

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

1 MR. RUMLEY: All right. It's 6:00.
2 I'll go ahead and call the work session to order.
3 Has everyone had time to review the agenda? Any
4 changes or comments. Robert, any changes?

5 You've had time, I know, to review the
6 previous meeting minutes of the past meeting. Are
7 there any changes or comments? None. Okay. That
8 stands as presented.

9 Number three, review personnel status.
10 There's not really been, as usual, that many
11 changes. Any questions?

12 MR. TOWNSEND: We had two part-timers.
13 They really haven't been here in a while.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions on that?
15 Okay. Move down to number four, board appointments
16 or proclamations. We do have an event coming up
17 tomorrow or an anniversary. It's the 70th
18 anniversary of our county's return to the union.
19 Mr. Black has a poster there that was presented to
20 us by Donna Street at the Historical Society and the
21 library. We're going to post that out in the hall
22 or somewhere where people can see it, just to kind
23 of see the real letter signed by Harry S. Truman
24 welcoming us back into the union in 1945. So
25 tomorrow is the anniversary of that.

1 MR. BLACK: July 3rd.

2 MR. RUMLEY: July 3rd, yeah. It's kind
3 of a historical event. It was a big event then
4 because they had a big thing on the square here by
5 the courthouse. A lot of our people that were in
6 the picture are gone, dead and gone now. There were
7 a lot of people we were raised up with there, Jim
8 Geddie. It's a historical day for Dade County.

9 Do we want to do maybe a proclamation
10 on that? I knew you talked about it. It's
11 something we need to -- it's part of our history and
12 our heritage. Is everyone fine with that?

13 MR. TOWNSEND: We've got resignations
14 on here, too.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. We got a letter
16 from Aubrey yesterday. Aubrey Black is not wanting
17 to -- he can't really serve. His business is
18 booming right now. It's time to look for a person
19 on Lookout. So if you're interested in serving on
20 the -- our board, our assessor's board, Board of
21 Assessors, contact Allan if you're in that area up
22 there.

23 Let's move down to number five,
24 approval of S.P.L.O.S.T. capital equipment. We do
25 have a building we've talked about for about two

1 years now. We're finally going to try to build this
2 thing out. It's going to be built out of
3 S.P.L.O.S.T, but it's a storage building to remove
4 all of our existing storage containers and put them
5 into one that we're renting and it will go into this
6 building. It will be a climate-controlled building,
7 30 by 80 by 10 foot. It will have a large roll-up
8 door and it will have a four-foot door to the side,
9 good access. A few did solicit bids on it.
10 Mitchell did pick up on a couple of things, said
11 that -- two of the bids said City of Trenton instead
12 of Dade County on them.

13 MR. SMITH: But they've got Hugh
14 Blevins on them.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Hugh Blevins is the
16 one that did all this. The low bid on it, as you
17 can see, was Taylor, I believe it was. Taylor
18 Construction.

19 MR. PITTMAN: Where are we going to
20 build this, Ted?

21 MR. RUMLEY: We built a pad two years
22 ago down by Billy's place. We went ahead and put
23 the -- we put the surface down. Of course, we had
24 other things to do more important with the money,
25 but this is something that will save us in the long

1 run. The sheriff -- well, really all your
2 constitutional officers have a bin where they keep
3 papers that they don't need to keep in the office.
4 They have to keep them for several years. Of
5 course, the sheriff, he uses his for evidence, major
6 stuff like four-wheelers and stuff like that.

7 MR. PITTMAN: Do you know how much we
8 pay every year in fees?

9 MR. RUMLEY: I don't know that.

10 MR. PITTMAN: How long it would take to
11 offset the cost of it.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: I do. I would have to
13 add it up real quick.

14 MR. RUMLEY: I know it was around
15 5,500, 6,000 a year.

16 MR. PITTMAN: So it would take probably
17 three or four years to offset the cost?

18 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, probably. We need
19 it, too, for stuff coming out of this courthouse.
20 We're going to move a lot of that basement directly
21 down there where they can go through it.

22 MR. PITTMAN: And we don't just keep
23 that stuff because we're hoarders. We keep it
24 because it's the law.

25 MR. RUMLEY: We've got to keep it,

1 yeah. Most of the stuff that's supposed to be moved
2 to the vault has been moved to the vaults. Anyway,
3 you see the figures there. Of course, I would
4 recommend going with the low bid, but y'all -- if
5 you're fine with that, that's what we'll do.

6 MR. SMITH: When you say pad, you're
7 talking about the dirt work?

8 MR. RUMLEY: The dirt pad. The dirt
9 work is done. It's right on grade.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: It's been as high as
11 almost \$5,000 a year. Currently though we've got it
12 down to \$2,780 budgeted. However, we let three go.
13 So at any time if they have a bust, they have to go
14 rent more space. But they've merged everything into
15 one, but you ought to see it. It's packed.

16 MR. PITTMAN: That will give us room,
17 plenty of room.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Exactly. Well, there will
19 be a hallway right down the center of it. On each
20 side of it, there's kind of like stalls for -- you
21 know, each constitutional officer or department will
22 have -- well, the sheriff's department will have
23 more. He'll have a larger area back there. It will
24 all be padlocked and each department will have their
25 own. There won't be just anybody that can access

1 it. Everybody fine with that?

2 MR. SMITH: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right. Let's
4 move down to number six. That's the 2014 sales tax
5 ratio report. Is Paula here today?

6 MS. DUVALL: All right. This is just
7 the annual report that we get every year from the
8 audit department. It's always a year behind. So
9 we're now getting our 2014 sales ratio study. And
10 what this is is basically the same thing we do every
11 year called a sales ratio, which is where we compile
12 all the sales in the county for that particular year
13 or actually the previous year. We go through those.
14 We qualify those sales. The ones that we're
15 actually going to use in our sales study to help
16 determine what values we set in the county, that's
17 what this is about.

18 We do our own and then we have the
19 audit department from the Department of Revenue come
20 and do their own study. So this is what we have
21 here for the 2014 digest. Let's see, if you'll
22 look -- most of it. It looks like this sheet here.
23 It's got two columns here. We'll go over those
24 because those are the numbers we really look at.
25 You'll see there's four classes of property. That's

1 what we value, residential, agricultural,
2 commercial, and industrial. Each one of those
3 classes of property is looked at within itself. We
4 wouldn't use residential property to value farmland
5 or we wouldn't use commercial property to do any
6 type of residential land. So those are all separate
7 classes of property that we are responsible for
8 setting values for separate class.

9 Now, the three numbers that we have to
10 look at when we look at these sales ratio studies is
11 what's called your median, which is that -- the
12 number there and then the COD and the PRD. The
13 median tells us how close our values are to what is
14 actually sold. Since Georgia tax is at 40 percent,
15 we're looking to be in the range of .36 to .42 to
16 have a passing ratio according to the Department of
17 Revenue and Department of Audits.

18 So you can see in 2014 in every class
19 of property, we're within three point -- residential
20 is 75. The median looks great. What that tells us
21 is the values we have are holding steady to what's
22 actually selling and that's based on any changes we
23 made to '14, any cost table changes, any subdivision
24 value changes, anything like that. That is the
25 final. You know, this tells us we've got it exactly

1 where we want it to be as far as the market value
2 for properties.

3 And then the COD, that's the
4 coefficient of dispersion. That measures
5 uniformity. Are we valuing all residential
6 properties using the same method and so on and so
7 forth on each class of property. For your
8 residential property, that number should not be
9 above .15. Anything nonresidential should not be
10 above .20. So as you can see in each category,
11 we're at six. So we're looking great. You're not
12 going to get a whole lot better than that as far as
13 COD. So what that tells us are all properties are
14 being uniformly valued using the same methods, same
15 methodology across the board on the class of
16 properties.

17 Then we look at PRD. That's your
18 private related differential. That measures your
19 progressivity, your regressivity. That should be
20 between .95 and 1.10 on all properties. Again, as
21 you can see, in all four classes we're at -- if you
22 look at it. It would be 1.0. We're looking great.
23 Across the board, it's a great report. We're very
24 pleased with it. We've done a lot of work these
25 last couple of years updating our cost tables,

1 residential mainly these last couple of years. Next
2 year in '16, we're looking at doing our rural --
3 totally changing -- when I say change, what I mean
4 is based on sales, updating if it needs to be
5 updated. That's what we'll be looking at next year
6 for '16.

7 If you have any questions about it, we
8 were very pleased with it.

9 MR. PITTMAN: That's several years in a
10 row that you guys have fell within the guidelines.

11 MS. DUVALL: I think we might have been
12 off just a little bit last year on our COD, but
13 that's what we've been working out, getting that
14 where it should be. The thing that's kind of put us
15 off balance on the CODs, the bank sales because, you
16 know, state law now says those are fair market
17 sales. Distress sales are fair market sales.
18 Auction sales are fair market values.

19 Well, in our county, you know, you may
20 have an area that has one or two bank sales. I
21 can't disqualify them. So that kind of throws our
22 COD off, our uniformity off sometimes because
23 there's just some sales I can't disqualify, so in
24 our small county with what few sales we have,
25 sometimes that can be an issue.

1 But, you know, the market is coming
2 back up. We're not seeing near as many
3 foreclosures, bank sales or anything like that. I
4 think it's looking real good.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Can you give us a
6 little update on the digest and all? How is
7 everything going schedule wise?

8 MS. DUVALL: We did send out notices
9 June 5th. What that means is the Board of
10 Assessors has approved the digest for 2015. The
11 only changes that will be made to that digest is any
12 appeals that may be changed throughout the appeal
13 process. So far, we've -- this is about the third
14 week. We might have 50, 55 appeals to date. I've
15 already worked through about half of those.

16 MR. RUMLEY: The ones -- you've already
17 got -- when do you cut off on that?

18 MS. DUVALL: July 20th.

19 MR. SMITH: What is the normal -- I
20 know there's probably not a normal, but sort of an
21 average in the past three or four years?

22 MS. DUVALL: As far as appeals, no more
23 than 100. I think last year we might have had 30.
24 It just varies. But we haven't really had to change
25 values dramatically, so I think that helps when

1 there's not a huge increase. Some properties
2 decreased this year because we did change the
3 depreciation schedule and things like that. Some
4 properties increased. Some decreased.

5 MR. GOFF: Where do most of the appeals
6 come in? Is it farmland?

7 MS. DUVALL: Mostly residential
8 properties because we did increase a dollar per
9 square foot, so a lot of the newer homes, they
10 depreciated more than they had been, but it didn't
11 offset enough for the increase in the dollar per
12 square foot. And then you have people come in with
13 condition issues that, you know, we don't see
14 because we're only on the outside. So we always
15 review those. And those are a lot of the changes
16 that the BOA makes before we even send them to the
17 BOE. We're more than willing to look at anything
18 like that.

19 MR. PITTMAN: You're going to have a
20 lot more residential. It makes sense there would be
21 more appeals.

22 MS. DUVALL: Sure.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions?

24 MR. TOWNSEND: I talked to Paula today
25 on the phone with Jane Moreland and we're going to

1 try to get that to the tax commissioner's office
2 Monday.

3 MS. DUVALL: As long as everybody
4 understands it's pending appeals.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah. It is pending
6 appeals. But the threshold for that, it's pretty
7 high. And we can wait, but if we wait, that means
8 everything will be later as far as determining our
9 millage rate and all that stuff.

10 MR. RUMLEY: You're about 50 because
11 two weeks ago, it's 33 or something like that. As
12 long as we -- I feel good about it. I don't think
13 there will be that many more, do you?

14 MS. DUVALL: The only issue come with
15 the tax commissioner sending the digest to the
16 Department of Revenue. If -- they can't really do
17 that during an appeal time. They have to know when
18 the digest is given to the state how many appeals
19 there were, because that's based on that
20 three percent. That's the only issue. We can
21 upload anytime, just with the understanding that
22 we're still in the appeal process.

23 MR. PITTMAN: Some appeals will get
24 overturned and some will get granted.

25 MS. DUVALL: Sure. Like I say, we're

1 trying to work out as many as we can before they go
2 to appeal, which a lot of times minimizes it. We
3 can come to an agreed value.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: If we had one or two
5 big, large appraised values of properties and let's
6 say that you feel like it's going to throw the
7 digest off after the consolidation sheets, plus we
8 find something through the consolidation sheet
9 process. Sometimes it's just comparing year to year
10 and seeing that something needed to be fixed. Then
11 we catch two birds with one stone and we fix both at
12 the same time. Hopefully, we won't have the
13 problems, but if we do, we normally --

14 MS. DUVALL: And a lot of times your
15 bigger appeals don't happen until six months after
16 the digest -- the tax bills are mailed anyway.
17 There's really nothing we can do to prevent that.

18 MR. PITTMAN: When do we need to turn
19 that over?

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, Jane -- July 1st
21 is the earliest usually that's even possible to get
22 it to her.

23 MS. DUVALL: Normally we can.
24 Everything is late this year as far as sending out
25 notices. Normally we send them out in May, but

1 because we were updating cost tables and changing
2 depreciation tables, that took a little bit longer
3 than a normal year would. So that's why we were a
4 month behind in sending things out.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any more questions?
6 Thank you, Paula. I appreciate it.

7 Okay. Move to number seven, House Bill
8 110, fireworks in Georgia. This is not really for
9 discussion.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: Information.

11 MR. RUMLEY: It's something that we
12 will have to, I'm sure, add some things into our
13 book of ordinances or whatever. We need -- we can
14 get Robin to work on that and pull up some stuff
15 from other counties, fire marshals and all. As far
16 as the enforcement of that and, of course, the
17 permit -- I did find out the other day, it's \$5,000
18 just for a permit, you know. So it's going to be
19 pretty expensive to get in the fireworks business in
20 Georgia.

21 Of course, this year they're not
22 allowing in tent sales or portable sales. It's all
23 permanent, which we've not had any of those in Dade
24 County. We did have some inquiries, but as far
25 as -- nothing happened, I think, after they found --

1 got the information. But I would say by this time
2 next year, you will see one, if not more fireworks
3 business in Dade County probably on the interstate.
4 I think it will happen. Any questions on that? I
5 mean, it's just mainly for information. I mean, if
6 you've got any questions.

7 All right. Move down to number eight,
8 Resolution R-38-15. This is the grant that is
9 provided for our transportation. And right now,
10 Don, do you want to give us an update on that, where
11 we stand?

12 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. This is the --
13 the application process was approved back in
14 February of this year. So we received the official
15 grant documentation that will be signed off on in
16 the month of July, early August. So at the bottom
17 of this page, second page, you see it says
18 July 1st, 2015. So this one was hot off the
19 press. A couple of y'all actually had to put your
20 packets together. The information is in there. You
21 see it's 300,000 basically is what the federal
22 government is willing to give Dade County for public
23 transportation down at the bottom. I'm sorry
24 166,988 is what the federal government is going to
25 give, about half the cost of the budget. \$3,942

1 from the state and the local match is 134,397. And
2 of course, that is five employees and four vans.
3 And at the top there on the right, you see there's
4 one van scheduled for replacement this year in the
5 next 12 months and we only paid \$3,941 of that.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? All right.
7 Let's move down to Resolution R-39-15. This is
8 pertaining to the Lake Region or Accellent, Lake
9 region pilot agreement with the IDA. This is a
10 resolution. Robin, if you want to explain why we
11 have to do this. It's actually a law.

12 MR. ROGERS: This is real similar to
13 the MOU that we approved last month. That was for
14 the real estate, the same transaction, but they had
15 asked that we go ahead and approve the real estate
16 MOU earlier so that they -- because they needed to
17 work on the site. So we approved that last month.
18 This is essentially saying will you -- this has to
19 do with the equipment that's being purchased in
20 their expansion. So that's the only difference.

21 The county's involvement is real
22 limited. In fact, if you'll look at the top of page
23 three that there's any reference to pay at all.
24 What the county agreed to do is assist the IDA and
25 Lake Region in fast tracking any permitting that's

1 required. So it just requires the county to assist
2 them if any permits should be required during the
3 acquisition and installation of the equipment.

4 MR. SMITH: That is the same as it was
5 before?

6 MR. ROGERS: That's correct. Same as
7 the MOU.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?
9 It's pretty well cut and dry on that.

10 MR. ROGERS: The IDA chairman is here
11 if you want to add anything to that?

12 MR. WOOTEN: If they have any
13 questions.

14 MR. RUMLEY: I'm going to have him come
15 up right at the end. He's going to speak to us in
16 the work session rather than the meeting. He's got
17 some other things he's got to --

18 MR. ROGERS: Just to advise the
19 Commission, they closed on the real estate side
20 yesterday and there's work on the site now.

21 MR. RUMLEY: That was on the Hellerstat
22 building?

23 MR. ROGERS: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Good news. Good news for
25 Dade County for sure. Okay. Nathan will be here if

1 you've got any questions on that. He'll be up here
2 in just a minute. Number ten, 2015 milage rate, Don
3 has the announcement of the scheduled meetings.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: This is tentative based
5 on the information Paula gave us and transmitting
6 that to the tax commissioner's office on Monday, but
7 very, very tentative schedule will be July 15th
8 we'll begin advertising public hearings, advertising
9 the five-year history. The law changed a little bit
10 this year where we don't have to -- I'll have to
11 review it. There's a House bill that passed this
12 year that changed that a little bit. We don't have
13 to advertise the five-year history more than once or
14 something. This may be off just a little bit
15 because of that. And then public hearings later in
16 the year -- later in the month, I should say. In
17 late July. If they are even required. So we'll
18 take a look at it and just be aware that there may
19 be some special called meetings.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. If there's any
21 changes, of course, we'll let everybody know and it
22 will be in the paper.

23 MR. TOWNSEND: Our goal is really to
24 maintain the millage rate. We have growth. We'll
25 hopefully take the growth, but outside of that, we

1 have no plans of increasing it.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Exactly.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Let me just say on
4 number 11 and 12 is just information. Number 11 is
5 our insurance binder, so y'all can take a look at
6 that. It includes our fleet of vehicles as well as
7 our buildings. That's just for your information.
8 Also, number 12 is legislative updates. I talked to
9 you about that a few times, but also in the back is
10 the appendix that deals with a lot of House bills
11 and Senate bills that are several unfunded mandates
12 that we're accustomed to getting. Since there were
13 so many this year, Robert had requested that we get
14 a list. There's actually a couple more detailed
15 that we're going to be giving you in the next few
16 months as they start affecting us in the new budget
17 year. I just wanted to give that to you.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?
19 Nathan, do you want to come up? Sit down there and
20 talk to us a minute. Nathan is our chairman of the
21 IDA board. He's really been working hard in the
22 last few months, he and Peter and the board. Well,
23 all of us really. We've been working together
24 trying to make some things happen.

25 MR. WOOTEN: Trying to get a few things

1 going here. I'm just going to give you the short
2 version of what's been going on and what we're
3 working for. We've gotten -- you see four projects
4 here. There's really a fifth. The fifth one we're
5 not terribly involved in and that's the bonds for
6 Covenant College, as y'all have probably seen.
7 They're doing a major remodeling project up there
8 and we're going to help them float \$11 million worth
9 of bonds. And by going through IDA to do that,
10 they're going to save about a point and a half to
11 two points interest rate on \$11 million. So for
12 them, it's a big number. And for us, it's really
13 nothing more than a fee that we're going to add back
14 and charge back to them for IDA's involvement in it.
15 No risk to the county. No risk to the IDA. So --

16 MR. RUMLEY: When is your public
17 hearing set; do you know?

18 MR. WOOTEN: It's our next regular
19 meeting, so the 25th. It's the fourth Monday in
20 July, whatever that is. So not -- other than
21 lawyers crossing Ts and dotting Is, not a whole lot
22 to that deal.

23 As Robin mentioned, the Accellent/Lake
24 Region project we've got going on. This started May
25 of 2012. So three and a half years -- a little over

1 three years ago. They had every opportunity to
2 leave Dade County and lots of good reasons to do it.
3 But in the last three years, we've been back and
4 forth and we've tried many -- we've tried putting
5 many pegs in the hole to see what fit. If y'all
6 haven't been through the Industrial Park lately,
7 they have started that project now. It's about a 12
8 and a half million dollar expansion. They're going
9 to add thirty to sixty jobs in the next two to three
10 years. Basically, what they're doing is building a
11 plant B and a new corporate office over there.

12 So, again, there's been tons of
13 paperwork and e-mails and contracts and all that
14 sort of thing. They finally closed, I think, on the
15 property yesterday. So the good news for the county
16 is they're going to be here for a long, long time
17 now. We had every community around us trying to get
18 them out of here and through -- I'll say this. If
19 y'all have met Jill Schauer, who is the general
20 manager down there, she's the reason they're still
21 here. She's gone to bat for Dade County over and
22 over and over to keep them here in Dade County. So
23 that one we're finally starting to see the fruits of
24 the labor there a little bit.

25 The second project there is one that's

1 just getting started. It's the JMS expansion. It's
2 going to be much smaller in scale. It's about three
3 and a half, four million. I'm not even sure. I
4 think they're going to add a few jobs over time.

5 MR. RUMLEY: They said 35.

6 MR. WOOTEN: Yeah.

7 MR. RUMLEY: The last meeting we had
8 with them, that was roughly. He said it could be
9 more, but we know 35.

10 MR. WOOTEN: The easiest project to get
11 is the one you've already got. So they've been good
12 to work with so far. Like I say, we're just
13 starting to get that thing going.

14 The third project there is Project
15 Moon. This one is probably close to a year old now.
16 Since we became grad certified last fall --
17 actually, before that, we've had a number of
18 companies come in and look at Dade County about
19 locating a facility here. This one is as close as
20 we've ever been. We have every reason to believe
21 that we're going to be able to nail it down. We are
22 at the point now where we're having weekly
23 conference calls with them. We are in the process
24 of purchasing a strip of land on the north side of
25 the Shaw property to build a new road so we don't

1 have this train blockage issue ever again,
2 especially up there.

3 MR. PITTMAN: Don't look at me, Nathan.

4 MR. SMITH: You just happened to be in
5 his sight.

6 MR. WOOTEN: That was one of the
7 biggest things they heard about Dade County when
8 they came here to look was the train blockage
9 problem. So this is kind of our way to help
10 eliminate that problem. And the railroad has
11 committed that where we're going to build that road,
12 we won't have that problem there.

13 MR. PITTMAN: No, you won't.

14 MR. WOOTEN: That is a \$35 million.
15 It's about 400 to 450 jobs. Like I say, we have
16 every reason to believe right now we're in the lead.
17 They've eliminated a lot of the sites they've been
18 looking at. So I think they're down to maybe one or
19 two.

20 And then the fourth project there,
21 you'll see something brand new. It's really even
22 too early to talk much about it, but we're hoping it
23 will come to fruition in the next few weeks and
24 months. It would be good for the county, keep jobs
25 here and maybe even add a few. So -- and that will

1 also be a good revenue stream for the IDA, which
2 today has none. So if y'all have any questions,
3 I'll be glad to try to answer them if I can. If I
4 can't, I'll find somebody that knows the answer.

5 MR. RUMLEY: I'm just glad that we've
6 got this thing going. I know that, you know, in the
7 last two years, I know, there's been a lot of work
8 put in, been a lot of meetings. I've attended a lot
9 of them and you have. Peter has beat his brains out
10 on this thing. He's really carried the ball on a
11 lot of it. He's earned his money.

12 MR. WOOTEN: The one concern that we do
13 have a little bit, actually a lot, is if the Project
14 Moon thing comes to pass, they're going to get 75 to
15 100 trucks a day and I don't think we really want
16 that many trucks going around the square. So at
17 some point, GDOT is going to have to get involved
18 and help us out a little bit with doing something
19 maybe on the north end with widening the road or
20 something like that.

21 MR. RUMLEY: We've got a meeting set up
22 next week, next Tuesday. We'll be in Atlanta with
23 them. I know Peter is going and I think you're
24 going to try to meet us down there, get the ball
25 rolling on that and try to see what -- explain to

1 them what we need and then see what they can do for
2 us. We appreciate all you're doing.

3 MR. GOFF: I would like to say to the
4 IDA, I appreciate the work you've done. For people
5 to realize all the work that goes into -- probably
6 nobody knew how close we were to losing Accellent,
7 our largest employer besides the school system. It
8 didn't just happen overnight. It takes time to work
9 these things out. If anybody -- the land was
10 purchased. We would be nowhere had we not purchased
11 the land. You've got to do it because Boone or
12 anyone else coming in won't say we'll wait for you
13 to find us a piece of property.

14 MR. WOOTEN: That's right.

15 MR. GOFF: So again, just so people
16 realize, you know they say -- and sometimes
17 maintaining the jobs is -- it's every bit as
18 important as getting new jobs and sometimes even
19 more so because you've already got -- you're losing
20 something that you've already got in your community.
21 So thank y'all for all that you've done and I hope
22 all this works out and --

23 MR. WOOTEN: Well, we've gotten lucky
24 and the stars got in line for us a couple of time.

25 MR. PITTMAN: I've had a lot of people

1 ask me about the old Shaw building. Are you hearing
2 any possibilities there?

3 MR. WOOTEN: I talk to them pretty much
4 weekly. Right now what they're doing is they're
5 using that as a staging facility to provide some raw
6 materials to some plants down south. They're not
7 going to sell it. They've just put a new roof on
8 it. And the most recent conversation I've had with
9 them is if they're put in the position where they
10 need to reopen a facility, it won't be a yarn or a
11 carpet facility. It would be hardwood or a laminate
12 or something like that. It will be this one. So
13 keep your fingers crossed on that one. That one may
14 come back one day, hopefully sooner than later
15 because I know they're building some new buildings
16 in Dalton right now, so maybe. They had it on the
17 market early on and then they took it off the market
18 and now they've started doing some work.

19 They worked real well with us in buying
20 this right-of-way over there. Some of the things
21 they've asked for us to do kind of makes you think
22 they're going to use that building again one day.
23 They want to make sure in this new road, we leave
24 them an opening where we can connect their parking
25 lot to that road, you know. So just some of things

1 they've said and asked us to look at doing makes us
2 think they'll reopen it one day. It would be nice.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I appreciate it.
4 Thanks for coming. Good report.

5 Okay. Have y'all got anything to add?
6 If not, we'll go ahead and adjourn the work session.
7 We'll take a three or four or five minute break and
8 we'll come back and get our regular meeting started.

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

11 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll call the
12 meeting to order. It's July 2nd, 2015. I
13 appreciate everyone being here tonight and sitting
14 through our work session. As always, before we
15 start our meeting, I'll ask Robert if he would lead
16 us in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

17 (Thereupon, the invocation and
18 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

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

1 MR. SMITH: Here.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

3 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

5 MR. GOFF: Here.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

7 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

8 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

9 Thank you.

10 Mitchell, do you want to start with
11 your committee report?

12 MR. SMITH: The June 911 call activity
13 was 2,053 dispatched calls, 346 EMS, 250 fire and
14 rescue, 11 forestry calls and public works, 1,446
15 law enforcement calls. The roads that have been
16 paved in district one since the last meeting are
17 Forester, Hall, Old Hales Gap, Morganville Loop,
18 Durham, Clark, Patterson, a portion of Slygo Ridge,
19 Tye Lane and Tye Drive.

20 The TDOT bridge replacement on Murphy
21 Hollow I-24 is set to have the existing bridge
22 demolished on Saturday, July 18th. I-24 will be
23 closed starting at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and reopen
24 on Sunday, July 19th at 6:00 a.m. The traffic
25 lights are set up, getting worked on for the bridge

1 that's on Murphy Hollow Road, the half that they've
2 already built and it will be operational the week
3 before the demolition. Of course, that area will be
4 shut down, Murphy Hollow and all during that
5 demolition time. That's what I have.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie?

7 MR. PITTMAN: Billy is not here
8 tonight, but if you guys travel up and down Sand
9 Mountain, you've noticed that White Oak Road has
10 been paved, County Road 6 and it's holding up real
11 well. It looks good. The guys have done a great
12 job. Buying the paving machine was probably one of
13 the best investments we've made and the more these
14 guys on the road crew are using it, the better and
15 better they're getting. They're saving the county a
16 ton of money and getting a whole lot of work done.
17 The list of roads that Mitchell just read off in
18 district one, six years ago, it would not have been
19 possible to get that many roads paved, not on the
20 budget we have.

21 MR. RUMLEY: We probably would have
22 gotten four, three and a half of the roads.

23 MR. PITTMAN: Maybe. And they're doing
24 a really good job and they're getting better and
25 better at it. So if you see these guys out working,

1 stop and tell them you appreciate them and keep an
2 eye out for them because it is pretty dangerous
3 work. The one day Billy was paving, it was -- what
4 was it, Ted, about 98, 99?

5 MR. RUMLEY: Close to 100 that day.

6 MR. PITTMAN: And it's probably around
7 300 degrees sitting on that paving machine because I
8 got up and rode with him about 20 or 30 feet before
9 I made him stop.

10 MR. RUMLEY: I had to stop and take the
11 sign off his back that said vote for me, Scottie
12 Pittman. I told him you can't do that.

13 MR. PITTMAN: It was pretty warm up
14 there.

15 MR. RUMLEY: It was terrible that day.

16 MR. PITTMAN: And it's warm all the way
17 around it. It wasn't just Billy sitting up in the
18 seat getting hot. It's the guys with the rakes,
19 the -- every one of the operators. They do a really
20 good job. So if you see them, tell them you
21 appreciate it. Keep that in mind. And that's all
22 I've got.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Good report, Scottie.
24 Robert?

25 MR. GOFF: Well, I missed last month's

1 meeting and I just want to give a quick shout out so
2 everybody will know I kept my permit, I guess you
3 would call it, in order when I went to Romania.
4 When I got over there, the job I went to do was kind
5 of scrapped, so they needed a new toilet. So I was
6 able to build yet another toilet in Nicoresti,
7 Romania.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Did you get your name on
9 it again?

10 MR. GOFF: This one will be named
11 Robert E. Lee because the gentleman that helped me
12 is a son-in-law to the founders of the -- and his
13 name is Lee and mine is Robert, so it's going to be
14 Robert E. Lee. So I'll have two houses in Romania,
15 so --

16 MR. RUMLEY: Are they going to have a
17 flag or anything on it?

18 MR. GOFF: We'll go there after the
19 meeting.

20 MR. BRADFORD: Executive session.

21 MR. GOFF: That being said, for you
22 newcomers it became a joke when I went over and done
23 the first one and then every one we built in the
24 county had to have my approval. But I enjoyed my
25 time over there. It went by in a hurry.

1 That being said, yesterday marked the
2 day that we -- you remember just a few months ago,
3 we were talking about this bill, that bill, the
4 other bill. Yesterday is the day that most of those
5 bills went into effect, not the least of which was
6 House Bill 170 having to do with the fuel thing.
7 We're waiting to see. Oddly enough, from the time
8 we run to Chattanooga and back today, fuel went down
9 at 299 about a nickel or three or four cents. So
10 maybe that's an indication of good things to come.
11 That went into effect yesterday. So we'll see how
12 that affects us. I know some were talking before
13 the meeting. It affects us in a lot of ways. I
14 said that, you know, that bill started out seven
15 pages, ended up about 34. I think if I'm right
16 we're not even exempt anymore as a county on our
17 fuel tax. So here we are going to have to -- an
18 exemption that we got, we don't get anymore as a
19 county. And you think of some larger counties how
20 much that could be. Don could probably give you an
21 idea how --

22 MR. RUMLEY: About 7,000.

23 MR. GOFF: So that's just that much
24 more money that we've got to pay out now because of
25 this bill. It wasn't pretty to anybody. But then

1 there are some good things. I told a guy today, he
2 was talking about where we live and I said, "Well,
3 we can actually buy and shoot firecrackers now." So
4 that went into effect yesterday. You can buy
5 fireworks without having to go to Alabama and
6 Tennessee to do them. So that's one way maybe that
7 will offset a little bit of the loss.

8 But a lot of bills -- I think there's
9 about 58 in this thing that Don put in our packets.
10 I wish I did know exactly what -- when we went
11 through the budget last week, we kept talking about
12 unfunded mandates. Well, Evan came up and told me
13 y'all need to quit calling it that because you're
14 funding them. So I said we need to change unfunded
15 mandates to they sent the box, but didn't put the
16 check in it because there's several thousands of
17 dollars that these bills this year meant that we had
18 to go back and find money because Atlanta told us we
19 had to. Most of them are dealing with the courts in
20 one way or the other.

21 So when we talk about those things,
22 they're usually a pretty good little hit on the
23 taxpayer in a county. So in this case, it was
24 another one. It's a direct effect of what they do
25 in Atlanta. So keep abreast of them and it won't be

1 long now. We're already in July. They'll be going
2 back to Atlanta about the second week in January and
3 the whole thing will start all over again. So find
4 out who your representative and your senator are and
5 talk to them when you see them. And if you don't
6 see them, call them. They might answer their phone
7 or call you back. So that's all I've got.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. Allan?

9 MR. BRADFORD: Well, I would like to
10 thank Nathan and what they're doing. People don't
11 realize how many people use that little doctor's
12 office here in Trenton, but that thing is always
13 full. The reason I know, I go by there all the
14 time. It would be very inconvenient for the elderly
15 people to have to go across the mountain to go to
16 other doctors. I'm really thankful we've got that
17 here.

18 And Scottie was talking about Billy.
19 They're doing a great job. Not only do they do a
20 lot of paving, but they had 260 work orders this
21 month. That means they average about nine a day.
22 Now, I don't know how they keep on it. They're
23 doing a great job. Most of the roads are always
24 clean and you can do what you need to do.

25 Again, our transfer station, I can't

1 say enough about it. This guys really do a good
2 job. This month we had 504 tons of garbage. That
3 doesn't sound like a lot, but that is a lot when you
4 go down there and watch it go through the system.
5 That's about all I've got. It's been pretty quiet
6 and everything is working well. But, again, I would
7 like to thank all of our crews for what they do with
8 the amount of people that they have. A lot of
9 people couldn't do what our crews do.

10 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you,
11 Allan. Good report. I would like to start by
12 saying -- I see Rodney back there. I appreciate New
13 Salem's work in the fireworks that we have every
14 year. That was a big event last Saturday and a big
15 turnout, too, wasn't it, Rodney? The weather was
16 real good and a lot of people don't realize, really
17 that's -- they don't charge for that. It's amazing
18 that they can put on a show like that like they do
19 because they spend thousands of dollars. It's not
20 your normal fireworks, but I appreciate Rodney and
21 the community center and the fire department working
22 together in getting that. It's one of the biggest
23 events that we have in the county right now other
24 than the New Salem Arts Show out there, the
25 festival. I appreciate y'all, Rodney.

1 Well, it's been a busy month. It's
2 went by fast. We've been working with -- where is
3 Nathan at? We worked with them on all these
4 projects trying to get this -- the Commission,
5 trying to be right there for them on the Lake Region
6 deal. We've attended many, many meetings with these
7 people trying to make this work. I'm just glad,
8 like he said, we're keeping them. We're gaining
9 jobs. We're gaining jobs with them. We're gaining
10 jobs with JMS. They're almost doubling their size
11 on this project. It's good. There's nothing but
12 good going on right now with IDA.

13 The Project Moon that he mentioned,
14 there's a lot we can't talk about now, but I've
15 mentioned it in every meeting for the last few
16 months, I guess, but man, it's -- I just feel the
17 day is just around the corner where we can make a
18 good announcement there. It will be a good hit for
19 our Industrial Park. Pray for us there. We're
20 right down to the end. Like a Nathan said -- I
21 mean, I feel like 99 percent right now the way I
22 feel about it. We hope there will be a press
23 release before long around the corner on that.

24 I've been working this month. I spent
25 a lot of time -- I can't say the name of the

1 hospital, but a major hospital that have met Evan
2 and myself and Robert. We've worked on this, worked
3 on this to try to bring a major hospital in this
4 county that will have a clinic. There again, I'm
5 about a 99 percent on that, too. We're working with
6 the IDA on this and you'll see when we can actually
7 make the announcement how we worked together on this
8 to make it work and it's just -- it's a win-win for
9 Dade County, Dade County Commission and IDA. So
10 that's something you can kind of look forward to in
11 the very near future. We can hopefully make that
12 announcement.

13 Our water board meeting last Friday or
14 the third Friday, I try to mention different things
15 that we do there. I haven't reported on that in
16 while because it's been -- water board meetings are
17 pretty quiet usually. It's a financial report and
18 that's pretty much it. But we are trying to -- in
19 the near future, we're going to try to change all of
20 our meters over to electronically being read where
21 you can -- first, it will be actually an electronic
22 meter. When you drive by -- you've still got to
23 drive by the meter, but it will automatically read
24 that meter. They've done a lot of research, Doug
25 has in the last few years. They've got them down

1 really -- they've got all the bugs out of them, I
2 guess you might say, if there's any bugs in them.
3 It's really a good thing. It will be more accurate
4 meters and so that's something that we're looking at
5 in the future of doing. And eventually in the next
6 couple of three years, being able to -- it will be a
7 remote reading system similar to Georgia Power like
8 they have. So that's -- that will probably be the
9 next big thing we have. We have several places that
10 we're planning on installing and updating water
11 lines throughout the county because there is money
12 in this next S.P.L.O.S.T that will start very soon.
13 We hope to have that done. That will be in the next
14 five years, three to five years.

15 Let's see what I've left out. Health
16 board meeting, I attend that. We have that
17 quarterly. We did have that this month. We always
18 get a report from our health department on our
19 different septic tanks and how many permits and how
20 much building is going on. You know, and really
21 compared to last year, I was looking in my stats,
22 you know, for the last year compared and things are
23 really changing in the county. We've got
24 building -- judging not only from them, from their
25 report that they give us, but also Hugh, he's our

1 electrical inspector and our inspections are up, you
2 know, tremendously from what it was two years ago
3 and last year. So that's a good thing. That's that
4 light we keep talking about at the end of the
5 tunnel.

6 And all month, Don even though we did
7 pass the budget, we still -- Don, myself and other
8 commissioners, we're continuously looking to make
9 sure that we -- if there's anything else we can cut
10 or if there's been a mistake or whatever. We'll do
11 that right on up until the time of the digest. And
12 as we got a report tonight, a good report from the
13 assessors, everything looks like it's right on
14 track. What that means is hopefully our taxes, our
15 notices will go out early or on time this year where
16 if this didn't fall into place, it could delay that
17 on up into -- one time I know we were here and it
18 was right around the first of the year before we
19 actually -- things were out and we went over before.
20 We didn't collect any money until the end of that
21 next year. It really throws everything off,
22 spending and everything off. We look good this year
23 on it and I feel good about it. I feel good about
24 the millage rate.

25 Let's see here if I've got anything

1 else I wanted to tell you. As Robert mentioned, Pat
2 Page that's down at Moore's and the Wilson lady that
3 passed away, try to keep them in your prayers.

4 The sheriff and David Hughes, Sergeant
5 Hughes, we met yesterday with another bike group.
6 They're going to have another bike event on the
7 north end of the county. It's the River Gorge
8 event. They've had this for several years, but it's
9 the first time they've actually come that deep into
10 Dade County. It's going to actually -- we reviewed
11 the map. Of course, the sheriff is more involved in
12 that than actually I am. They've got everything set
13 up for the deputies and all. The date, it's going
14 to be up actually at the end of August. So it's
15 quite a few weeks off. You'll see more about that
16 in the paper. It's not near as big as the three
17 mountain bike ride. I think there's only like maybe
18 250 bikes in this, 300 bikes. So that's something
19 we'll keep you up on. Do y'all have anything else
20 that you maybe thought about?

21 MR. BRADFORD: I would like to thank
22 Tom Pounds for all the work he does at our community
23 center. He's becoming a pretty good cook as long as
24 it's ice cream.

25 MR. RUMLEY: All right. And I would

1 like to comment a little bit on something Rex
2 Harrison said the other day in the meeting. And
3 Robert, we said something about it today. I asked
4 Rex, I said, "Well, do you have anything you want to
5 say?" And Rex said, "No, we're here, you know, now
6 through good and bad." That's the way it should be.
7 We ought to have this thing packed, you know,
8 whether we're talking about a millage increase or if
9 we're talking about good things or bad things. It's
10 good to see people actually be here. You know,
11 whether you're here, you know, for us or against us,
12 you need to come listen because this is where you
13 can really hear what's going on and you can voice
14 your opinion. That's what we're here for. I
15 appreciate that. I appreciate Rex and I appreciate
16 his cohort there in front of him. But we appreciate
17 both of y'all. Y'all seem like you're here. I know
18 we used to have Buddy and all. They always showed
19 up. Now his health is not good and Roy Fowler. We
20 miss that group. I mean, we could count on them
21 being here when we opened the door. Anyway, I just
22 wanted to get that off my chest.

23 If y'all ain't got anything else, we'll
24 move on down to number three. We have Ms. Marshanna
25 Sharp. She's our manager of the Dade County Public

1 Library. Come up and give us a report.

2 MS. SHARP: Well, I don't have a lot
3 this month. Summer reading, of course, is going on
4 for the rest of this month. We have like 317 kids
5 signed up for summer reading. We've been having
6 around 280 each week. Today we had Ken Scott and we
7 thought it would be kind of a slow -- anyway, we had
8 about 218 today, but we've been getting around
9 probably about over 300 lunches out a week. Most
10 days on Thursdays is when we give the most lunches
11 out.

12 But it's been going well. We do have
13 something that was released July 1st is Mango
14 language. It's on Galileo and you can access it if
15 you have a library card. It has seventy different
16 languages. It's a really -- we've been playing
17 around with it. It's really easy. But you can
18 learn any -- seventy different languages. Just pick
19 a language and learn the whole course. It's all
20 free. The state just added it to the Galileo. And
21 so we're excited about that. If anybody needs to
22 know any information or how to go on, if they'll
23 just call the library, we can tell you how to get on
24 as long as you have your library card.

25 We've got a lot of stuff going on in

1 the background. We've got a lot of tech stuff going
2 on. We're getting ready to open up. All the staff
3 are going to training. I go next week. We have one
4 there this week. We're going to Tech Town. They're
5 giving us free training on coding, robotics, 2D
6 printing and all that. We worked it out with them.
7 They're training us all. We've got a lot going on
8 in the background, but hopefully we'll be able to
9 announce it all soon. So do y'all have any
10 questions?

11 Oh, and on the back, I have some of the
12 pictures of some of the kids and some of our things
13 going on at the library. The end of this month on
14 the 30th, we want everybody to come because we're
15 going to recognize local heroes in the community.
16 Actually the children, we're going to let them do
17 the program, so they're going to recognize some
18 local heroes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate it. Thank
20 you. Rich?

21 MR. LAVELLA: I've got Joe Hicks with
22 us today. He wants to come up.

23 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Come up. Tell
24 us who you are and give us a report.

25 MR. JOSEPH HICKS: My name is Joseph

1 Hicks. In 4H, there was 34 kids, fifth and sixth
2 grade Dade County 4Hers attending Cloverleaf Camp at
3 Rock Eagle. They participated in canoeing, sailing,
4 herpetology, ropes course and other activities.
5 Cavin Ukos, Alex Jones and Skye Wilson chosen for
6 their leadership abilities. Brett Dyer and myself
7 attended a livestock judging camp in Calhoun.

8 Eight 4Hers went to the Jump Park.
9 Rain barrel fundraiser will continue through the
10 summer. Rain barrels are \$50 and can be purchased
11 at Ace Hardware and the Extension Office. Cody
12 Doyle and Woody Walden attended State 4H and
13 participated in community service projects,
14 workshops and competition for the iron clover award.
15 Cody Doyle also participated in citizen ceremony by
16 Governor Nathan Deal.

17 Members of the livestock show team have
18 possession of their animals and are working hard to
19 get them ready for upcoming shows. Ms. Katie has
20 numerous site visits for everything from nostoc
21 algae to pond issues. Dade County is coordinating
22 the first tri-state hay competition. Eligible hay
23 producers include those in Dade, Walker and Catoosa
24 Counties in Georgia, Jackson and Dekalb Counties in
25 Alabama and Marion County in Tennessee. Eligible

1 hay producers submit hay samples to their local
2 extension office which are sent to the UGA feed live
3 for analysis. The results are then used in the hay
4 contest with winners to be announced at the 4H field
5 day in October. The contest is being sponsored by
6 several local businesses and includes prizes for the
7 top three competitors in the three hay variety
8 categories as well as overall winner.

9 In upcoming events, 4Hers will take day
10 trips to the Lost Sea, Mayfield Dairy and
11 Chickamauga Battlefield. A Walk Georgia event will
12 take place at the Cloudland Canyon on July 25th.
13 There is also some fliers on the back table of that
14 event.

15 Dade County's first family agricultural
16 fair will take place at the extension office on
17 August 27th. There will be livestock viewing, bee
18 keeping, looming and wildlife demonstrations as well
19 as drawing, photography, canning and sewing
20 contests. All ages are encouraged to enter the
21 contest. Rules and dropoff times are available at
22 the extension office for those interested. While
23 the event will be free of charge, there will be a
24 small admission fee for the petting zoo. Any
25 questions?

1 MR. RUMLEY: Good job.

2 MR. BRADFORD: You did a really good
3 job. Thank you very much.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Rich, on the hay judging,
5 what do they look for? I mean, do they go into the
6 nutrients and all in the hay?

7 MR. LAVELLA: Yeah. The hay they're
8 actually judging is Bermuda and then mixed legumes.
9 It's all over the state of Georgia and Alabama and
10 Tennessee. John Case right here in our backyard
11 always enters it and does really well. It's really
12 neat for Dade County.

13 MR. BLACK: Rich, wasn't it about four
14 or five years ago that he won?

15 MR. LAVELLA: Yeah.

16 MR. BLACK: It wasn't too many years
17 ago.

18 MR. LAVELLA: He's always placed in the
19 top ten, but yeah, he won it that year.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Zack Stone. He is
21 our executive director of our Chamber of Commerce.

22 MR. ZACH STONE: All right. I guess
23 starting off we'll talk about Dade Days. We've got
24 that coming up Saturday August 1st. We've got a
25 movie night before. I don't know. Did we do a

1 movie night last year? So this is our first time
2 doing night before. It's going to be in Jenkins
3 Park, I believe -- no. It's going to be here. All
4 right. That's where it's going to be. And the
5 library is --

6 MS. SHARP: We have the license, so it
7 has to be at the library.

8 MR. ZACH STONE: Yeah. The library.
9 Anyway, Dade Days is going to be pretty big. We've
10 got Davey Smith and the Pearl Snap Preachers, which
11 is a pretty big local act according to Cowboy Kyle
12 there. So he's helped us get that.

13 We've got our duck race coming up as
14 well and the dunk tank, which I'm sure Allan and
15 Robert will be up for, and the big man Don Townsend,
16 of course, right? I've got you penciled in already.

17 MR. RUMLEY: As long as you're penciled
18 in.

19 MR. BRADFORD: They told us 45 minutes
20 last year and gave me three hours.

21 MR. ZACH STONE: We've got our luncheon
22 coming up on the 17th. It's going to be right
23 here. It's going to be the Georgia Department of
24 Labor Commissioner Mark Butler, so hopefully that
25 will be pretty relevant considering some of the

1 things happening in the county.

2 Our September 18th luncheon, we've
3 almost confirmed the regional director for the U.S.
4 Department of Economic Development. So that will be
5 pretty relevant as well. And then November 20th,
6 we're going to have Representative Tom Graves is
7 going to be here. So we've kind of worked our
8 luncheons out for the rest of the year.

9 Went to Rome, Georgia for Georgia
10 Chamber breakfast. All of that, we actually
11 received a small scholarship for the GACC, the
12 Georgia Chamber of Commerce Executives, it's their
13 leadership conference. It's going to be in Tybee
14 Island or on Tybee Island and they covered our
15 registration fee for that. It's one of three in the
16 state that they gave out. So it was, you know, a
17 big deal for us.

18 They also talked to us about if they
19 have an opening on their government affairs
20 committee, then they asked us if we would be
21 interested in filling that spot because they may
22 have a spot coming open. So it was -- to kind of
23 put that in perspective, it's metro Atlanta. It's
24 Savannah. It's Columbus. I mean, and then it would
25 be Dade County if it happens. So that would be

1 pretty big.

2 Give you an update on the drugs don't
3 work program that saves us seven and a half percent
4 on workman's comp insurance. We should be finished
5 with that by the end of August, so we'll be able to
6 start offering that to our members. Attended all
7 our normal community regional meetings almost. We
8 had one or two that we had to miss for -- because we
9 were -- I had to cover the Chamber for a few days.

10 We have the Walk Georgia coming up with
11 Cloudland Canyon, so we're going to help promote
12 that. We've been working, already getting phone
13 calls for the world's longest yard sale that's
14 coming up. That's the weekend actually after Dade
15 Days.

16 When I was covering the Chamber that we
17 haven't had before, which, you know, being a
18 regional visitation center, people come in all the
19 time asking for souvenirs. So we're going to come
20 up with a postcard because we've never had anything.
21 Our new mover will be finished by the end of August
22 as well, so that will be -- I'll be glad to get that
23 project over.

24 Do you guys have any questions or
25 comments? All right. Well, as always, thank you

1 guys for your support.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Thanks for your report.

3 We don't have anyone here from the City
4 of Trenton tonight. Of course, Nathan was here. He
5 did give us a report on our IDA. So we'll move down
6 here to our monthly financial report. Mr. Don
7 Townsend, our county financial officer.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. This is kind
9 of a lengthy report. It's June 30th. It's our
10 fiscal year end, so I want to give you this update.

11 As of June 30th, 2015, the General
12 Fund had a balance of \$733,691. We have in both
13 banks 200,000 in each bank, so a total of \$400,000
14 in general fund certificate of deposits. It leaves
15 the balance at \$1,133,691. That's significant to
16 note right there. That's the first time since I've
17 worked here that we've had -- well, many times we
18 don't have any money in the bank on June 30th, but
19 over a million dollars. Now, that doesn't mean
20 we're doing great, but that does mean there is an
21 improvement in our fiscal policy. So I just wanted
22 to note that.

23 Federal asset fund, U.S. Treasury has a
24 balance of \$288; Sheriff's Special Fund, \$17,303;
25 Drug Abuse Education Fund, \$86,372; Supplemental

1 Juvenile Services Fund, \$24,474; Victim Assistance
2 Fund, \$2,452; Jail Fund, \$29,722; Federal Asset
3 Fund, Department of Justice, \$742; Employee's
4 Flexible Spending Account, \$15,918; Payroll Account,
5 \$191,897.

6 In the 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T funds
7 remaining, we have in the construction account \$150.
8 Projects account, \$110,493. And in the proceeds
9 account, \$1,199,303. So remember that number right
10 there. I'm going to talk about that in a minute.

11 In the 2015 S.P.L.O.S.T funds, projects
12 account, we have a zero balance and, of course, the
13 S.P.L.O.S.T called the GOSTB bond, general
14 obligation sales tax bond debt service account has a
15 balance of \$26,350. That is funds that is part of
16 the initial bond offering that we collected in order
17 to make our first interest only payment. Our first
18 payment in the new S.P.L.O.S.T will be in September
19 of this year.

20 Series 2013 bonds in industrial
21 development authority construction series B has a
22 balance of \$170,106. And the IDA debt service
23 series A and the county debt series B both have a
24 balance of zero. And then at the bottom, you see
25 the certificate of deposits at both banks.

1 The next page, page two and three, at
2 the top you see all months. This is for the period
3 ending May 31st. We had revenues of \$311,626. We
4 budgeted \$372,709. So we were under budget there,
5 short \$61,082. Year-to-date for the revenues was
6 \$8,227,459. Budgeted was \$8,342,269. So overall,
7 \$114,810 that is short in revenues for that period
8 of time. The largest part of that is for local
9 option sales tax. So that's -- we're going to talk
10 about that.

11 At the bottom is expenses. We had
12 \$593,346. Monthly revenue -- monthly budgeted was
13 665,100. So we actually were under budget \$71,753.
14 And for the year-to-date through May 31st we've
15 spent \$7,372,171. Budgeted was \$7,984,995. So we
16 were under budget \$612,823.

17 Revenues less expenses for May, the
18 actual was short \$281,719 compared to the -- the
19 budget was short 292,391. But revenues less
20 revenues year-to-date actually had a balance of
21 \$855,288. Budgeted was \$357,274. So we were
22 actually under budget \$498,000 for that period.
23 Budget attained should be at 91.67 percent. We were
24 at 90.97 percent on revenues and expenses attained
25 was 82.46 percent.

1 The next report that is in the packet
2 is actually the -- almost the same thing as the two
3 we just gave you. But I just want to give you this.
4 This is a new report that has been prepared. This
5 may replace what we've been doing. I don't know.
6 It depends on Scottie Pittman's attitude towards
7 four pages versus two pages. A couple of years ago
8 he would not look at the 71-page report that I gave
9 him the first time we gave a financial report. He
10 said, I want that in one page. I said, that's
11 impossible. Front and back, we did it.

12 But anyway, just be aware that the next
13 three pages is the same. Following that is the
14 project variance report and it shows the revenues --
15 general ledger number for that period. Same amounts
16 that we just reviewed. And same for the expenses,
17 pages four and five of the next report.

18 Going over to the next page, we start
19 looking at S.P.L.O.S.T dollars and Local Option
20 Sales Tax dollars. Local Option Sales Tax for the
21 period June 2015 was \$140,815. That included a pro
22 rata share. Sometimes it's just miscellaneous sales
23 tax collected in the state that they give all
24 counties. It's just a small amount, like 250
25 something dollars. It's not much. Before overall,

1 that's 140,000. That's a little bit of an increase
2 from where we've been, but still very low from what
3 we've seen in the past.

4 The following reports after that page
5 is actually S.P.L.O.S.T and it shows the 2004
6 S.P.L.O.S.T and then it shows the 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T.
7 As you can see, we have two months remaining on
8 that, July and August. And then we'll be complete
9 with those for that period of S.P.L.O.S.T and then
10 we'll be onto the 2015 S.P.L.O.S.T.

11 S.P.L.O.S.T for the month of June was
12 \$176,019.91. And following that page is where we
13 started getting some reports that I used to give you
14 some time ago and these will be published in the
15 local media. I'll be sending this hopefully in the
16 next week or two to be published.

17 First is S.P.L.O.S.T tracking
18 worksheet. It's the bottom page 1.1. At the bottom
19 it's got page 1.2. It looks like this. All right.
20 The top in the green there is the construction fund,
21 which I reported earlier, we have about \$150 left in
22 that account. So basically that account is now
23 closed. You see all those percentages are right
24 there at 100 percent. Under the orange or peach
25 color is the -- what we've currently been working

1 out of. And again, you see some of these nearing --
2 these project line items and project funds nearing
3 100 percent completion, such as county projects,
4 fire truck lease, equipment purchases, 100 percent.
5 Heart -- parking lot site work, 100 percent. Then
6 there's a 95 percent of sheriff's department, jail.
7 Those are the cars that we purchased out of
8 S.P.L.O.S.T. You can see all the different things.

9 For the month -- for the year 2015 --
10 now, you've got to realize we still have 60 days
11 left under GASB Rules, governmental accounting, we
12 still have 60 days, approximately 58 days, 57 if you
13 don't count the 4th of July that we have to leave
14 the books open. So we will be changing this bottom
15 line Monday. It says we expensed \$770,600 in the
16 year 2015, commenced July 1st, 2014 through
17 June 30th. It just expired. Total funds expensed
18 out of this S.P.L.O.S.T. so far has been right at
19 12,000 -- \$12 million. It's \$12,100,145. We have
20 had a few bank fees that's posted along the way,
21 \$293 you see. And we have no monies in the last few
22 years, actually, five years to invest. So that's
23 why it's been zero. And then the general obligation
24 debt services is what we've been paying our bonds
25 back. You see it's \$1,220,456 that we paid in the

1 year 2015 and then going back for a total so far of
2 \$6,655,619. That's what we paid back.

3 If you look down page two, the bottom
4 of the page, you'll see the yellow line across
5 there, the remaining amount owed, 1,199,250. That's
6 the amount owed still on the bonds and that's almost
7 to the penny, actually a little more extra, about
8 \$100 more in the proceeds account. That's the
9 number I wanted to recall. So we've got the money.
10 We're ready to pay it, but there's no benefit by
11 paying it early unfortunately. So we hold onto that
12 money just in case anything were to happen or go
13 wrong in the county.

14 Overall, total funds dispersed through
15 the -- since 2008 on this S.P.L.O.S.T. has been
16 \$19,913,734. That's pretty impressive, I mean, for
17 Dade County. I'm just saying, you know. That's
18 quite a bit of money.

19 So now, the following pages, page two,
20 you see the construction fund that shows the balance
21 of \$149.91. The following page is projects account.
22 These are all transactions that have happened in the
23 last 12 months. That page and the next page,
24 continuation of those transactions. And then the
25 summary is on page 3.3 for the projects account and

1 that's at the bottom, you see \$110,492.54, which
2 ties back to that original sum of the report that we
3 went over earlier. It also lists all the Department
4 of Revenue checks that have come in from the state
5 throughout the year and transfers from the proceeds
6 account.

7 The last page there, the next page over
8 is page four and that is proceeds account summary
9 showing basically the bond payments and the
10 transfers that have happened in the last 12 months.
11 Again, showing that total at the bottom of
12 \$1,199,921.

13 Now, going into the next pages, this is
14 some really good information. David Smith is one of
15 the interns in the office and I've been collecting
16 information. I just haven't had time to graph it
17 out for you. He did an excellent job of graphing
18 this out. You can see each year starting back in
19 2003, the different amounts monthly revenue charts.
20 All this is showing how the money comes in each
21 month. It's up and down. It gives us kind of a
22 history. That's what pages one, two, and three are
23 for local option sales tax. Again, that's the one
24 penny less 20 percent. The City of Trenton gets 20
25 percent and we get 80 percent of that money.

1 Page five and page six, still on local
2 option sales tax. Average monthly revenue chart,
3 this is just, again, a different demonstration of
4 all of those years, of eight years average monthly
5 revenues looking at it and you can tell that it
6 appears like July has always been right there near
7 the top. So we would expect, of course, this month
8 to get our largest check that we'll see. Now, that
9 was eight years data. Then you go over to page six
10 across the page there and this is just the last four
11 years and this is really what's more important.
12 Again, July -- you can see used to December was a
13 big month. Now, January is the big month. Sales
14 going on in January or something, but that's the big
15 month you can see the revenue.

16 The most disturbing page in this whole
17 financial report is page seven to me and it's very
18 much proof in the pudding here of annual revenue
19 trend. We've talked a lot about trends over the
20 last ten years. Well, this one really got me. I
21 mean, you can see we were doing great in 2003 all
22 the way up to 2005 and '06, maxed out in 2006 and
23 2007 and then the great recession. In 2009 we hit
24 our lowest point on record. And then we slowly
25 started coming back up in 2010 and '11. We plateaued

1 and then in 2012 and '13, we start dropping and
2 we're almost as low currently as we were at the
3 depth of the recession. Now, I cannot explain that
4 other than to say it's just simple revenues. You
5 know, we have to trust what the Department of
6 Revenue sends us that we're collecting at the
7 merchant level. They send it to the state and the
8 state sends it to us, of course, two months later
9 after they get to hold it for sixty days and draw
10 that interest, but if someone wants to -- we can
11 elaborate on that for days, but I don't know.
12 That's just a very interesting graph right there.

13 Then you have -- and that's a 12-year
14 report that you're looking at, 2003 all the way
15 through 2014. The average -- on the next page.
16 Monthly revenue for 2003 through 2014. This is the
17 local option sales tax, the average monthly revenue
18 chart.

19 Going onto the next report, then we're
20 looking at S.P.L.O.S.T. Now, S.P.L.O.S.T is just
21 20 percent more of L.O.S.T. So it's pretty much the
22 same pattern that you had in the L.O.S.T. reports,
23 but, again, there is your data for 2003 through
24 current period 2014. Page 11, page 12. The top of
25 page 11, the peach colored graph, that is a prior

1 four-year average for monthly revenues from 2007,
2 2010. You say, oh, it looks like it's going up.
3 Well, the reason it's going up is this is a monthly
4 view. But the year-to-year view is in the yellow at
5 the bottom. Again, you see that drop and we're
6 still back about 2006, 2007 where we are today --
7 actually, that was in '10 and then go across the
8 page and it continues to fall in 2013.

9 The only light at the end of the tunnel
10 here is on this particular graph, you can see that
11 it turns. It looks like it hits the floor in 2013
12 and I hope that's the case. Time will tell.

13 Then the next report over on page 13 is
14 another -- just more proof. It says seven-year
15 annual. That's a typo. It's actually a 12-year
16 annual report. You see the percentage change at the
17 bottom and we have a drop, for instance, from 2008,
18 2009, a negative 13 percent drop in revenues. So
19 those were tough, tough years and we have actually
20 seen a couple of other tough years. And those tough
21 years -- actually following the tornado in 2011,
22 we've consistently dropped. I mean, the drop has
23 not been so severe in the last year. Again, so
24 hopefully that is a turning point. You see that
25 graph is heading down. At some point, I apologize,

1 I will get these put up. We just got these together
2 and I'm going to try to get these up next time so
3 you can see what we're talking about.

4 That pretty much concludes as far as
5 the S.P.L.O.S.T and the L.O.S.T. The following
6 report, these are two different -- actually, three
7 years worth of information on the excise tax that we
8 collect on energy. Of course, that's one of those
9 taxes that is going to go away, but I just wanted to
10 show you that we have -- we're collecting about
11 13,000 at this point and it was set to grow another
12 percent.

13 And the following two or three pages is
14 information on the tax commissioner's office and her
15 collections. This is only 11 months worth. She's
16 brought two of the three checks to the office today.
17 Next month we'll have a full cycle report to review.
18 But she's currently stood at 93.28 percent over --
19 budgeted 4.4 million for the county.

20 Kind of lengthy, but I thought y'all
21 needed to see those graphs and things and something
22 to take home and study. Thank you.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?
24 Evan's camera messed up, Don. Can you repeat that?

25 MR. TOWNSEND: I can. So here we go.

1 As of June 30th...

2 MR. RUMLEY: No corrections or
3 comments? I'll entertain a motion to approve our
4 financial report as stated by Mr. Townsend.

5 MR. GOFF: I make a motion we approve
6 as read.

7 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion and
9 second. I'll call a vote. Mr. Smith?

10 MR. SMITH: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

12 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

14 MR. GOFF: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

16 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

18 Thank you. Good report, Don.

19 Robin, have you got any legal matters
20 you need to go over with us or anything?

21 MR. ROGERS: I do not, Ted.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Unfinished business.

23 The reading of the minutes of last month's
24 regular meeting and any special-called meeting will not
25 be required since all Commissioners have been furnished

1 copies in advance. The minutes are public record and
2 available for review in our County Commission office.
3 The minutes are also included in our consent agenda.
4 At this time, I will ask Mr. Townsend to review our
5 consent agenda and I'll entertain a motion to approve
6 the consent agenda. Don?

7 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. I have the
8 approval of the agenda as presented, approval of the
9 previous meeting minutes, approval of the review of
10 personnel status report, proclamation to approve for
11 the seventieth anniversary of the State of Dade back
12 into the union, recognizing -- proclaiming
13 July 3rd, 2015, as Independent State of Dade Day
14 to celebrate the history of Dade County.

15 We have approval of S.P.L.O.S.T and
16 capital equipment. We have the acceptance of the
17 lowest bid amount by Clarence Taylor Construction
18 Company out of Flintstone, Georgia, and that is for
19 the construction of a 30 by 80 by 10 storage
20 building for the total cost of \$42,565. And
21 Resolution R-38-15, which is the Federal Transit
22 Authority section 5311 fiscal year 2016 operating
23 grant agreement, total of \$161,988 federal, 3,942
24 state, \$134,397 local match.

25 And we have Resolution R-39-15 which is

1 the Industrial Development Authority's memorandum of
2 understanding with Accellent doing business as Lake
3 Region pilot agreement equipment only and a
4 resolution acknowledging and agreeing to terms of
5 the memorandum of understanding between Dade County
6 Industrial Development Authority and Accellent and
7 also to fast track anti-permitting required. And I
8 think that's it.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions? If
10 not, I'll entertain a motion to approve our consent
11 agenda as presented by Mr. Townsend. Do I have a
12 motion?

13 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I have a second?

15 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
17 Pittman. I'll call a vote. Mr. Smith?

18 MR. SMITH: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

20 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

22 MR. GOFF: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

24 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

1 Okay. All right. Anyone want to come up and talk
2 to us tonight? Every week we ask if anyone wants to
3 come up, have anything to say? All right.

4 Mr. Black?

5 MR. BLACK: I'll get there in a minute.
6 Give me time. I'm still not walking real great, but
7 at least I'm out of the wheelchair.

8 A couple -- well, not a couple. Three
9 things, three different hats tonight. One of them
10 is that I had asked for NAMI in Georgia to provide
11 one day of training for our teachers for suicide
12 prevention. I talked with Ms. Swader about it.
13 Also Ms. General Woods was there also. It turned
14 out today that we're going to be able to get two.
15 And so that's a big deal because we're going to be
16 able to get our teachers some training. The good
17 thing is it's not going to cost us anything to get
18 it and the American Legion will be backing some of
19 the publications for it.

20 MR. RUMLEY: When will that be
21 scheduled, in the fall?

22 MR. BLACK: They're going to do
23 hopefully four sessions, one in the morning, one in
24 the afternoon. We're going to get half the teachers
25 one morning and half the other. I think we may get

1 some law enforcement in there, too and get some CRT
2 credits for that. That's what I hope we're getting.
3 It's NAMI out of Rome, so let's hope for the best
4 for that so we can get some -- I know we've had some
5 pretty severe trials along that. Also --

6 MR. SMITH: All teachers or just --

7 MR. BLACK: It will be all teachers
8 starting first grade on up. It will be according to
9 what the superintendent told us. Also, Lloyd Gass
10 and I are on the NRCS Committee. You know that.
11 And we have gotten some money from the state. Now,
12 whether or not we get it for this county or not, I
13 don't know. It's close to \$8,000, but what we need
14 to do is look at something probably on -- I need to
15 probably get with Billy on it, whatever. It's where
16 we could do erosion control, something for -- so we
17 could do a demonstration and for a problem we've got
18 in the county, you know. It's not much, but it
19 would go a long way doing our own work and, you
20 know, if we just bought some materials with it. I
21 don't know if we'll be able to get it here or not.
22 I'll find out. I have a meeting in Athens in August
23 and we'll find out exactly what we're approved for,
24 but I need some things from Billy, probably from you
25 as to what we would do for erosion.

1 MR. RUMLEY: But it could be -- are you
2 talking about erosion on the county -- on government
3 property?

4 MR. BLACK: It can be anywhere.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Can it be streamed back,
6 containment or anything?

7 MR. BLACK: It can be on private
8 property.

9 MR. RUMLEY: It needs to be where it
10 can be seen though, where people can actually drive
11 by and see it.

12 MR. BLACK: Preferably we do it on
13 something that will save the county some money and
14 really benefit us.

15 Also, for good or bad, I have been
16 elected the chairman of the Northwest Regional --
17 Region One Regional Mental Health Planning Board.
18 So with that and 69 cents you can go to McDonald's
19 and get a cup of senior coffee, but it does put Dade
20 County out as having a little bit of influence. And
21 for what it's worth, I hope that it's good. We're
22 still working with our veterans trying to get the
23 needed material that we've got here to take care of
24 them. And that's -- it's a hassle and it's really a
25 problem.

1 Mental health issues is going to be
2 with us for a long time. It's been with us since
3 the time of Memorial and we have pushed it. We hope
4 in doing this thing with the school, bringing it
5 forward into the forefront. One of them is entitled
6 Out Into the Light and that's getting those issues
7 out into the light so that people will discuss them
8 and that's what we're hoping to do with that.

9 But that's basically what's going on in
10 mental health, NRCS and Legion and what we're doing
11 for education. Thank you, gentlemen.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Tom, for all
13 you do. Anyone else?

14 MS. TATUM: I just wanted to give you a
15 report on the Tri-state Coalition for Healthy
16 Hearts. We had our organizational meeting last
17 Tuesday night. Not the best turnout in the world,
18 but we had a number of people there and we
19 developed -- started developing some guidelines and
20 a couple of programs that we think will be
21 beneficial and we would like to get them up and
22 running and we're -- we've -- a couple of projects.
23 One was a health fair. We would like to make it
24 with all the doctors and do some stress -- some
25 blood pressure screening, some -- well, I lost all

1 my whole long list. Blood pressure, blood sugar,
2 cholesterol, maybe triglycerides. We can make some
3 of those available at no cost and some available at
4 discounted rates and we might even work in some free
5 ones for people who cannot afford even the
6 discounted rates.

7 We're looking at possible projects like
8 maybe a healthy food competition. It was
9 recommended that we go to some of the fast food
10 places and encourage them to put some healthier
11 menus out. And the biggest thing is how to get more
12 people involved and we encourage everybody to make
13 everybody else aware of them, of the program and
14 thank you for y'all's support and we'll see y'all at
15 the next meeting in July.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Any questions?
17 Okay. Anyone else? Okay. I appreciate all of
18 y'all being here today. I appreciate all your
19 support. I appreciate our commissioners. I do. I
20 hope you do. We've got a good group here. If
21 there's nothing further, anyone want to add
22 anything, if not, I'll entertain a motion to
23 adjourn.

24 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion we
25 adjourn.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

2 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

3 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.

4 Smith?

5 MR. SMITH: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman.

7 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

9 MR. GOFF: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

11 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

12 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

13 Meeting adjourned.

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