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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

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2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. According to  
3 Verizon here it's 6:00 o'clock. So let's go ahead  
4 and call the meeting to order. I appreciate y'all  
5 being here tonight.

6 Everyone had time to look at the agenda?  
7 Any changes? Comments?

8 MR. TOWNSEND: Since the advertised  
9 agenda, I did add Resolution 42-15 and R-43-15. And  
10 that's for both budget amendments. You'll see that.  
11 But it was in the packet I made. It's on the agenda  
12 as well. I just wanted to make that  
13 (unintelligible.)

14 MR. RUMLEY: Any other changes?  
15 Comments? Okay. All right. Everyone's had our  
16 minutes from our past meeting. Any changes or  
17 comments on that? Okay. Put that on the consent  
18 agenda.

19 Personnel status. Okay. We'll put that.  
20 Not had a tremendous change of employment this  
21 month. I think we've hired in 911. I think we had  
22 one person.

23 MR. TOWNSEND: We had a little bit of  
24 change. Well, actually --

25 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Yeah. Any

1 questions? Okay.

2 Board appointments and proclamations,  
3 number 4A, this cross county flag campaign. Allan,  
4 I'll let you explain that.

5 MR. BRADFORD: There was a gentleman  
6 come in about April of last year that was walking  
7 from North Carolina to California carrying a flag.  
8 And he was a Vietnam veteran. And it took him 233  
9 days to walk that. He averaged about 14 miles a  
10 day. Walked about 3,200 miles. What they want to  
11 do is they want to put this banner, which is a flag,  
12 in the Smithsonian Institute. And all they're doing  
13 is asking for us to give it to them and let them do  
14 that. So that's what that's all about. That's in  
15 April 29, 2016. Actually April 29, 2015. But we're  
16 going to do it in 2016. But that was a long walk.  
17 And then I talked to him for a minute and he prayed  
18 for about a half hour. I thought was he going to  
19 ever end. But he was a good person. Nice person.  
20 And they give me this letter about a month ago. But  
21 that's what that's about.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

23 MR. BRADFORD: They're going to try  
24 to put it in the Smithsonian.

25 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Anybody want

1 to go over that?

2 MR. BRADFORD: We'll be doing that in  
3 April?

4 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Of '16?

5 MR. BRADFORD: '16, yeah.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Everybody fine? All  
7 right.

8 4B, Family Literacy Week, September the  
9 21st through the 26th, 2015. We've done this in the  
10 past. Everybody fine with that? Okay.

11 4C, American Cancer Society Relay for Life.  
12 It's something we've been a part of for several  
13 years.

14 4D, Resolution R-41-15. This is the  
15 reappointment of Dora Crisp to the Board of  
16 Assessors. Dora's been on there for several years.  
17 And as far as I know she's missed very few meetings  
18 in all those years, so. Anyone got any comments on  
19 that?

20 MR. BRADFORD: She's done a great  
21 job.

22 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah, Dora's done  
23 great.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Put that on the consent  
25 agenda.

1 MR. TOWNSEND: And we're still  
2 waiting on --

3 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah. I'm meeting  
4 with the tax assessor board next Wednesday morning  
5 at 10:00 o'clock.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do you got  
7 something on --

8 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: We'll do that at the  
10 next meeting. Okay.

11 Number five, approval of the SPLOST for  
12 capital equipment. We've got an invoice here  
13 from -- let's see. Is this the one from Case?  
14 Yeah. From Bruce Case. He did an architectural  
15 drawing that we had to have for the fire marshal on  
16 the -- or the whole layout as far as the escape  
17 routes and all that. And it had to be stamped. So  
18 he did this. We -- Hugh called several people and  
19 they were anywhere from 15 to \$18,000. Mr. Case  
20 came in at 5,000 and he did it for us. And, of  
21 course, that's all part of the courthouse deal.

22 MR. BRADFORD: SPLOST.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions on that?  
24 Okay.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: And then the next page

1 over is just more on this for your information.  
2 It's not required. But it's currently taking  
3 requests for proposals for two, 2016 vehicles for  
4 the sheriff's office for replacements.

5 MR. RUMLEY: We'll probably be voting  
6 on that next week. I mean, next month.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Probably, yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. And that's all --  
9 that's the SPLOST purchase. You know, that's in the  
10 SPLOST agreement that we purchase X amount of  
11 vehicles. And the reason we haven't purchased any  
12 in the past, you know, couple of years, whatever,  
13 after his last year there, they bought several Crown  
14 Vics, you know. Remember, we voted on that because  
15 they were phasing those out. Well, it's time to  
16 start back on cars. Okay.

17 All right. Number six, update on Hospital  
18 Authority of Dade and Catoosa and Walker. Robert,  
19 you want to kind of give us a little...

20 MR. GOFF: Well, as far as what we  
21 know, everybody knows, of course, that Hutcheson is  
22 in bankruptcy Chapter 11. There was a move trying  
23 to get that changed to a 7, I think. Is that right?  
24 Which would immediately closed the hospital if that  
25 had happened. As of now, that hasn't happened.

1 They met today in Rome -- or yesterday in Rome.  
2 They're meeting tomorrow in Atlanta for the end of  
3 that meeting. And hopefully -- there's got to be  
4 some things come out of it. If you read the paper  
5 the other day, it was documented in the Times Free  
6 Press. Some of the things they're having in there,  
7 you've seen it on the news, they're closing the  
8 Women's Center again, after having closed it and  
9 opened it back up, closing it again because  
10 basically what was happening is the judge, the  
11 bankruptcy judge, is saying, you know, you're still  
12 going in debt. You're going in debt. So some of  
13 the things that are happening, and if you've read in  
14 the paper, I know y'all, the people that are here  
15 about the office in LaFayette, the doctor's office  
16 like we have here in Trenton where Dr. Wexler was,  
17 and what's going on with that. We're hoping for a  
18 favorable ruling on that tomorrow, that the judge  
19 will allow that to be carved out and we'll be able  
20 to take care of that very soon. But other than  
21 that, that's about all we know. But hopefully after  
22 tomorrow we'll know a lot more about what's going on  
23 with the entire bankruptcy.

24 MR. RUMLEY: That meeting -- I mean,  
25 the hearing's like at 1:00 o'clock. (Inaudible.)

1 So we should -- we should have some type of answer  
2 tomorrow. And it all pertains to our clinic too.

3 MR. GOFF: Right. And there was  
4 mention in today's Free Press -- there was an  
5 article concerning what was on yesterday, anybody  
6 that would like to read it, and what the judge is  
7 saying to the attorney. That's what we were  
8 laughing about. The judge said, the ox is in the  
9 ditch. I didn't want -- nobody's telling us how to  
10 get the ox out of the ditch.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Uh-huh.

12 MR. GOFF: He was talking to a bunch  
13 of attorneys. But Robin wasn't there. He would  
14 have told him how to get it out.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions?

16 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah. I have one.  
17 What if the judge doesn't approve this, then where  
18 do we go from there?

19 MR. GOFF: Are you talking about just  
20 the doctor's office here?

21 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah.

22 MR. GOFF: Well, Hutcheson closed the  
23 one in LaFayette. They were going to close this  
24 one. They're giving us time, basically, to try to  
25 do what has already been in the works for several

1 weeks to do, and to save that here, and to keep it  
2 without a lapse of operation. So hopefully that's  
3 what we will find out tomorrow, because they are  
4 closing the one in LaFayette and other -- trying to  
5 sell off some properties they own that's not part of  
6 the hospital, so...

7 MR. RUMLEY: But if they just flat  
8 out -- you know, the judge agrees -- you know, kind  
9 of negative toward our position here, then we've  
10 got -- we'll have to go into another plan, because  
11 it's not -- there's not any lien on the property.  
12 They don't hold any lien on it. It's just a simple  
13 lease that -- that years ago was gone -- let them  
14 handle that clinic for the people in Dade County.  
15 So hopefully -- we've got a, you know, high-class  
16 attorney here. He can go in and -- possibly can  
17 go -- IDA go ahead and buy the property and we can  
18 actually -- if they close it -- I mean, actually  
19 void it, that particular dollar-a-year lease,  
20 whatever it is, and we may still be able to make it  
21 happen, you know. So we'll just see. A lot will  
22 depend on tomorrow.

23 MR. BRADFORD: It's just really a big  
24 benefit for people in Dade County. I've talked to a  
25 lot of people about it. There's a lot of people

1 that use it. I mean, from Sand Mountain, Lookout  
2 Mountain, Rising Fawn, even up in Tennessee and  
3 Alabama. I'd really hate to see something happen to  
4 that.

5 MR. PITTMAN: Robin, what about the  
6 debt that Hutcheson's incurred? Are we going to be  
7 liable for any of that?

8 MR. ROGERS: During the course of all  
9 that with Erlanger and subject to that, Dade County  
10 didn't inherit any of that. So we're in much better  
11 shape than Walker and Catoosa County, as far as that  
12 goes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any other  
14 questions about the hospital?

15 Okay. Move down to number seven. This is  
16 an agreement between Lookout Mountain Community  
17 Services and Dade Transit. Don, you want to explain  
18 that?

19 MR. TOWNSEND: We partner with  
20 Lookout Mountain Community Services and now it's  
21 Transit Alliance Group. They do the transit for --  
22 transportation for the Dade Transit that is dealing  
23 with the seniors in Dade County. So basically this  
24 group partners with Department of Human Services  
25 through the state of Georgia and receives money.

1 And as a sub-grantee they -- we partner with them  
2 and they pass along money to the county. Senior  
3 citizens can ride the transportation for free, so.  
4 That's what this is for.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Pretty simple.  
6 Any questions? Comments? Okay.

7 All right. Move down to number eight.  
8 This is the enforcement of county's rules and  
9 regulations at parks and recreation areas. Robert,  
10 you want to comment on that?

11 MR. GOFF: Yeah. What happened, I  
12 think -- Stacy's back here. There's been occasions  
13 where, and I think Chairman Rumley said that he'd  
14 actually caught someone using it for a driving  
15 range. It is posted "no golf" on the -- well, out  
16 on the soccer fields and the football field. But  
17 people are getting out there and hitting golf balls.  
18 Then our mowers are hitting the golf balls and they  
19 become a projectile. What does that mean? And,  
20 Stacy, you correct me if I'm wrong, but he had  
21 spoken to one of the deputies and they said,  
22 "Where's the ordinance against it?" So what I want  
23 to ask, Robin, is when we have rules and  
24 regulations, is that not the same as an ordinance?  
25 Or do we have to make an ordinance for every little

1 thing?

2 MR. ROGERS: If you're going to bring  
3 criminal sanctions against someone, that needs to be  
4 an ordinance.

5 MR. GOFF: Well, I'm wanting to bring  
6 up, well, several things. The projectile coming out  
7 if they're mowing and there's people present could  
8 be injured. And also kids, if there's a ball  
9 nestled down and they're out there playing soccer, a  
10 golf ball stepped on can do a lot of damage to an  
11 ankle and the ligaments of a knee and whatever. And  
12 it is posted not to do it. So that was our  
13 question, was, you know, do we have to have an  
14 ordinance of the month, I guess, till we catch up on  
15 everything you can do down there before we really  
16 have anything to stop it before somebody's hurt and  
17 tries to bring a lawsuit against the county.

18 MR. ROGERS: On something like that I  
19 would probably have a specific ordinance with the  
20 golf balls. But you can include some more general  
21 language to say, actions injurious to the health of  
22 you know. So you can try to draw them, but if you  
23 want something in particular like you just  
24 described, you probably want to have one on to  
25 specifically say -- be specific in that regard,

1     though.

2                   MR. GOFF: Well, I suggest we work on  
3     that, then, for our next --

4                   MR. RUMLEY: And you wouldn't that  
5     that would be a problem. But if you've seen how  
6     many golf balls are out there one time going out  
7     there -- and this is on the soccer field, you know.  
8     And if you seen -- I did witness Stacy, one of our  
9     trustees, they did hit a couple of them one day and  
10    they went almost down to the -- and they -- they  
11    went all the way to the senior building. So it was  
12    like -- I mean, I don't know how fast it was  
13    traveling. If it hit a person -- of course, it  
14    could kill you or could put your eye out or  
15    something or a kid. It's something --

16                   MR. GOFF: But I think it was Tom  
17    Kite, who is probably a senior tour player now, I  
18    heard him on the -- at a tournament there was a  
19    bystander hit. Someone longed one. He said he had  
20    seen three people in his lifetime in his career  
21    killed by being struck by golf balls. So if they  
22    come out from in under a mower, they're going to  
23    probably -- and usually they'll split in two.

24                   MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

25                   MR. GOFF: And, so, I don't want, you

1 know, somebody be coming and try to bring a suit  
2 against the county on something we can't really  
3 control. I mean, if we have an ordinance...

4 MR. RUMLEY: Robin, you want to just  
5 go ahead and look at it? I mean, just kind of check  
6 and see where we can --

7 MR. GOFF: Stacy?

8 STACY: I want to ask, Robin, do we  
9 have to have an ordinance for everything? Or can we  
10 have an ordinance that says it's illegal if it's not  
11 specifically designed for that?

12 MR. ROGERS: No, you can say that.  
13 You can say that.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Illegal what now? I  
15 didn't hear what he said.

16 MR. ROGERS: Could you say something  
17 that prohibited any activities that are other than  
18 those that the fields are designed for. So you can  
19 say that.

20 STACY: Instead of having one for  
21 golf or no dirt bikes on anything, if we just put an  
22 ordinance that says if it's not used for one  
23 specific (inaudible), would that cover most  
24 everything?

25 MR. ROGERS: Yeah. Maybe you and I

1 can speak about that. We'll see what we need to do.  
2 Any time you have something where you're seeking a  
3 criminal penalty, you need to have it as specific as  
4 possible. But what I would suggest is if you have  
5 something, specifically address those instances, and  
6 maybe then have more generalized language --

7 STACY: Right.

8 MR. ROGERS: -- and include a few  
9 things like that --

10 STACY: Well, like I caught people  
11 down there with these gasoline little cars. I had a  
12 guy down there one day I caught and he was doing  
13 doughnuts out on the soccer field. It's not a  
14 motorized vehicle, but it was -- he was tearing  
15 everything up. So we'll have an ordinance against  
16 that. You see?

17 MR. ROGERS: Yeah.

18 MR. RUMLEY: But you still got people  
19 that, you know, go fly kites, you know, stuff --

20 STACY: Yeah. I'm not --

21 MR. RUMLEY: And like those little --  
22 you know, I've seen some people on the weekends they  
23 were flying those remote control air --

24 MR. ROGERS: Yeah.

25 MR. RUMLEY: You know, you just need

1 to watch how you word it because we don't want to  
2 make it to where people --

3 MR. GOFF: Right.

4 MR. RUMLEY: -- want to go down there  
5 and enjoy it. But, you know, just kind of -- we'll  
6 just work it out.

7 All right. Let's move down to number  
8 nine. This is our ordinance number 09-03-15, animal  
9 cruelty provision. This is something we had the  
10 first reading. I guess this will be the last  
11 reading, wouldn't it? I mean, pertaining to  
12 animals, you know, locked in hot cars. Any question  
13 on that? Okay. We've talked a lot about it, so you  
14 ought to have that memorized.

15 Move down to number 10, ordinance number  
16 10-01-15. This is a supplement to the Dade County  
17 Code of Ordinances. Don, you want to...

18 MR. TOWNSEND: It's actually a copy  
19 of what we do. I just want to make sure that y'all  
20 are aware of this. We've got a -- just like we're  
21 talking about of adding the cruelty to animals,  
22 we're talking about the thing at the parks here,  
23 those self-contained ordinances are just said and  
24 they're not a part of the Code of Ordinances, it  
25 gets hard to recall where and how to find that in

1 the law. So what we do is we send this to a company  
2 and then they take this and update each page of our  
3 Code or Ordinances to incorporate all those changes.  
4 And you see on the left it says remove old pages and  
5 insert new pages. That's a little more than I'm  
6 sure that we wanted tonight. But I wanted to let  
7 you know exactly what we do. And that's what's  
8 called a codification of the ordinances. It's  
9 taking all the ordinances from I believe 2009 all  
10 the way through October 2nd, 2014. It was from  
11 April 2nd, 2009 to October 2nd, 2014, codifying all  
12 these into the current book. Plus we had not had  
13 any since October. Now since then we've had a  
14 couple. So, you know, even these will need to be  
15 put in probably next year sometime.

16 And that's also in this ordinance, the  
17 ability to declare an emergency. If we ever have a  
18 situation where you really need to pass an ordinance  
19 and declare an emergency, that's what this ordinance  
20 also is doing. We don't have to do that part if you  
21 don't want to. But it was recommended by the  
22 company that codified our ordinances, but that is an  
23 option that you can leave out if you choose to.  
24 Although it's probably -- they recommended it. It  
25 would probably be a good idea. You never know if

1 you have a flood or something and you need some kind  
2 of emergency sanction of some sort. We already have  
3 some of that in our ordinances and through state law  
4 provisions. But it just clarifies it in our  
5 ordinances. We didn't have that clarification  
6 before.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Just like when we had  
8 the tornadoes come through and we had people coming  
9 in that was just out of the pure blue, you know,  
10 cutting trees for people and charging them a  
11 thousand dollars here and a thousand -- we had -- we  
12 met. We had an emergency -- kind of an emergency  
13 meeting and we did the sticker thing where they had  
14 to come through the commissioner on this and have  
15 and, you know, actually be certified (inaudible).  
16 So it gives us a, you know -- or the commission a  
17 little more binding to that to be able to do that  
18 so. Any questions on that?

19 MR. TOWNSEND: And this is the first  
20 reading.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, it's the first  
22 reading.

23 All right. Let's move down to number  
24 eleven, R-42-15, FY15 Budget Amendment. Don, I'll  
25 let you go into that.

1 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. If you  
2 turn to the back page, it's section eleven here.  
3 You'll see this sheet. This is something I work  
4 with almost on a daily basis. This is from our fund  
5 transaction report. And, you know, last month we  
6 approved -- and what I thought would be the final  
7 budget amendment for FY15. Well, after crunching  
8 all the final numbers, we had one department, which  
9 is the district attorney, that fell out in the  
10 negative category. Well, if you've ever been on  
11 accounting, you can't have an overspend or an  
12 overage for a year-end number. So in that month we  
13 had spent -- and I don't actually -- bring that  
14 total with me. But anyway it was over about  
15 5,000 -- actually it was over 3,000 something  
16 dollars. But \$5,949 here and 34 cents was actually  
17 charged to the FY15 budget last year. Well that  
18 should have been placed back in the prior year. As  
19 you can see, the invoice across the page here, it  
20 says May at the top. Why it got posted to July 1st,  
21 2015, is beyond me. I didn't catch it. I didn't  
22 catch till the -- we went over on that line.  
23 Because it's a state agency, I can't simply just  
24 move that money at will. I have to have the  
25 governing authority to approve that. So, you know,

1 I had to seek approval here tonight to move an  
2 additional \$3,000 from elections -- department of  
3 elections here over to the department of -- well,  
4 the district attorney. And that was to just  
5 actually compensate for this. I tell you, if you go  
6 back to 2014, FY14, you'll see that that budget was  
7 under. And that's the reason it was under at this  
8 point was because of that charge. In other words,  
9 we had 13 charges in a 12-month period. And so  
10 that's why we gave y'all a copy of this. That top  
11 charge there should have been placed back. But for  
12 whatever reason it did not make it back. So I need  
13 this authorization to fix this. And then FY15 is  
14 finally closed.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?  
16 Put that on the consent agenda.

17 Move down to number twelve. R-43-15.  
18 Don, I'll turn that over to you too and you can  
19 explain that one.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. So that was  
21 FY15. Now we're looking at FY16, the current year's  
22 budget. And as you recall in the past years we have  
23 normally at the end of July, early August, approved  
24 budget amendments based on what we did based off the  
25 millage rate. Well, we -- I did have a firm

1 foundation last month on these numbers until we had  
2 kind of closed out everything. So I didn't want to  
3 prepare it last month, but I have prepared this one  
4 for you for your review and approval. It's a direct  
5 result of the millage rate did go down due to that  
6 decrease. We will collect \$114,400 less in real  
7 property tax. So because of that, we had to make  
8 amends. Now as you can see there's some increases.  
9 Some of these are really small amounts, not really  
10 worthy of a budget amendment on its own, but because  
11 (inaudible), and included them. I mean, we're  
12 talking about \$60 in one department, several  
13 departments. \$2400 in occupational tax, and a  
14 thousand dollars for business licenses. The  
15 southeast technical college, additional increase in  
16 13,500 in revenues that they were adding for --

17 MR. RUMLEY: Driving --

18 MR. TOWNSEND: -- Department of  
19 Driver Safety reimbursement. And so it actually --  
20 it doesn't actually come out to be as bad as we  
21 thought. It's 98,500. But anyway, so better than  
22 over a hundred thousand dollar increase. It was  
23 going to be about a hundred and nineteen thousand  
24 and four hundred dollars decrease prior to those  
25 other increases you see. So it was a little bit

1 high, but not much. And the other amount, we had  
2 originally calculated a hundred and five thousand  
3 dollar fund balance or increase to fund balance. So  
4 basically this 98,500 is going into that. So in  
5 essence is why we ran out. But it breaks even in  
6 the one million dollar budget. So that's what this  
7 is.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or  
9 comments? Okay.

10 Move down to number thirteen. This is the  
11 update on the memorial fundraising event. Mr. Todd  
12 Blackmon. Is he here tonight?

13 MR. PITTMAN: He's not. He's in  
14 Chattanooga.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right. We'll  
16 just go ahead and --

17 Allan, you got any -- is there anyone here  
18 from the American Legion? You want to do that?

19 MR. BRADFORD: They're not here yet.  
20 They're not going to be here right till seven.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone got anything else  
22 to say? If not, we'll go ahead and we'll adjourn  
23 for about five or ten minutes and then we'll go into  
24 our regular meeting. Just go ahead and take a  
25 break. Okay. All right. Thank you very much.

(Work session concluded.)

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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

1 MR. RUMLEY: All right. I'm going to  
2 call the meeting to order. It's September the 3rd,  
3 2015. As always before a meeting I ask Brother Goff  
4 if he would lead us in prayer and the Pledge of  
5 Allegiance to the flag. All stand, please.

6 MR. GOFF: And I'm sure everybody is  
7 aware this past week -- well, last Friday we lost a  
8 long-time nephew and friend in Dade County in Mark  
9 Garner. I ask you to continue to remember his wife  
10 and daughters, his family, and his wife's family as  
11 well. Served here, I think, 31 years altogether in  
12 law enforcement and several years here was SRO at  
13 the elementary school. So please keep his family in  
14 mind and others who we've lost in our community  
15 since our last meeting here, and their families as  
16 we pray.

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

19 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert.

20 This is the regular scheduled meeting of  
21 the Dade County Board of Commissioners, which takes  
22 place at the same time on the first Thursday of  
23 every month. Proper notice of this meeting was  
24 given to our legal organ of the Dade County  
25 Sentinel, and was posted in the hallway. At this

1 time I do need a roll call.

2 Mr. Smith?

3 MR. SMITH: Here.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

7 MR. GOFF: Here.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

9 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Chair is present. Okay.

11 Mitchell, you want to start with your  
12 report?

13 MR. SMITH: As of today they've paved  
14 5.8 miles and paving season is officially closed  
15 unless somebody jumps on Billy and decides it's not.  
16 But they've officially closed it for the year.

17 And I'd like to thank (inaudible) and  
18 others who've worked so hard on (unintelligible)  
19 underway. Not necessarily the (unintelligible)  
20 itself hasn't took ten years, but as a process for  
21 Peter that's been wanting to happen for ten years  
22 plus, at least. A dream of his. I'm going to ask  
23 y'all to sort of bear with me a little bit. He  
24 don't know I'm going to ask him. I'm going to ask  
25 Rex to say something about Peter and sort of what

1 his dream was ten years ago, if you don't mind.

2           REX: When Peter was with us with the  
3 DEA, him and Alex Moore were on the economic  
4 development committee. And I remember sitting in on  
5 a meeting one day and it was right after we lost  
6 Shaw. And, of course, it was a major blow for  
7 anybody who kept up with anything here in Dade  
8 County. So we were sitting around and Peter and  
9 Allan were throwing out ideas. And they came up  
10 with the idea of going onto the Olgiati property.  
11 Now that might not sound like a big deal, because  
12 everybody's got ideas. I've got them. Y'all have  
13 got them. Everybody's got them. But that day I  
14 could see that Peter had got that in his mind to  
15 make it happen. And since that day I know that  
16 Peter worked very hard to make it happen. And he  
17 didn't get it done through the DEA, but y'all let  
18 him -- y'all hired him or appointed him to the IDA.  
19 I knew that was a well-placed move because I knew  
20 Peter would put everything into it to make it  
21 happen. And hopefully he'll see this come true. So  
22 that's about all I can say on that part. I just  
23 know that it's been there for probably over ten  
24 years. It was still when I was down here with my  
25 business. So I know that that was a personal dream

1 of his to be able to do that. He had three things  
2 on his bucket list, and that's one of them. So we  
3 need to thank Peter personally for that.

4 MR. RUMLEY: That was a win/win for  
5 Dade County and the IDA when actually he went to  
6 work for them.

7 REX: Right.

8 MR. RUMLEY: He does a good job.  
9 Does a real good job for us.

10 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Rex.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Anything else, Mitchell?  
12 All right.

13 Scottie, what do you have?

14 MR. PITTMAN: As far as the parks,  
15 Stacy's been down working on the fields getting them  
16 -- trying to get them in good shape. He's got one  
17 field he had put three loads of dirt on to get the  
18 water to run off a little better. That's always  
19 been a problem. He's got plans to do some work on  
20 some of the other fields. Football's going on.  
21 Soccer's going on. So we're getting a lot of use  
22 out of the fields. Of course, Todd, he's not here  
23 tonight, but he had his Noogastrong cornhole  
24 tournament last weekend. And I think they had  
25 around 25 teams. Donated all the money that he

1 raised to the Noogastrong, the little organization  
2 that Peyton Manning has. So it's a good cause, real  
3 good cause. And I appreciate Todd and Mr. Phipps,  
4 Ron Phipps, working on that and organizing it.  
5 That's about it for the parks.

6 I do have one more thing I want to talk  
7 about. Since last year when we had to raise the  
8 millage rate and it was a bad time this time of year  
9 last year. We had a lot of people that were really  
10 out to get us and thinking that we were the worst  
11 people in Dade county. And we told them at that  
12 time we would be looking around to find some more  
13 revenue streams. In January I started having  
14 meetings with the rec leagues trying to get some  
15 ball tournaments in and bring some additional  
16 revenue through sale of gas, restaurants, maybe some  
17 lodging, but that's been kind of slow go.

18 Another thing that I've been approached  
19 with and I want to bring before the commission is  
20 alcohol sale in Dade County. Now, this is not a  
21 light topic to discuss. It's probably right there  
22 close to zoning. So I'd like to propose that we  
23 have two, maybe three public hearings over the next  
24 month, two months. It's not a hurry up and get this  
25 done deal. But I'd like to get feedback from all

1 over the county. Give people time to give us a call  
2 and come to the meetings. Maybe every two weeks  
3 we'll have a meeting, a public hearing that people  
4 come in and say what they got to say. And I don't  
5 have anything on my mind of what I'm wanting to do.  
6 I know that I'm not asking us as a board to say yes,  
7 we're going to sell alcohol in Dade County, liquor  
8 or beer sale on Sunday. But what I would propose at  
9 the end would be to put it on the ballot and let our  
10 county vote on it. Not us five. We wouldn't make  
11 the decision for the whole county. But -- and we  
12 may not get support. I've just had a lot of people  
13 say, why is this not going on? Why is that not  
14 going on? So over the next month and a half, two  
15 months, we'll be having public hearings. I'll get  
16 Don to advertise it in the paper. And we'll just  
17 see what the residents of Dade County have to say  
18 about it. Good or bad.

19 MR. RUMLEY: That's for it to be put  
20 on a ballot, you're saying. You're talking about  
21 putting it on the November ballot? Is that what  
22 you're looking at or what now?

23 MR. PITTMAN: The presidential --  
24 next year, the presidential ballot. Not on an off  
25 year. Not on a -- what is it --

1 MR. RUMLEY: Primary.

2 MR. PITTMAN: Primary. I don't want  
3 to do it on the primary. We're not going to do it  
4 on the primary. We'll do it on the actual  
5 presidential election. Because that's when you've  
6 got the biggest turnout. Not trying to sneak  
7 anything by anybody. Not trying to sneak it in the  
8 backdoor. And it may be that we -- nobody wants to  
9 come out and support it. And I don't look for a lot  
10 of people to stand at this podium and say, I do  
11 support liquor by the drink or beer sale on Sunday.  
12 But if you do and you would like to see this on the  
13 ballot, and you think this is a good idea for a  
14 revenue stream, or whatever, you know, give a call.  
15 You can call us and not have to worry about standing  
16 in front of a crowd.

17 MR. RUMLEY: You don't want to do a  
18 straw poll like in a primary. You would want to --

19 MR. PITTMAN: I don't know that we'd  
20 have to -- if we've got time for that.

21 MR. RUMLEY: I don't know.

22 MR. PITTMAN: We'd have to check the  
23 timeline. Right now, just like we're talking about  
24 with Peter, if there's one of the steakhouses  
25 wanting to come into Dade County, say like a Logan's

1 or an Outback, and we do not sell alcohol by the  
2 drink, then they wouldn't even talk to us about  
3 coming. And it's not something -- I'm not going to  
4 get out and campaign for it. If you stand up there  
5 and tell me you're totally against it, I'm not going  
6 to be mad at you. But it's just an alternative.  
7 I'm not going to say it would alleviate any property  
8 taxes. It would be good to do some research on  
9 counties and see if it has helped them out in the  
10 revenue side. So we'll talk -- maybe set up a  
11 meeting a few weeks from tonight. It will be the  
12 17th.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Anything else?

14 MR. PITTMAN: No, that's all.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Robert Goff?

16 MR. GOFF: Well, I was going to talk  
17 a little bit about the hospital and some things. Of  
18 course, that was on our agenda for the work session.  
19 And probably everybody was here. So everything that  
20 can pretty much be said is. The only other thing I  
21 did want to add -- and this is because of the  
22 papers, you know. I've been approached and said,  
23 how is a hospital that's broke buying an ambulance  
24 service for \$2 million? When we -- anything that  
25 came out of a meeting there in that -- out of that

1 meeting, was not in executive session. There was no  
2 money ever mentioned. We were not buying an  
3 ambulance service. An ambulance service was being  
4 given away. So I have been asked that. I was asked  
5 last night, do I need to find another doctor,  
6 because I hear we're closing down here. And what I  
7 tell people is the same, you know, we're waiting on  
8 tomorrow to see how that plays out in Atlanta,  
9 because they -- it's in the bankruptcy court. It's  
10 not, we don't think, part of it because that is not  
11 part of the bankruptcy. That building down here  
12 where Hutcheson is is not part of it. But we're  
13 waiting till tomorrow to find out. And hopefully  
14 we'll have some news by the end of the day for Dade  
15 County. So that's just some things that are going  
16 on. But not a lot to report on there. But people  
17 are wondering about it. And I was approached by the  
18 Primary Healthcare today that a lot of people thinks  
19 that they're closing. And they say, you know, it's  
20 just confusing people. And that's usually the way  
21 things are. As more news gets out, the more people  
22 are confused. But it has nothing to do, absolutely  
23 nothing to do with Primary Healthcare here in  
24 Trenton. As a matter of fact, they're saying that  
25 if worse comes to worse and they don't want it to,

1 that they are geared up to try to take on extra  
2 patients if that should have to happen.

3 Other than that, you know, back to Scottie's  
4 thing, I applaud Scottie for doing that. We've  
5 talked about it before and being able to bring it to  
6 the people, see how people feel. And it will be  
7 a -- it's a tough thing. It's a tough decision to  
8 make. But it's something people are asking about.  
9 I have been asked probably more about that one  
10 thing, Scottie, than I have any particular thing  
11 that's gone on in the last year in the county,  
12 regardless of what that might be, was that very  
13 issue. So I'm hoping that people will come out to  
14 the meetings. If you're here and you're a resident  
15 of the city, bear in mind that city elections will  
16 be November the 3rd of this year. The qualifying, I  
17 think, completed yesterday for mayor, for a street  
18 commissioner, and maybe police commissioner.

19 Anyway, that's going on. So keep that in mind.

20 Just a little plug for my boys over in  
21 maroon and gold. As you know, I wear that hat a  
22 little bit too. Football season's going on. We  
23 have a home game tomorrow as well as a home game  
24 next Friday. Tomorrow night will be that school  
25 everybody wondered why we went all the way to North

1 Carolina. Well, thank God they've got to come here  
2 tomorrow because that is the other side of the world  
3 and then you turn left and fall off. But if you  
4 have nothing any better to do, and I don't think I  
5 do, and my wife either, be at the ballgame tomorrow  
6 night at the high school, and also next week as  
7 well. And keep all this in mind. Thank you very  
8 much.

9 LABRON: Hey, Robert?

10 MR. GOFF: Yes.

11 LABRON: I wasn't here for the work  
12 session. What was said about the hospital at the  
13 work session?

14 MR. GOFF: Well, why didn't you get  
15 here before the work session was over?

16 LABRON: I'm a --

17 MR. RUMLEY: We've been advertising  
18 for months.

19 MR. GOFF: Labron has to work.

20 LABRON: Right.

21 MR. GOFF: Well, obviously, you know,  
22 the hospital is in Chapter 13 -- or Chapter 11  
23 bankruptcy. There was a move the other day -- and  
24 Robin may share a little bit better than I will in a  
25 few minutes in the legal matters -- try to get that

1 changed to a Chapter 7, which would have meant if  
2 that happened, is my understanding -- I'm not an  
3 attorney -- that would close the hospital. When the  
4 judge says, it goes to Chapter 7, it would be  
5 closed. Right now the hospital's operating. It is  
6 cutting services, some services. The women's clinic  
7 has closed again. And, of course, that's -- you  
8 know, it's all been in the paper. But, again, in  
9 the papers it gets confusing. Because it goes right  
10 in to talking about an ambulance service coming.  
11 And why would you buy an ambulance service if you've  
12 got a hospital in -- but that is Walker County's  
13 ambulance service. Has nothing to do with Catoosa  
14 nor Dade. And there was a decision made to take  
15 that ambulance service, but not buy that ambulance  
16 service. There's a big difference. And what Walker  
17 County wanted to do was be able to raise millage  
18 rate by one mill. And if an authority, such as a  
19 hospital authority, agrees to let that happen, then  
20 she can do it without going to the people and having  
21 hearings and all that stuff. And that may have been  
22 the way that she was going to get money from that  
23 and say this is for the ambulance. But nobody's  
24 buying and ambulance service.

25 But there was a meeting yesterday, Labron,

1 in Rome. There was a write-up in the paper,  
2 Chattanooga paper about it today. That meeting will  
3 finish tomorrow. And a lot of it is the bankruptcy  
4 hearing. And so we hope to have a better idea of  
5 what's happening concerning Dade County's part of  
6 it, which is this doctor's office down here. Maybe  
7 we'll know more about that tomorrow.

8 LABRON: Is Dade County planning on  
9 getting in the hospital business?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We already  
11 are.

12 MR. GOFF: We're --

13 LABRON: Are we?

14 MR. GOFF: No. We're in the hospital  
15 business in that that used to be called Tri-County,  
16 and in such we own a portion of that hospital and  
17 always have. Probably -- what is it, Robin -- a  
18 twenty -- 40/40/20 split, I guess you'd say, between  
19 Dade, Walker, and Catoosa. At one time many, many  
20 years ago that was a millage rate levied because the  
21 people of Dade County helped build that hospital.  
22 And I don't care -- I don't know what year it was.  
23 If Evan was still here, he could tell you.

24 MR. RUMLEY: It was 19 --

25 MR. GOFF: Yeah. 1980 something and

1 change. And that no longer -- we no longer  
2 collecting money to send over there. And, of  
3 course, Robin may have a better idea of when and  
4 what happened. But there's no millage rate  
5 dedicated to the hospital.

6 LABRON: What about the building down  
7 here?

8 MR. GOFF: That is owned by the  
9 hospital authority board. That is what the -- the  
10 hospital is going to close it. They're, again,  
11 cost-cutting measures. They have -- because we have  
12 a deal, and it was in the paper, and so it is open  
13 to the public now, we're trying to -- not us. Not  
14 the county.

15 MR. RUMLEY: The IDA.

16 MR. GOFF: But the IDA to buy that  
17 building. And then another medical firm will come  
18 in and not be a break in service. They will be able  
19 to come in, continue so you never know anything  
20 happened other than it will not -- would not be  
21 Hutcheson. So the IDA would then own that building,  
22 and not the hospital authority. If we're allowed to  
23 do that through the bankruptcy court. Whether or  
24 not -- I'm confident we will, but I'm not going to  
25 go out on a limb and say they'll rule in our favor,

1 either. If that doesn't happen, then there are  
2 other measures that Ted talked about in the work  
3 session because it is leased and it's owned by the  
4 hospital authority. So you just do some changing  
5 around and maybe be able to maintain it that way and  
6 keep it here. Our goal is as a commission, and the  
7 IDA, and I think most people, we want to see that  
8 doctor's office stay here. There's a lot of people  
9 use that.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Over 8,000. Right at  
11 8,000 people use it.

12 MR. GOFF: A lot. I wouldn't have  
13 believed it until we got to looking at the records.  
14 So a lot of visits. And there was a lady told me  
15 last night she said, that's my doctors. That's  
16 where I go. So it would work a hardship on her much  
17 like or maybe even worse than when you had to go to  
18 Rock Springs to get your license renewed. Now you  
19 would have to go at least as far as Tiftonia, I  
20 guess, than what we had planned that you could be  
21 able to go to.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Other than Primary.

23 MR. GOFF: Right. Other than Primary  
24 here. I'm sorry.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

1 MR. GOFF: That's kind of where we  
2 stand. And, again, hopefully by this time tomorrow  
3 evening we'll know a little better where we stand.

4 LABRON: Thank you.

5 MR. GOFF: You're welcome.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Allan?

7 MR. BRADFORD: First of all, I'd like  
8 to thank Brandon and Mr. Morgan for what they do at  
9 the transfer station. We done 521 tons of -- and  
10 they keep it -- do a good job. Keep it clean. You  
11 go down there and they'll wait on you. I think  
12 they're doing a great job.

13 Billy has done a great job. Done 309 work  
14 orders this month. That's a lot of work orders to  
15 do that we filled. And a lot of people are really  
16 excited about what's happening on the roads. And  
17 they keep it up. I don't know how they do it with  
18 the amount of people that they have and equipment  
19 being broke down all the time. But they do keep it  
20 up.

21 A couple of things. I guess I got elected  
22 to be the veteran situation here. I'd like to say  
23 Wednesday we had a rep here, Chuck Alsobrook. And  
24 there were several people that came in to visit him  
25 for things they were having trouble with in VA. So

1 if you have a problem with the VA, he'll come the  
2 fourth Wednesday of every month. He's here. And I  
3 was down here. And I talked to several that were  
4 very pleased with what he done when he came out.  
5 And very excited about.

6 And another thing that's going on now, if  
7 you're a Vietnam veteran in that era, you didn't  
8 have to go to Vietnam, but if you'll get ahold of  
9 one of the members of the American Legion, you'll  
10 get a plaque that gives you appreciation. After 50  
11 years we're finally getting appreciated for what we  
12 done in Vietnam by our governor. And it's a nice  
13 plaque. Like I said, it took a long time to get it  
14 there. But they're doing that now.

15 And that's about it as far as that's going.  
16 We're going to give an appreciation to the board  
17 tonight. I see our General finally made it. If he  
18 was in the military, he wouldn't be that late.  
19 We're going to give him a break tonight. But  
20 anyway, that's basically all.

21 MR. BLACK: He's retired.

22 MR. BRADFORD: He's retired.

23 MR. BLACK: He's retired. Got to get  
24 the plaque and the pin.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

1 MR. BLACK: You have to have a DD214.

2 MR. BRADFORD: Right. DD214.

3 MR. BLACK: That's the only  
4 requirement.

5 MR. BRADFORD: You've got to have  
6 that. If you'll give it to one of the members,  
7 they'll get it straightened out for you. And it is  
8 a nice little pin after 50 years.

9 MR. GOFF: It's way past due.

10 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Is that it?

12 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: This month's been a busy  
14 month. It went by fast. We had a lot going on, you  
15 know, here with our commissioners and myself too.  
16 I've been working real closely with our people that  
17 are coming in down here, the contractors, and making  
18 sure everything was ready and that we had fulfilled  
19 anything that we were obligated to do as far as our  
20 county. And it went pretty smooth. We got -- they  
21 did get the fence and all up and got ready to get  
22 started on the dirt. And actually moved the dirt  
23 today. And it's really a good -- it's a good thing  
24 to go over that hill right now and see that -- see  
25 this thing coming to a head and actually getting

1 started. It's a plus for us and Dade County.

2 Let's see. Move on down here. All right.

3 I'll give a little report on our Lookout Mountain

4 EPD endeavor we've got going out there on an MS4

5 water runoff. This is something I've kept you

6 posted on. It started about -- well, back in

7 January they were trying to force us into an MS4.

8 Actually, we have been monitoring that. We're

9 doing -- Billy, we're doing, what, four a month?

10 Isn't that what we've been doing? Or six? I mean a

11 quarter.

12 BILLY: What was that?

13 MR. RUMLEY: On pulling up the  
14 samples from Lookout.

15 BILLY: We get four per quarter.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Per quarter. Yeah. And  
17 we're up -- we finished our last one this quarter,  
18 right?

19 BILLY: We've got three quarters.  
20 We've got four more samples.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. And it's good  
22 news to say that, you know, we really kind of --  
23 we're really coming out good at what we're trying to  
24 prove to the EPA, not the EPD, but the federal  
25 people, is that the runoff in the West Brow area of

1 Lookout Mountain is not putting a high content of  
2 fecal chloroform into the creek, which is actually  
3 probably coming out of septic tanks or whatever, you  
4 know. It could come from animals. But for some  
5 reason that area in the county has a got a real high  
6 count of that particular ingredient. So we're  
7 having to go through and have these tests. And at  
8 the end of the year they're going to evaluate that  
9 and hopefully -- well, they won't ever -- they  
10 said -- told us we won't have to do it, but they'll  
11 give us a five-year variance. And then in five  
12 years we'll have to come back and do the whole thing  
13 again. So at least this last quarter -- of every  
14 quarter, we've come back and it's a -- it's really  
15 good. A good report on our end of it. So  
16 hopefully. Because we're looking at if we  
17 implemented that, we get a rough estimate and Dade  
18 County had to go into that with all the tile we had  
19 to change and all the addition and all that we would  
20 have to change, that we're looking at probably an  
21 upward of a quarter up to almost half a million  
22 dollars right off the bat, which is money we  
23 don't -- I mean, we've got a lot more important  
24 things to spend that money on. So anyway that's a  
25 good thing.

1 Talking about the Memorial thing. I spent a  
2 lot of time on this thing too trying to help this  
3 deal go through with the IDA and purchasing the  
4 Trenton Family Practice. And hopefully tomorrow, as  
5 Robert said, the bankruptcy judge will rule and  
6 where we can -- where the IDA can actually purchase  
7 this. This will be a win for the IDA and Dade  
8 County and the people, you know, in Dade County,  
9 because this is a group, which is Memorial -- it's  
10 no secret now. Memorial will come in. They will  
11 lease that property from the IDA. The IDA will  
12 actually -- right now they don't -- they do not have  
13 really what you'd call an income. But this will be  
14 a win for them because they would actually be  
15 collecting right around 7,000 a month lease on that  
16 property, which is more -- they can pay what they're  
17 paying for the property back in probably around four  
18 or five years. And then after that, they would  
19 still have, you know, that come in. So it's just a  
20 win/win for everyone if we can just keep that --  
21 keep that open and keep it going.

22 Give a little report on court now. If  
23 you've been around court -- the house in the last  
24 month. We've got a lot -- had a lot going on in the  
25 last two to three weeks. They should finish all the

1 Sheetrock inside on the elevator shaft, hopefully  
2 tomorrow. If not, they'll finish it Monday. Then  
3 we'll have the -- of course, the elevator people  
4 have been working side by side with them. They'll  
5 probably start probably week after next and start  
6 installing the equipment inside. So in the next  
7 couple of weeks, you know, you'll be able to really  
8 see a difference, you know, in outside and inside.  
9 So that's a good thing.

10 Y'all got anything else you want to say? I  
11 do want to, you know, touch on what Robert said  
12 during our prayer. You know, Mark Garner, he was a  
13 special person. Most of you knew him. For those of  
14 you that didn't know him, he was dedicated to our  
15 schools and our young people. And that was really  
16 shown -- it was shown at the funeral. Because it  
17 was so large that we had to -- they had to move it  
18 from Ryan's area down to -- Ryan Funeral Home to the  
19 church here. So it was really a touching thing and  
20 a great moment for Dade County.

21 If y'all don't have anything else, I'll go  
22 on to Mrs. Marshana Sharp. She's our director of  
23 our library.

24 MRS. SHARP: Okay. We have a few  
25 things going on this month. We have an author

1 that's from California. She's going to be at the  
2 library Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock. She wrote a  
3 youth novel, Night of Pan. And she's going to be --  
4 Gail Strickland. She's going to be coming and  
5 speaking to people or anyone that wants to come by  
6 and meet her.

7           They're going to be doing a genealogy  
8 workshop. If you are interested in looking your  
9 family up or if you've already started, they're  
10 going to help you. The Historical Society will be  
11 there on Saturday the 12th at -- from 10:30 to 1:30.  
12 And they're there to assist you. And they may  
13 already have it. They have family files there. And  
14 they may already have the link that you need.

15           We're doing a basic computer class on  
16 September the 8th. We have a lot of people calling  
17 in that -- you know, just anything you need to know.  
18 How to do an e-mail. Just the basics right now. At  
19 10:00 o'clock. We're going to do one at 10:00 and  
20 one at 6:00. And we have nine spots available in  
21 each time. So you need to call and register for  
22 that.

23           We'll be having a family movie night on  
24 September the 15th.

25           And we just got a grant for technology

1 again. So we are going to extend our wi-fi. And so  
2 hopefully it will go out through the -- reach to  
3 this side of the park. So people will be able, even  
4 if we're closed, to be able to use wi-fi in the  
5 park. So that kind of helps out a little bit. And  
6 we're going to make the switches faster and do some  
7 stuff to make the computers faster in the library.

8 Do y'all have any questions?

9 MR. GOFF: I'm going to toot your  
10 horn just a little bit. I went to the meeting this  
11 morning in Catoosa County, the kickoff for United  
12 Way. They had a couple of speakers there. And a  
13 lot of what they spoke on is the reading people.  
14 What is it called, where y'all give the books away,  
15 you've talked about? What's that? To the small  
16 children.

17 MRS. SHARP: The ready to read that  
18 Dollywood --

19 MR. GOFF: Okay. And they had the  
20 statistics up. I may have theirs backwards between  
21 Walker and Catoosa. It was 46 percent and 45  
22 percent of the children that got them. Dade County  
23 was 83 percent.

24 MRS. SHARP: Yeah.

25 MR. GOFF: And a little tidbit that I

1 didn't know, and this I think it's true. But does  
2 anybody know how the federal government decides how  
3 much jail space they're going to need in the future?  
4 It's by the kids that have not obtained a third  
5 grade -- or the third grade reading level --

6 MR. RUMLEY: Is that right?

7 MR. GOFF: -- by the third grade.  
8 They say these are the kids that are not going to  
9 make it.

10 MRS. SHARP: That's why they put so  
11 much in --

12 MR. GOFF: And that is a sad  
13 indictment on us if that's true. And I have no  
14 reason --

15 MRS. SHARP: We see statistics all  
16 the time. A lot of our statistics that, you know,  
17 that most of them end up in --

18 MR. GOFF: So --

19 MRS. SHARP: -- that's why we do so  
20 much on early --

21 MR. GOFF: -- hopefully they'll  
22 get -- they're reading or being read to.

23 MRS. SHARP: Oh, yeah. That's what  
24 we've been doing. Some parenting classes and  
25 bringing the parents in and showing them ways to,

1 you know, work with the books and things that they  
2 get. And we're actually going to do some more.  
3 That's what the prime time thing was. And we still  
4 have families asking for that. So we're going to  
5 try to do some more. Maybe not on the extent we  
6 did. But as we can.

7 MR. BRADFORD: Good job.

8 MRS. SHARP: Thank you.

9 LABRON: I've got a question.

10 MRS. SHARP: Yes.

11 LABRON: How much was the grant?

12 MRS. SHARP: This one, it was right  
13 around \$3,000.

14 LABRON: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Just waiting on  
16 4-H. Come on up here. Tell us who you are. Which  
17 most of us know you. But tell everybody out in TV  
18 land who you are.

19 MR. WALDEN: My name is Woodie  
20 Walden. And I'm here to give the 4-H extension  
21 update. This past month we had the land judging  
22 competition at Rock Eagle. And our team -- our  
23 junior team placed third at the state contest, which  
24 is really good. The team members were Andrew  
25 Blansit, Alex Jones, Joey McBryar, Alaina and

1 Vanessa McGowan, Brooke White, and myself.

2           And Ms. Katie, Rich, and Ms. Henderson  
3 attended open houses at the elementary schools and  
4 the middle school. And Katie and Rich went to Rock  
5 Eagle to attend the back to school meeting. And the  
6 4-H meetings are now being held in the elementary  
7 schools. They've started.

8           And new for this year, every Thursday  
9 right at the end of the school year is going to be  
10 considered 4-H Day where we're going to have  
11 rotating schedules of specialty club meetings after  
12 school, which consist of science and technology,  
13 arts and crafts, photography, and a new horse  
14 (inaudible) team we're starting.

15           And then we have a livestock show team who  
16 participated in several events. Gracie Hunter  
17 participated in the Athens Lamb Show and got third  
18 place in showmanship. Brett Dyer and Joe Hicks  
19 participated in the Athens Goat Show, where Brett  
20 got first in showmanship and brought home the grand  
21 champion market goat award. Carol Ann Cash and  
22 Jacob Gass participated in the Chattooga County Goat  
23 Show, where Carol Ann placed second in showmanship  
24 and Jacob's goats got third and fourth place in  
25 their weight class. The fall livestock show will be

1 held this month on the 28th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

2           And then the Dade County Family  
3 Agriculture Fair was held this month and was  
4 attended by 120 people. And we're already are  
5 beginning to make plans for next year's, which we  
6 hope to make bigger and better, since it was a great  
7 turnout. And on the 9th of the month we have Dr.  
8 Bryan Fairchild from UGA, who is a poultry  
9 specialist there. He's going to be presenting a  
10 program for backyard flock owners. And it's going  
11 to be at 6:00 p.m. at the AG center. And he's going  
12 to focus on flock health and the avian influenza  
13 that's been going around.

14           Gordon County will be the sponsor of a  
15 heifer management workshop on September 29th.  
16 Contact the Ag center for more information about  
17 that.

18           And Ms. Katie attended the A&R update and  
19 the Chatooga County Goat Show.

20           MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?

21           MR. BRADFORD: You done a great job.

22           MR. WOODS: Yeah. Third place in the  
23 state is awesome.

24           MR. RUMLEY: Good job. Proud of you.  
25 Okay. His dad is going to come up and talk for us

1 about 30 minutes. That's a hard thing to do. Like  
2 I said last month, that's one of the hardest things  
3 in life that people have a fear of, is speaking in  
4 front of people. You do a good job and we  
5 appreciate you.

6 All right. Our Chamber. Who's going to  
7 do the report on it? Anyone?

8 MR. TOWNSEND: Mr. Zach Stone dropped  
9 these off for you tonight. He was unable to be  
10 here. So there's your report. And he gave one to  
11 Robin and myself.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: Kudos to Zach.

14 MR. RUMLEY: All right. You want to  
15 go ahead and get the General up here before we go  
16 into Don's financial and see what he's got on his  
17 mind tonight.

18 MR. BRADFORD: People that are  
19 listening, this is our new commander. And I feel  
20 he's doing a great job and our American Legion's  
21 moving along really well. We can go have meetings  
22 and not even have hollering and screaming and  
23 fighting. That's really great. If you're in the  
24 military, I think you ought to come down and talk to  
25 us. We have a great commander at this time and

1 things are moving for us.

2 MR. BLACK: Amen, brother.

3 MR. WOODS: Well, I appreciate it.

4 But you're only as good as the people are. How are  
5 y'all doing tonight? Well, I apologize. I thought  
6 I was ten minutes early. I was told to be here at  
7 7:00. So I apologize if I was late. But let me  
8 tell you why I'm here.

9 The American Legion, we try to support Dade  
10 County and Trenton the very best we can, just like  
11 the individuals that are sitting here on the County  
12 Commission, they do the same. Well, Memorial Day,  
13 every year, by the way, we have a day where we honor  
14 our veterans and their families. And we usually  
15 have it at Veterans Park. Well, what happened last  
16 year? Anybody remember? It flooded like there was  
17 no tomorrow. And so we had everybody coming there.  
18 And quite frankly this was -- this was the time  
19 like, what are we going to do, right? What are we  
20 going to do? Well, I'll tell you. These gentlemen  
21 here behind had our back that day and we've never  
22 forgotten it. And we wanted to come here tonight to  
23 thank them for that day and the other support that  
24 y'all give us whenever we ask about Dade County.

25 We have a certificate of appreciation here.

1 And it states: This certificate of appreciation is  
2 gratefully presented to Commissioner Mitchell Smith,  
3 and each of them I'll present in just a minute, in  
4 recognition and sincere appreciation of outstanding  
5 service and assistance, which contributed to the  
6 advancement of the American Legion programs and  
7 activities dedicated to God and country. And it's  
8 from Post 106 Department of Georgia. And is signed  
9 by myself and my adjutant, Ray Moore.

10 What happened that day, without any  
11 hesitation at all they opened up this room to us.  
12 Right? And if you remember, right? Robert you were  
13 here. Yes, sir. And I'll never forget that.  
14 Because Ted was out about an hour or so before doing  
15 that clearing off huge trees that fell in the  
16 roadway that day because of the storm and  
17 everything. But he came in and Robert was here and  
18 he opened up this place. We got it all organized.  
19 They presented a flag to us that was flown at 9/11.  
20 And we were able to use that into something that we  
21 are very sincerely appreciative of.

22 And it's great to be here tonight to hear  
23 all the activities that are going on here today.  
24 The reading program -- you're looking at a young boy  
25 who waited for the library bus to pull up in my

1 driveway. I lived out in the country. It would  
2 drive out there and would come out there about every  
3 two weeks. Right? So those library books are  
4 instrumental to all of us.

5 So, gentlemen, on behalf of the American  
6 Legion, I would like to present these certificates  
7 of appreciation to you. Mitchell. Scottie.

8 MR. PITTMAN: Thank you.

9 MR. WOODS: Yes, sir. Ted. Let me  
10 make sure you've got the right one here. Sir, thank  
11 you.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you.

13 MR. WOODS: Robert.

14 MR. GOFF: Thank you, General.

15 MR. WOODS: Thank you. Allan. Thank  
16 you. Appreciate it. Thanks again.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Thanks for all you do.

18 MR. WOODS: Thank you. Appreciate  
19 it.

20 MR. BRADFORD: If anyone would like  
21 to join the American Legion, let one of us know.  
22 And try to come (inaudible) pork rinds. You'll have  
23 a ball.

24 MR. RUMLEY: And eat a lot of pork  
25 rinds too. And we appreciate what y'all, you know,

1 done for us tonight. And it's just an honor and  
2 privilege, you know, to help out. Because y'all do  
3 so much that people don't even realize, you know, in  
4 the background.

5 MR. GOFF: Ted, I need to -- for the  
6 young man that come up for 4-H and he gave the 9th,  
7 I think, as the day of the poultry thing. And you  
8 probably have what Katie gave you. She just sent  
9 out another e-mail today just for the press. She  
10 said she'd given the wrong date on that. It's  
11 actually the 8th that they're coming. So you  
12 probably didn't know that. Just so to get it right.  
13 That's the reason -- I wasn't being rude looking at  
14 the phone. I wanted to make sure. Katie had sent  
15 that e-mail out. So it will be on the 8th instead  
16 of the 9th.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

18 MR. GOFF: And if that's wrong, I'm  
19 keeping that e-mail. It was not too long ago that  
20 she sent that out.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is that on a  
22 private server?

23 MR. GOFF: That's pretty good.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Move on to Don  
25 Townsend, our financial officer. Don, you want to

1 give us our financial report?

2 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. As of August  
3 31st, 2015, the General Fund had a balance of  
4 \$180,967. Federal Asset Fund U.S. Treasury, \$288.  
5 Sheriff's Special Fund, \$16,850. Drug Abuse  
6 Education Fund, \$87,330. Supplemental Juvenile  
7 Services Fund, \$24,606. Victim Assistance Fund,  
8 \$1,105. Jail Fund, \$25,597. Federal Asset Fund,  
9 Department of Justice, \$742. Employee's Flexible  
10 Spending Account, \$46,475. Payroll Account,  
11 \$73,595. Remaining in the 2009 SPLOST Construction  
12 Account is \$150. Projects Account, \$253,539. And  
13 Proceeds Account, \$1,199,301. 2015 SPLOST Funds  
14 Projects Account currently has a balance of 0. The  
15 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax General  
16 Obligation Sales Tax Bond Debt Services Account has  
17 a balance of \$26,352. The Series 2013 Bonds for the  
18 IDA Construction Series B has a balance of \$170,120.  
19 IDA Debt Service Series A has a balance of 0. The  
20 IDA Debt Services Series B has a balance of 10  
21 cents. You don't see that very much. I just wanted  
22 to throw that one out. And also we have at the  
23 bottom two Certificate of Deposits on hand, each for  
24 a hundred thousand dollars. Two of those 200,000 at  
25 Citizens Bank and Trust. And 200,000 at Bank of

1 Dade in Trenton, Georgia.

2           The next page you see the Dade County  
3 Income Statement as of July 31st, 2015. We finally  
4 got the numbers put in for the new year after we  
5 closed out the first 60 days. (Inaudible) to FY15.  
6 And you see under actual revenues collected we  
7 collected \$386,398. We had budgeted \$346,078. And  
8 year to date, though, same amount, of course,  
9 because we're reporting on the first month. So we  
10 have excess of funds of \$40,319 collected over  
11 budget. As far as expenses go for the month of July  
12 we spent \$679,990. We had budgeted \$831,184. So  
13 we, again, were under budget \$151,193. Budget  
14 attained should be at 8.33 percent. Revenues  
15 attained for this period was 4.29 percent. Expenses  
16 attained was 7.47 percent. So as you see we only  
17 brought 386,398. But spent 679,990. So we were  
18 short for our cash projections there of \$293,592.

19           The following report, four-page report is  
20 basically the same information, just a different  
21 format for your review. And the following six-page  
22 report is a Project Variance Report showing all the  
23 detail of what I just reviewed, broken down by  
24 general ledger numbers. The good news is after I  
25 put those numbers in, 9.1 million is balanced to the

1 penny. And that is a very enlightening and helpful  
2 thing at 11:15 the other night.

3 The following page you see there, it says  
4 143 at the top, page 143. But really what this is  
5 is just the page out of our securities that back up  
6 county funding. Those funds at the top is  
7 \$4.6 million at the Bank of Dade they have to keep  
8 on reserve to back up total funds. And then at the  
9 bottom of the page there is Citizens Bank & Trust is  
10 \$811,538. Those are funds that are maintained in  
11 excess of 1.25 percent at the bank -- both banks --  
12 to back up the funds.

13 The next report is Local Option Sales Tax  
14 Revenue Report for August, which was \$141,009.27.  
15 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for August we  
16 collected \$176,261.69. As you recall we have been  
17 as high as 240,000 in the past. So that, again, is  
18 quite a difference and a decrease in what we could  
19 collect. So hopefully that will improve here  
20 shortly. We have a new industry coming to Dade  
21 County.

22 And then the final report is the Dade County  
23 Tax Commissioner's Office year to date tax  
24 collection for FY -- it's actually 2016. We have  
25 collected so far for the one month \$107,483, which

1 is just 2.46 percent of the hundred percent possible  
2 collections. That concludes the report.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?  
4 Comments? Okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion to  
5 approve the financial statement as presented by  
6 Mr. Townsend. Do I have a motion?

7 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Second?

9 MR. GOFF: Second.

10 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion and a  
11 second. Call the vote.

12 Mr. Smith?

13 MR. SMITH: Yes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

15 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

17 MR. GOFF: Yes.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

19 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Okay.  
21 Okay. The reading of the minutes from the last  
22 month regular meeting and special called meeting  
23 will not be required since all commissioners have  
24 been furnished copies in advance. The minutes are  
25 public record and available for viewing in the

1 county commission office. Minutes are also included  
2 in our consent agenda. At this time I'll ask  
3 Mr. Townsend to read our consent agenda and go  
4 through that, and then I'll entertain a motion to  
5 approve it.

6 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. We have on  
7 the consent agenda for tonight approval of the  
8 agenda as amended to include items number eleven and  
9 twelve, which are resolutions regarding budget  
10 amendments. We have approval of the previous  
11 meeting minutes. We have approval of the review of  
12 personnel status report for the month of August. We  
13 have approval of Family Literacy Week Proclamation  
14 that runs September 21st through 26, 2015.  
15 Proclamation for the American Cancer Society Relay  
16 for Life, October 2nd and 3rd, 2015. Resolution  
17 F-41-15, reappointment of Mrs. Dora Crisp to the  
18 Dade County Board of Assessors for a three-year term  
19 commencing October 1st, 2015 and expiring September  
20 30th, 2018. Approval of the SPLOST Capital  
21 Equipment for Bruce Case paying that \$5,000 for the  
22 architectural work performed. The agreement for the  
23 Lookout Mountain Community Services and Dade  
24 Transit, which includes the filing and application  
25 and resulting in a grant for -- from and with

1 Transit Alliance Group, a contractor with Georgia  
2 Department of Human Services for transportation of  
3 elderly in Dade County. Ordinance Number 09-03-15,  
4 animal cruelty provisions. This was the second and  
5 final reading of the ordinance. Ordinance Number  
6 10-01-15, supplement to the Dade County Code of  
7 Ordinances and acting as supplement to the Code of  
8 Ordinances for Dade County, Georgia, and declaring  
9 an emergency. Also Resolution R-42-15, fiscal year  
10 2015 Budget Amendment Number 4 for \$3,000. Also  
11 Resolution R-43-15 for fiscal year 2016 Budget  
12 Amendment Number 1 total of \$98,500. And that's it.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or  
14 directions?

15 MR. PITTMAN: No.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll entertain a  
17 motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by  
18 Mr. Townsend.

19 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

20 MR. RUMLEY: All right.

21 MR. PITTMAN: I'll second.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I have a motion  
23 and a second. Call the vote.

24 Mr. Smith?

25 MR. SMITH: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

2 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

4 MR. GOFF: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

6 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Okay.

8 Robin, you got anything you want to go  
9 over with us tonight as far as any legal pending or  
10 anything?

11 MR. ROGERS: No. I mean, the big  
12 item is obviously the Hutcheson issues and  
13 Commissioners Rumley and Goff have both covered that  
14 line. So rather than just muddying the waters, I  
15 think I'll let that stand where it is. If anyone  
16 has any questions they want to ask me, you're  
17 welcome to do so either now or after the meeting.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I appreciate  
19 that. All right. Let's move down to our citizens'  
20 participation. Anybody want to come up and talk to  
21 us tonight and give us a report?

22 Audrey, you got anything from the --  
23 anything to report on cable or fiber in the county  
24 or how you're going with that?

25 AUDREY: We're doing a new phase on

1 Sand Mountain.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Sand Mountain?

3 AUDREY: Uh-huh. That's underway  
4 right now. We finished Lake Hills. We're doing  
5 installs there now. He will start doing the new  
6 phase. They can call the office and get the roads  
7 that that will encompass. And we've started on  
8 Lookout Mountain on the next phase we're doing up  
9 there. It will probably be the end of the year  
10 before we will be ready to install up there.

11 MR. RUMLEY: About a year, you said?

12 AUDREY: No, end of this year.

13 MR. RUMLEY: End of this year. Okay.

14 AUDREY: On what we've just begun in  
15 the last two weeks on Lookout.

16 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Okay.

17 AUDREY: On that phase.

18 MR. RUMLEY: But in Lake Hills you  
19 said you've finished it?

20 AUDREY: We have finished and we are  
21 installing.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. That's good.

23 Tom, you want to come up and give your  
24 report?

25 MR. BLACK: Good evening, gentlemen.

1 Afternoon or evening. I guess it's 5:00 o'clock  
2 somewhere.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

4 MR. BLACK: Scottie, first I have a  
5 question for you.

6 MR. PITTMAN: Okay.

7 MR. BLACK: It's just going to  
8 include package sales, because I get tired of being  
9 run over by all the people from Dade County when I'm  
10 going to Logan's to eat and they're stopping at the  
11 liquor store.

12 MR. PITTMAN: That's a good question.  
13 At this time, I mean, that -- we're open -- I'm open  
14 for any idea, whether it's package sales, liquor by  
15 the drink, and if it's nothing at all. We'll  
16 just -- we'll see what people -- whatever it is will  
17 be voted on separately.

18 MR. BLACK: Well, I think that's  
19 probably a revenue stream that we need to look at  
20 too, because if you do look at what's there, it's  
21 Lookout Valley is actually north end of Dade County,  
22 but we're not getting anything out of it.

23 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah.

24 MR. BLACK: So also -- okay. Back to  
25 my question I had on that if it was going to include

1 package sales too. And I think that that -- I  
2 personally think if we're going to do one, we need  
3 to do the other. And put -- lay it to rest once and  
4 for all. And we've got a new industry coming in.  
5 And if the idea is for those jobs -- for the income  
6 that is derived from that to stay in this county.  
7 And to stay in this county, we've got to have things  
8 for people to buy. I'm not saying everybody should  
9 go spend their money on liquor, but there's other  
10 things that we -- need to keep it here. We need to  
11 keep those tax dollars here. That would help our  
12 county.

13           Okay. That being said, I attended NRCS  
14 workshop in Athens the past weekend and we were  
15 looking at some financial matters. Maybe getting  
16 some grants -- a grant (inaudible) the Catoosa River  
17 District -- Coosa River District that maybe we can  
18 use here. It looks like our best choice is going to  
19 be to help some of our young people. And that's  
20 what we're looking at there.

21           And also from the mental health board, I  
22 have a meeting the 10th with Dr. Berry (phonetic) in  
23 Atlanta. And once again, it's coming back to being  
24 able to keep local control. That what we're wanting  
25 is input at the local level. And, boy, I tell you,

1 that's been an uphill battle. So hopefully we're  
2 going to see some good things come about that.

3 But, gentlemen, thank you very much for  
4 the jobs that came to this county. This has been a  
5 shot in the arm for everybody. And it's like the  
6 General has high-five moments, I think this is a  
7 high-five moment for Dade County.

8 MR. RUMLEY: It is. It is a good  
9 moment.

10 MR. BLACK: And it is something for  
11 everyone here to be proud of.

12 Thank you, gentlemen.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. I appreciate  
14 it.

15 Okay. Anyone else want to come up and  
16 talk? Okay. We're going to have to -- I think  
17 we're going to entertain a motion to go into an  
18 executive session on a personnel matter, I think.  
19 So I'll entertain a motion to go into executive  
20 session.

21 MR. GOFF: I make a motion we enter  
22 into --

23 MR. RUMLEY: Have a second?

24 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call the

1 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 We shouldn't be too long. So if y'all  
12 want to hang around, that's fine. If not, try to  
13 eat the rest of the goodies back there.

14 (Executive session.)

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

17 MR. SMITH: I so move.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I have a  
19 second?

20 MR. GOFF: Second.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Call the vote.

22 Mr. Smith?

23 MR. SMITH: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

25 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

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MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

MR. GOFF: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes.

In our executive session we did discuss a  
personnel matter and at this time no action was  
taken.

Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

MR. PITTMAN: So move.

MR. RUMLEY: Have a second?

MR. BRADFORD: Second.

MR. RUMLEY: Call the vote.

Mr. Smith?

MR. SMITH: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

MR. GOFF: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes.

I appreciate all of y'all being here.  
Meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned.)

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