible. So if you know
2 someone, just let us know and we'll sign them up.
3 There's lots and lots of downloads on it too.

4 We do have a position open. We had a
5 part-time employee that found another job, a
6 full-time job. So she left and we have a -- it's 14
7 hours. It will be on a Tuesday and a Saturday. And
8 the deadline for that is the 12th of this month, if
9 you'll turn your application in.

10 Y'all got any questions? Thank y'all for
11 the support.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Things are
13 looking good over there, ain't they?

14 MS. SHARP: Yeah, it is. And we've
15 got a lot of things going on actually. We're trying
16 to get some benches and stuff for the park, and
17 actually I got a new bench for the park today.
18 But...

19 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate it. Thank
20 you.

21 MR. BRADFORD: Thank you.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Our 4-H are not
23 here tonight. They are actually traveling, going to
24 different events, so we'll catch up on that next
25 week. Our extension, I know they had a good day the

1 other day on Ag Day, and a lot of people
2 participated in that with forestry and (inaudible).
3 It was really a good day.

4 Mr. Zach Stone. Man, you're ready.

5 MR. STONE: I know, right.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Ready. He's our
7 executive director of the Dade County Chamber.

8 MR. STONE: Let me tell y'all some of
9 this stuff real quick. This is kind of an
10 example -- these are drafts, too, by the way. This
11 is the way it will come out, right here, so...

12 MR. RUMLEY: I think I may have seen
13 this.

14 MR. STONE: You have?

15 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

16 MR. STONE: All right. Yeah. This
17 is the final -- like I said, it kind of came out
18 different in the printer, but...

19 Okay. So we'll start with our annual
20 banquet. Most of you guys were able to attend. So
21 we really appreciate that. Our speaker was Ralph
22 Hudgeons, the state insurance commissioner. Award
23 winners: Educator of the Year was Tonya Gatlin.
24 Small business was T&T Golf Carts. Citizen was
25 Sarah Moore. Corporation was Trenton Telephone.

1 Nonprofit was Festival of Life and the Friends of
2 Cloudland Canyon State Park. And our Bill Miller
3 award went Dan Hall. Once again, just thank you
4 guys for attending.

5 So the next part, we're finally able to
6 print at our office. We had not been able to print
7 in awhile. And NovaCopy came through and we had a
8 trade agreement with them, and they're now going to
9 be one of our sponsors. But like I said, we've been
10 outsourcing all of this, and now we're able to
11 actually print.

12 The Chambergram's in front of you. It's
13 something that's e-mailed out, but, you know, just
14 wanted to put it in front. It's everything that we
15 really did this past month, including all of our
16 news articles and just things really upcoming.

17 The other part was the Welcome New Mover
18 Guide. It's all a draft. That will actually be
19 printed out in color. There's still a lot of stuff
20 that we're going to change to it. Still working
21 with the county on the maps, so they're more legible
22 for what we actually need them to be for. And
23 postmaster's actually -- every time I go in there,
24 asks me about it. So he's -- he's like, We want
25 these things. We need them in here. We've got

1 people asking all the time. So there, the library,
2 obviously our area, and probably here. So we'll be
3 able to post them in quite a bit of areas.

4 The IDA chamber brochure. So we've been
5 working with the IDA pretty closely on this
6 brochure. It's kind of a pitch book. And it was
7 something that Peter and I talked about, actually,
8 on my second day. So we went out and said, you
9 know -- we talked and kind of came up with the fact
10 that we did not have a pitch book and that we needed
11 one. That's in color too. Some of them came out --
12 like this one kind of came out not the way it -- if
13 you look over at Mr. Goff's, that's kind of the way
14 it will come out. But like I said, it's all color.
15 It will actually be in a booklet format. And
16 waiting on Peter to come get us some quotes and get
17 that printed.

18 Another big thing we just started
19 yesterday was our social media campaign. So our
20 Facebook, we kind of changed it all up. I know some
21 of you might have gotten the invites. I know we're
22 still waiting on a few of them. In one day we had a
23 hundred new followers yesterday, so we're going to
24 actually start engaging quite a bit more on our
25 Facebook and outreach since this area is really, as

1 far as social media is concerned, very active on
2 Facebook.

3 We've got out luncheon next Friday, May
4 the 15th. It's going to be here in the commission
5 room. It's going to be catered and \$10. Really
6 happy about having the space here and hope most of
7 you guys will be able to make it. Diane Rumley is
8 going to be speaking briefly about the Festival of
9 Life. And then Dr. Johnson, who is the dean of
10 Dalton State School of Business, is going to be
11 speaking. And he's an economist and he's mainly
12 going to be speaking about kind of the current
13 economic conditions, kind of the development. I
14 know -- you know, he said that he's involved in
15 quite a bit of the development here in the area.
16 And then kind of a forecast for what we're going to
17 be looking for. So it will be really good. It's
18 something that I think a lot of people will be
19 interested in. And you need to RSVP if you plan on
20 coming. That will be -- we can tell the caterer how
21 many meals.

22 Some of the upcoming events that we've
23 been working on is Antique Alley. We help
24 coordinate that. That's on the 14th through the
25 17th.

1 The Northwest Georgia Music Jam, which is
2 going to be at Sunrise Farm -- you guys know about
3 that one? It's actually in the Chambergram packet.
4 That's going to be pretty big. And so we've been
5 helping them with vendors. And that will be May
6 30th. And it's Confederate Railroad, Bobby Bare,
7 and Southlander. And the Chamber actually has VIP
8 tickets for \$70, which 50 of those go to the Davis
9 Fire Hall. So they're really good. If it's
10 something that's successful, and we're really trying
11 to work with them and make sure it is, they've been
12 talking about coming back later this year and
13 hosting a Highland Games up there. So that would be
14 really cool.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Hosting a what?

16 MR. STONE: Highland Games.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, Highland Games.

18 MR. STONE: Yeah. You know, where
19 you've got the big logs and you throw them.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Yeah.

21 (Inaudible), Robert. He's a log thrower from way
22 back.

23 MR. STONE: Oh, yeah. So we've got
24 Dade Days coming up too. We started planning that.
25 That's going to be August the 1st.

1 Some of the meetings over the last month,
2 and this is just a few of them, but met with the
3 Catoosa County Chamber. Went to a luncheon with
4 them. Met with Martha Eaker over there, the
5 executive, and we kind of -- she gave me some ideas
6 on things that we could be doing to change. So I'll
7 go over some of those in a minute. The JDA, IDA,
8 and then, of course, we're meeting with local
9 businesses.

10 As far as community events that we've been
11 doing, we did an outdoor day with Friends of
12 Cloudland Canyon. We've been attending the Festival
13 of Life meetings. I was at the Optimist ceremony
14 this week. We had the -- well, it's all in the
15 Chambergram as well, but all of our newspaper
16 articles from the future businesses, and we had a
17 few new members join this month.

18 Kind of upcoming is we're going to be
19 working with BlueCross BlueShield of Georgia. They
20 have a program with chambers that reduces the health
21 insurance costs for small businesses by two to three
22 percent. So we're going to be trying to bring that
23 here.

24 The other big one, which I think people
25 will be interested in is something Georgia Chamber

1 does called Drugs Don't Work. And this program is a
2 certified drug-free workplaces in Georgia, which
3 receive a State mandated 7 1/2 percent discount on
4 workers' compensation insurance. So in other words,
5 if you get the county certified, then the State
6 mandated that a 7 1/2 percent discount has to be
7 given on workers' compensation insurance. So
8 that's, you know, pretty significant.

9 We also enjoyed the opportunity to provide
10 for Governor Deal when he was here. So thank you
11 guys for allowing us to do that.

12 And, you know, just to end it, kind of
13 thank you for your continued support. If you've got
14 any questions or if you guys want us to change
15 anything up or any suggestions, you know, just let
16 me know.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? All
18 right. Appreciate y'all doing that. I meant to
19 mention that a while ago. When the Governor was
20 here, Audrey and the Chamber, they supplied -- went
21 over and picked up biscuits and all. I don't
22 (inaudible), but it was a good gesture anyway. But
23 they had a small breakfast there for the -- he and
24 his group. And it was well attended too. It
25 surprised me. For that early in the morning, there

1 was a lot of people here that got out.

2 MR. STONE: And like I said, we were
3 really excited. Obviously, it was short notice too.
4 So we --

5 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Even for us.

6 MR. STONE: Yeah.

7 MR. RUMLEY: You know, we just knew
8 the day before, really, he was coming.

9 MR. STONE: Yeah. Really? Okay.
10 Well. Senator Mullis had told us at the JBA on
11 Monday. He's like, he's coming. So we had never
12 heard anything really until the confirmation for
13 the -- yeah. We were really excited to be able to
14 do that too.

15 All right. That's it.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Thanks a lot.

17 MR. STONE: All right. Thanks.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I don't think we
19 have anyone from the City of Trenton or the IDA
20 tonight.

21 Audrey, you got anything you want to share
22 with us? We haven't talked to you. You want to
23 report anything on the -- our fiber and TV and all?
24 You got anything new going on or anything that's --

25 MR. SMITH: They're in Slygo.

1 MS. AUDREY: We're on Mitchell's
2 road. Past Mitchell's road. I don't have to hear
3 from Mitchell about that anymore. We're there.
4 Actually we have completed Dugan Loop Road and his
5 portion of Slygo down to our D mark (phonetic)
6 areas, as far as we go with telephone service on
7 that portion of Slygo Road. We're launching Lake
8 Hills. We'll probably be doing installs over there
9 -- we should be ready within three weeks, providing
10 the weather cooperates.

11 MR. RUMLEY: That's in Lake Hills,
12 right?

13 MS. AUDREY: Lake Hills. We're about
14 to start it. We'll be able to install fiber optics
15 over there. And we'll also be starting on Sand
16 Mountain from the Davis remote to the Ellis Road
17 remote, which will --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Popular
19 Springs Road.

20 MS. AUDREY: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Good.

22 MS. AUDREY: So we're moving along.
23 And anybody that wants to sign up for fiber optic
24 internet and IPTV, give us a call over at the
25 office.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

2 MR. BRADFORD: I will as soon as you
3 get it out there.

4 MR. RUMLEY: There's a lot of people
5 in the whole county really waiting to get it.

6 MR. BRADFORD: Audrey, did you hear
7 that?

8 MS. AUDREY: What was that?

9 MR. BRADFORD: I'll sign up as soon
10 as you get it out there.

11 MS. AUDREY: Okay, Alan. I think I'm
12 just going to come out there and stand with an
13 antenna til we get it there.

14 MR. BLACK: I'm with you, Alan. I'll
15 sign up with you at the same time.

16 MR. BRADFORD: No. I just pick on
17 Audrey all the time about that.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Let's move on
19 down to 4-A, our monthly financial report presented
20 by Don Townsend.

21 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. As of
22 April 30th, 2015, the General Fund had a balance of
23 1,330,861. General Fund Certificate of Deposit
24 totaled 400,000. Federal Asset Fund U.S. Treasury,
25 \$288. Sheriff's Special Fund, \$17,798. Drug Abuse

1 Education Fund \$87,242? Supplemental Juvenile
2 Services Fund, \$24,242. Victim Assistance Fund,
3 \$4,083. Jail Fund, \$35,345. Federal Assets Fund,
4 Department of Justice, \$742. Employee's Flexible
5 Spending Account, \$25,227. Payroll Account,
6 \$220,311. 2009 SPLOST Construction Account has a
7 balance of \$150. Project Account, \$19,752. And
8 Proceeds Account, \$1,130,473. 2015 SPLOST funds,
9 Project account is zero at the current time. And
10 SPLOST General Obligation Sales Tax Debt Services
11 Account is the \$26,348. Series 2013 Bond on the
12 Construction Series B Fund has \$170,092. And the
13 Debt Services Fund for Series A, Series B are zero.

14 Again, you see at the bottom we have two
15 general fund certificate of deposits located at
16 Citizen Bank & Trust and two at Bank of Dade. Each
17 of those are a hundred thousand dollars apiece for a
18 total of 400,000.

19 As of March 31st, 2015, the actual for that
20 month -- the actual revenues for the month is
21 \$569,334. Budgeted, \$495,679. So we were in excess
22 of \$73,654 for the month. Year to date we have
23 collected \$7,526,566. We budgeted \$7,521,813. So
24 on that particular one, we were short \$4,752. But
25 pretty close.

1 Under expenses for month of April, we have
2 spent \$741,793. Budgeted was \$830,272. So we were
3 underbudget \$88,479. Year to date expenses totaled
4 \$6,093,578. Budgeted was \$6,624,806. So we are
5 underbudget \$531,228 on expenses. 75 percent of the
6 budget attained through March 31st. Our revenues
7 attained was 83.22 percent. Our expenses attained
8 was 68.16 percent.

9 Revenue less Expense for March, the cash
10 projection was \$172,458. Short basically. In other
11 words, we spent \$172,458 more than we actually
12 brought in just for the month. And so that's
13 showing now that we have begun using monies from our
14 reserves in order to get through the summer months.
15 It's about that time of the year. And Revenue less
16 Expenses year-to-date actual was \$1,432,987.

17 The following pages, one through six, are
18 just the breakdown of the project variance report,
19 which is all the general ledger numbers that tally
20 the numbers that we just reviewed in the summary.
21 And then also here's the option sales tax revenue
22 for the month of April. \$138,617. The special
23 purchase local option sales tax was \$173,471.

24 And the very last page you see the tax
25 commissioner so far year-to-date collected. This is

1 through March 31st. That's \$3,911,116.

2 That concludes the financial report.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?

4 Okay. If not, I need a motion to approve our
5 financial statement by Mr. Townsend.

6 MR. PITTMAN: Make a motion we
7 approve the financial report as presented.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I hear a
9 second?

10 MR. SMITH: Second.

11 MR. GOFF: Second.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Call the vote.

13 Mr. Smith?

14 MR. SMITH: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

16 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

18 MR. GOFF: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

20 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Okay.

22 Robin, you got anything, legal matters,
23 you need to discuss with us?

24 MR. ROGERS: I don't.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Unfinished

1 business. That leaves new business.

2 The reading of the minutes of last month's
3 regular meeting and any special called meeting will
4 not be required since all the commissioners have
5 been furnished copies of the minutes. The minutes
6 are public, available for viewing at the county
7 commission office. The minutes are included in our
8 consent agenda. At this time I need Don Townsend,
9 if you would, to go ahead and present our consent
10 agenda, and we will entertain a motion to approve
11 it.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: The consent agenda
13 includes the approval of the agenda as presented,
14 approval of the previous meeting minutes, the
15 approval of the personnel status report,
16 proclamation for Arbor Day and Tree City USA,
17 honoring the life of Bill Lockhart for the day of
18 April 24th; and then proclamation proclaiming the
19 month of May 2015 Foster Care Month in Dade County,
20 proclamation to honor all Dade County veterans past
21 and present by celebrating Armed Forces Day the
22 third Saturday in May.

23 We have a Resolution R-24-15. That's a
24 resolution to appoint members to the Dade County
25 Public Board of Trustees for the unexpired term of

1 Charles Pittman, whose term began on July 1st, 2014.
2 This is appointing Paul Dugan to that unexpired
3 term, commencing immediately and expiring June 30th,
4 2017.

5 Resolution R-25-15, a resolution to
6 reappoint members to the Dade County Public Library
7 Board of Trustee, Dorothy Abercrombie, for a
8 three-year term beginning July 1st, 2015, expiring
9 June 30th, 2018.

10 Resolution R-26-15, resolution for
11 appointment of members to the Dade County Water and
12 Sewer Authority. Charles Breedlove representing
13 District 2. And that began January the 1st, 2015,
14 and expires December 31st, 2018.

15 Resolution R-27-15, a resolution to
16 appoint a member to the Lookout Mountain Community
17 Services Board. Appoint Joel McCormick for a
18 three-year term, commencing July 1st, 2015, expiring
19 June 30th, 2018, as recommended by the Lookout
20 Mountain Community Services Board. And it's an
21 acknowledge to the service of Dr. George Reeves for
22 his years of service to that board.

23 Resolution R-28-15, a resolution to
24 reappoint members to the Northwest Georgia Regional
25 Commission. Appointing Perter Cervilli to a

1 one-year term. It commenced on January 1st, 2015
2 and expires December 31st, 2015.

3 We have approval of a purchase -- a SPLOST
4 purchase from Williams Motor Company on Rossville
5 Boulevard, Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the purchase
6 of 2007 Ford F250 super duty truck for the expense
7 of \$14,200.

8 And we have Resolution R-22-15, a
9 resolution amending listing of county roads
10 (inaudible) list for the Georgia Department of
11 Transportation for the annual local maintenance
12 improvement program, outlining an unincorporated
13 area of 264.28 miles.

14 And Resolution R-30-15, a resolution
15 approving county vehicle use policy as presented.

16 That's it.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Anyone have any
18 questions? Pretty lengthy, but...

19 All right. I'll entertain a motion to
20 approve the consent agenda as presented by
21 Mr. Townsend.

22 MR. BRADFORD: Make a motion.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I have a
24 second?

25 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Call the vote.

2 Mr. Smith?

3 MR. SMITH: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

7 MR. GOFF: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford.

9 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes.

11 Okay. We'll move down to Resolution
12 R-29-15. That's the appointment of Robert Goff to
13 the Hospital Authority Board. We have to pull that
14 out of the consent agenda as we said because Robert
15 sits as one of members, so...

16 Do I hear a motion to approve that
17 resolution?

18 MR. SMITH: So moved.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

20 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call the
22 vote.

23 Mr. Smith?

24 MR. SMITH: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

1 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

3 MR. GOFF: Abstain.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

5 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes.

7 Okay. All right. Number eight. If
8 anyone wants to come up and talk to us tonight,
9 we'll give you time to come up and talk.

10 Mr. Black.

11 MR. BLACK: I'm going to take my hat
12 off because I'm going to wear so many tonight I
13 can't put but one -- just have one to put on.

14 First one is all you gentlemen did talk
15 about County Road 6. Y'all will be happy to know I
16 don't live on County Road 6. But however, whenever
17 you pave it, please start at the bottom and end up
18 at the top. And whenever you do, take all that fine
19 equipment over to Gass Road and pave my reverse
20 speed hump over there that's been there for about a
21 year that goes across the road, where a tile is put
22 in.

23 Also, a larger stop sign down there would
24 be nice with a sign under it that says, This means
25 stop; it is not a suggestion.

1 MR. RUMLEY: At County Road 6?

2 MR. BLACK: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: We've told the State
4 that. That's a State --

5 MR. BLACK: I have almost been run
6 over there three times, me coming down the mountain,
7 and there's some idiot wanting to go across it.

8 MR. PITTMAN: You need to put one of
9 those reverse speed humps.

10 MR. BLACK: We need one there. Also
11 the American Legion will be placing flags on all
12 veterans' graves in Dade County that we can identify
13 as veterans. Usually it's a military marker that
14 identifies them. And we will be doing that for
15 Memorial Day.

16 We are also auctioning off a gun safe, the
17 American Legion is. And we are -- we're doing a lot
18 of things. The American Legion has really taken
19 hold here in the past couple of months. We're going
20 to have a new commander and that will be General
21 Woods. And we are proud to have him. So we're
22 carrying a little clout.

23 We will be working on getting some mental
24 health classes for the school system, trying to save
25 the county a little bit of money, in that we will be

1 supporting that.

2 Now then, let me get to the mental health
3 board. Chairman Rumley, you got the -- you know, I
4 presented you with those for the sheriff. This is
5 the first time that we have ever been able to get
6 numbers from the county to see what has happened to
7 county finances since the mental health hospital in
8 Rome was closed. These are very important numbers.
9 I did go over and talk to the sheriff about, we got
10 to have them by the 15th. I understand there's some
11 other departments that need to get involved.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Right.

13 MR. BLACK: Those numbers are
14 important because these are the ones that we take
15 that we base our -- plan our work off of. We're no
16 longer the Region One Mental Health Board. We are
17 now the Mental Health Advisory Council. We still
18 have 31 counties. So we have a name change from
19 there for DBHDD. Those are some things that's
20 happening there. Hopefully we'll see some good
21 things come out of that.

22 I'm also trying to get the legislation
23 next year, where that at least every county has two
24 members for the mental health board and addiction
25 diseases and developmental disability board so that

1 we can have overlapping terms. Because as it stands
2 now, we only have -- you can only serve two terms
3 til you're relieved, and we want to have a little --
4 where we have some way to have a little continuity
5 on the board.

6 Also, gentlemen, I looked at all these
7 boards that resolutions appointed put in tonight.
8 I'm going to say something that may be a little bit
9 kind of off the wall or out of place, all that, but
10 whenever you ask for people to volunteer their time
11 to conduct the county business -- me, I have to go
12 once every two months, and I am out of the county
13 for two days. Guys, bologna sandwiches don't fit
14 real good the second day. Because I try to take
15 enough with me because -- whenever these boards are
16 put out, make sure that the people who go and attend
17 those don't have to pay out of pocket to go.

18 And I know sometimes things are tight,
19 but, gentlemen, I wish y'all would reconsider this
20 for all boards. Might I suggest just a per diem
21 allowance whenever you've got to go. If you're
22 going to be gone a day, a or a half a day, or
23 something, just a certain amount and that's all.
24 And that can go into the budget. But those things
25 -- that's something that really needs to be

1 addressed. Whenever people volunteer their time to
2 do it, they shouldn't have to pay to do it.

3 That's all I've got. But once again, I
4 want to enforce how important those numbers are that
5 we asked for. And that was -- there were two of us
6 that really pushed to get that done. And finally
7 the State listened to us, because every time we
8 said, Our sheriff is telling us this. And they
9 finally admitted, Well, we don't have any numbers to
10 work with. So we sat down as a committee and came
11 up with these questions. Now we're going to present
12 them numbers that we can work with. Real numbers
13 that we can back up what we say.

14 Thank you, gentlemen.

15 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you.

16 Okay. Anyone else want to come and talk
17 tonight? Okay. If not, I need a motion to go into
18 executive session.

19 MR. SMITH: I make a motion.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Pertaining to personnel
21 matters and also possibly some real estate to
22 discuss. Do I have a motion?

23 MR. BRADFORD: Make a motion.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

25 MR. GOFF: Second.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Call the vote.

2 Mr. Smith?

3 MR. SMITH: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

7 MR. GOFF: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

9 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. We
11 will probably be a little while. There are a couple
12 of issues to talk about. So if you want to hang
13 around, you can. You're welcome to. Eat all the
14 food up that you can back there.

15 (Executive Session)

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I need a motion
17 to come out of executive session.

18 MR. SMITH: Motion to come out of
19 executive session.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Second?

21 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Call the vote.

23 Mr. Smith?

24 MR. SMITH: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

1 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

3 MR. GOFF: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

5 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. The
7 executive session, we did discuss some real estate
8 issues and personnel issues. No decision was made.
9 So any comments? If not, I'll entertain a motion to
10 adjourn the meeting tonight.

11 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
12 adjourn.

13 MR. SMITH: Second.

14 MR. RUMLEY: I have a second. Okay.
15 Call the vote.

16 Mr. Smith?

17 MR. SMITH: Yes.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

19 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

21 MR. GOFF: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

23 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Thank
25 you very much.

(Meeting was adjourned.)

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