

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
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1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. It is six o'clock.
2 I'll go ahead and call this work session to order.
3 I appreciate everyone being here. Has everyone
4 looked at the agenda, any changes, corrections we
5 need to make? Don, you've made the corrections we
6 need to make as far as anyone speaking, because this
7 is a new one. Have we got the Ryan Funeral Home on
8 there?

9 MR. TOWNSEND: We do. Number 12 has
10 been added, Resolution R-58-15, the filing of fiscal
11 year 2017 grant and Resolution -- number 13,
12 Resolution R-62-15, resolution with Ryan Funeral
13 Home.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Other than that, any
15 comments or changes?

16 All right. Move down to number two,
17 our previous minutes. I know y'all have had those
18 for a while. Is there any changes, corrections?
19 Put that on the consent agenda.

20 Okay. Under board appointments, we do
21 have one. Allan is not here tonight, but he has
22 been working on this for a month or so and trying to
23 replace one of our Board of Assessors at Lookout
24 Mountain that has resigned and he has got Mr. Jamey
25 Blevins to agree to serve that unexpired term. Does

1 everyone know Jamey, got any questions? I think
2 he'll be a good board member. So if everyone is
3 fine with it, we'll put that on the consent agenda.

4 Move down to number five, the approval
5 of our S.P.L.O.S.T., capital equipment. We do have
6 a couple of items. We have the jail security
7 cameras. Don, you can go into that. This was bid
8 out. We don't have anybody here.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, I was looking for
10 Alex. This has already been bid out sometime back.
11 This is just the actual proposal. The scope of work
12 that we -- I believe it finalizes that project for
13 new surveillance cameras around the jail inside and
14 out. And then also, do you want to move on through
15 the rest of these things?

16 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Might as well.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: We've already approved
18 the purchase of two Ford Explorers for the sheriff's
19 office back in September. Following that is from
20 Mountain View Emergency, different -- Watch Guard
21 and Buy PCN, Networks, Incorporated. Those are all
22 the things that it takes to complete the cars on the
23 inside, the interceptor package and the computers
24 and all the stuff that they use on the inside. This
25 is just for your information and we wanted to bring

1 that to your attention.

2 Also, I have under -- the final thing
3 was a request for proposal that we did submit out
4 this last month and we received back one bid from
5 Reynolds-Warren. There's not that many people that
6 produce asphalt pavers, but I'm sure you can talk
7 about that if you want to. This is the bid we
8 received back. It's for \$199,950. They're willing
9 to take a trade-in for the current one that we have,
10 which is a 2011 and pay 86,500. So the delivery
11 price would be \$113,450. Brian Meissen is his name,
12 M-E-I-S-S-E-N. He is the sales coordinator for
13 Reynolds-Warren Equipment and this is for a new 2016
14 LeeBoy 8616 asphalt paver and they did exactly what
15 we requested.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Apples to apples.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: So I'm sure if you want
18 to dicker with the price a little bit, they might be
19 willing to come off of it, but that is what they bid
20 and that's -- Billy has requested this be placed on
21 the agenda tonight.

22 MR. SMITH: Do you recall around about
23 what the other one cost?

24 MR. RUMLEY: It was like 130, 126,000,
25 I believe. We've more than got our money. The

1 reason he's changed it, I think he spoke to us last
2 week or last meeting is this one will do so much
3 more. It will do a wider area, plus you can hook a
4 tandem to it and it will push the truck. It
5 don't -- but anyway, I know he talked to us about
6 it. It's a good move. That other one has already
7 paid for itself, you know, a couple of times or more
8 just the savings from paving the roads that we've
9 got.

10 MR. PITTMAN: Should we try to put it
11 back out for another proposal and see if we can get
12 another taker or is this pretty much the only place
13 in Georgia that sells --

14 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we can. We can put
15 it back out.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: He said the price is
17 only good for December 31st and it would go up.

18 MR. RUMLEY: After the first of the
19 year.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Billy can tell you why.
21 There's an EPA regulation.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Well, the new ones are
23 going to have that fuel. You know, you've got to
24 have two tanks. You know, you put that supplement
25 fuel in it, you know, and it's just a lot more of

1 the EPA requirements. So that's why he's trying to
2 get it done before they change it.

3 MR. PITTMAN: What's the procedure for
4 the proposal, request for proposal? What do you do
5 to put it out? Do you e-mail it to people?

6 MR. TOWNSEND: I can. I did and I put
7 it out on the internet for two weeks, well, a 14-day
8 period. We had a lot of hits on the internet. I'm
9 surprised. A lot of people look out there. And
10 then vendors that look for requests for proposals,
11 they take that and put it on the national sites. I
12 have no idea how many people had access to it. It's
13 a pretty broad area.

14 MR. RUMLEY: All we were asking was for
15 a bid for apples to apples where everybody would be
16 the same on it, you know.

17 MR. GOFF: That would all be one
18 payment out of S.P.L.O.S.T?

19 MR. TOWNSEND: I would like to pay it
20 one payment out of S.P.L.O.S.T. We financed the
21 last one for five years and I would like to pay this
22 one.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Just be done with
24 it. Is everybody fine with it?

25 MR. PITTMAN: It also comes with a

1 one-year warranty, parts and labor.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

3 MR. MASSENGALE: The price of those
4 machines, no matter who it comes from, at the
5 beginning of 2016, there's going to be a several
6 thousand dollar increase because there will be a
7 full engine. If the order is not in place before
8 January 1st, the price will go up several thousand
9 dollars no matter who it comes from.

10 MR. RUMLEY: I think it's 12,000. I
11 know one of them said it would be a 12,000 increase
12 after the first of the year. Anyway, if everybody
13 is fine with it, we'll go with that. If not, we'll
14 put it back out.

15 MR. PITTMAN: I'm fine.

16 MR. RUMLEY: All right. We'll move
17 down to -- is there anything else we need to -- you
18 went over several things, but most of that we've
19 already covered.

20 Move down to our agreement with the
21 public defender's office, David Dunn. David, if you
22 want to come up and talk to us, I'll give you about
23 30 seconds.

24 MR. DUNN: I can't even clear my throat
25 in 30 seconds.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Never tell a lawyer that.

2 MR. DUNN: Thank you. I appreciate you
3 providing me some time to talk tonight. As in the
4 past, I've brought you some statistical information
5 about what we've been doing over the last year. It
6 just breaks down figures and I'll go over that and
7 elaborate on it if you want me to.

8 Basically, what it shows is that things
9 have not changed much over the last year. We've had
10 a few categories where cases have gone up, a few
11 where they've gone down. That's just normal
12 fluctuations. We're doing circuit wide about 2,500
13 cases a year plus in Dade County. The case load is
14 just slightly under last year's number, but right
15 about the same pace.

16 I have brought with me Ashley
17 Wilkinson. Ashley is one of the fine attorneys that
18 works in my office. She's assigned to Dade County
19 primarily. She works elsewhere, too, but she's the
20 resident assistant here in Dade County. She just
21 pointed out to me that she's been up here for two
22 years and I didn't realize that. I apologize I
23 haven't introduced you to her sooner. But Ashley is
24 a very fine young attorney. She does a great job
25 and she keeps things on an even keel for me here in

1 Dade County. So if you have any questions and I'm
2 not available and you see Ashley, just feel free to,
3 you know, grab her and ask her about whatever is on
4 your mind and she'll help you if she can. And if
5 you have any questions now for anything that's
6 happening here, please feel free to ask Ashley or
7 myself. Otherwise, I'll proceed on to the contract.

8 All right. The contract that I'm
9 asking you to approve is the same this year as last
10 year. The only things that have been changed are a
11 few of the nomenclature items. The agency that I
12 work for and that you're contracting with is now not
13 the Georgia Public Defender's Standards Council.
14 It's the Georgia Public Defender Council. That was
15 by legislative act this last session. The reasons
16 that they made that change are known mainly to the
17 governor's office, but I think it was an attempt to
18 deal with some issues that were causing them
19 problems in litigation and so they changed the name
20 and to a certain degree, the state admission of the
21 agency.

22 They're no longer required to come up
23 with binding standards for indigent defense across
24 the state, although they continue to regulate and
25 administer the agency for us for that purpose. And

1 then a couple of the names for the signatories are
2 different. Otherwise, the contract itself is
3 exactly the same.

4 As in the previous years, the contract
5 incorporates the budget previously submitted to you.
6 Now, there is one issue with regard to the budget
7 and Don and I have communicated about this a couple
8 of times.

9 This year one of the things that we did
10 was we had a strategic planning session. My whole
11 staff and I met. Basically, we had a retreat of
12 sorts for two days to try to come up with a
13 strategic plan for the future of our office. We had
14 some folks who are trained and very experienced in
15 that area to work with us and help us do that. And
16 we came up with a number of plans and strategies,
17 some of which we've already totally implemented,
18 many of which remain for the future, but we're
19 working towards.

20 One of the changes that we sought to
21 adopt based on that planning was to create a new
22 position in our office, what we call an intake
23 coordinator. This has to do with our obligation to
24 visit with inmates in the jail after they've been
25 arrested. Statutorily, we have to meet with people

1 within five business days of their arrest. We try
2 to get to them within two business days if we can.
3 And that initial visit is generally more of an
4 administrative thing. We find out if they want our
5 services. We find out if they qualify financially
6 and based upon the charges if we're allowed to
7 provide representation for them. And if they want
8 us and they qualify, then we go ahead and open a
9 file and start the process. We don't -- there's not
10 a lot of hands-on lawyering that's done in that
11 initial visit.

12 I've always wanted lawyers to do that
13 visit because I think psychologically it's better
14 for someone who is in jail to meet with a lawyer,
15 but what my staff convinced me was I was wasting too
16 much of their time. I was using lawyers to do
17 something that someone else can do just as well.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Just taking information.
19 In other words, they're getting --

20 MR. DUNN: Exactly.

21 MR. RUMLEY: So this person is not an
22 attorney?

23 MR. DUNN: No. In fact, we're only
24 paying them 30,000 a year, so I couldn't hire a
25 lawyer for that.

1 MR. RUMLEY: That's a lot of money
2 though in Dade County.

3 MR. DUNN: And their job is going to be
4 go do the jail visits and process the paperwork to
5 get the files open. And then for the cases where
6 people do qualify, once the file is open, it will
7 turn over to an attorney who is going to be charged
8 with getting down there within a few days to meet
9 with them and start the representation going. I'm
10 hoping that by doing this, I can maximize my
11 attorney's time and put them to use more
12 efficiently. As I said, it wasn't really my idea.
13 It was my staff's idea, but I listened to them and
14 they convinced me.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Is that one person for
16 Dade and one for --

17 MR. DUNN: It's one person for the
18 circuit.

19 MR. RUMLEY: They'll float then.

20 MR. DUNN: Yeah. And we don't know how
21 that's going to work. It may well be that it's too
22 big a job for one person to handle. That person may
23 end up doing it only in two or three of the
24 counties. We may have to come back later and add
25 another person, but we want to take it slowly and

1 see how it works and then evaluate where we're at.

2 But what I would like to do is be in a
3 position to begin this at the first of the year, go
4 ahead and start advertising for a person and
5 interviewing and selecting the right person.

6 This notion was developed last spring
7 at our planning, strategic planning. I had already
8 submitted my budget to you because you all start an
9 earlier planning process than the other three
10 counties and I contacted Don and told him about it.
11 I think it was actually the week you did the final
12 approval. And he said, let's just wait until the
13 winter meeting and I can come back and ask you for a
14 budget adjustment.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Where is that bottom
16 dollar on our share of it?

17 MR. DUNN: You should have a copy of
18 the contract. On the contract, if you turn to the
19 very last page, the box that says breakdown by
20 county, total expenditures, right under that
21 breakdown by county, Dade County, \$94,000.94.
22 That's what I'm asking for. The previous number, I
23 think, was, what, about 8,000 less, if that much.

24 MR. TOWNSEND: I think so. There were
25 three attachments to your e-mails, so I printed off

1 three. I wasn't sure which one.

2 MR. DUNN: Well, whatever the figure
3 that was in the previous budget. And I'm sorry. I
4 meant to look that up and I forgot before I got on
5 the road to get over here. The number I'm asking
6 for is 94,000.

7 MR. RUMLEY: That's total?

8 MR. DUNN: Total for Dade County for
9 all of --

10 MR. RUMLEY: What is that over and
11 above the bottom number? What are we looking at?

12 MR. DUNN: I'm sorry. I should have --

13 MR. RUMLEY: It's hard. When you come
14 in and ask for money after our budget is set, I
15 don't care if it's you or whoever, you know. If
16 it's a substantial amount, it's hard on us because
17 we cut -- we try to live with our budget. When we
18 set our budget, it's pretty close. We'll do
19 everything we can to accommodate you. We just want
20 to see what the bottom number is though.

21 MR. DUNN: Right. I also -- just in my
22 own defense, I would point out that I returned y'all
23 about 16,000 circuit wide last year. Y'all got your
24 portion of that back, you know.

25 MR. RUMLEY: I think our portion of it

1 was about \$900 of it.

2 MR. DUNN: I've been under budget every
3 year. I've tried to keep up with this and I know
4 that a budget adjustment is not an easy thing. I do
5 have approval on this from the other three counties
6 at this point. So you all would be the last.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Chattooga, Walker and
8 Catoosa.

9 MR. DUNN: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: When we first started
11 this, we were worried about budget back years ago
12 when you were hired when it was new. I'll have to
13 pat you on the back. You've really -- all through
14 the whole year, you've come in under your budget and
15 that's good.

16 MR. DUNN: I appreciate it. I take my
17 obligation to the taxpayers very seriously. I try
18 to be a good steward of the public money.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Because you really didn't
20 know. No one knew how it was really going to work
21 out money-wise financially. You didn't really
22 realize how many staff you were really going to have
23 to have until you were in it like that first year
24 and seen the workload.

25 MR. DUNN: And I know that you know

1 this and a couple of the newer members may or may
2 not be aware. If we were still employing the
3 previous system before GPDSC, you have saved
4 millions upon millions of dollars that you would
5 have been required to spend otherwise without us.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it would have been
7 over all the counties. It would have been a
8 tremendous amount.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: Current budget we have
10 is 88,782, so it's not much more.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Not much more. Only about
12 5 or 6,000.

13 MR. SMITH: That just runs through
14 June, right?

15 MR. TOWNSEND: It's \$5,218.

16 MR. SMITH: Yeah. But that just runs
17 through June, right?

18 MR. DUNN: You're right. My budget is
19 on a calendar year.

20 MR. SMITH: So really it's only half
21 out of this budget.

22 MR. DUNN: You'll be in a new budget
23 cycle for the second half of my budget.

24 MR. RUMLEY: I don't think we have a
25 problem, Don, do you? I was afraid it might have

1 been 20,000, 15 or 20,000. This is a lot of money,
2 but that's not -- do y'all have any problem with it?
3 When will it start? Are you going to try to start
4 immediately?

5 MR. DUNN: I'm going to advertise the
6 position and see, you know, who applies. And I want
7 to hopefully have somebody selected before we get
8 too deeply into January and get them on board. I
9 want to start it as quickly as I can in the new
10 year.

11 MR. PITTMAN: So when you come back
12 next year for budget, you can kind of tell us how
13 it's going?

14 MR. DUNN: Right. We should have a
15 good idea by then how it's working. And along that
16 line, I might mention there are two items that are
17 going to be a big topic as far as our agency is
18 concerned in the general assembly this year and any
19 support that you all can give us on this would be
20 greatly appreciated.

21 The two items are this: The first is
22 we're pushing to get another assistant public
23 defender position funded by the State. As it stands
24 now, they pay for about 40 percent of our overall
25 expense. They're always supposed to provide a

1 public defender for juvenile court. That's never
2 been funded. And as things are now, we just use the
3 assistants that I have for that purpose. If I can
4 get another position, I'm not going to say I'll
5 totally dedicate one person to juvenile court
6 because I don't think that's the best way to do it
7 in this circuit, but it will free us up
8 significantly and we do need additional manpower in
9 the courtroom. That's going to be one item. Any
10 support you can provide on that, I would greatly
11 appreciate it.

12 The other thing is this and that is
13 what we refer to as pay parody. Our agency has been
14 here for almost 11 years now. And when we started,
15 it was easy to find lawyers because they were
16 hungry. It was a new thing and everybody came on
17 board. What we find now is that we're functioning
18 as a training ground. I can hire lawyers out of law
19 school. I can teach them how to do their job. We
20 have very good agency training that we put on for
21 new young lawyers. I'm very much hands-on in that.
22 I go off two weeks each year teaching them. And a
23 lot of them stick around for a couple of years and
24 then we can't pay them. We can't pay them to
25 compete with private industry, even with some of the

1 DA's offices out there and they move on and we end
2 up wasting all that investment that we've put into
3 these young lawyers and we have to start over again.

4 What we want is we want to have a
5 system where there is a set track of progression
6 where our lawyers are getting paid, what the DA's
7 lawyers are getting paid, what the attorney
8 general's lawyers are getting paid. If you hire a
9 young lawyer, they can look at it and see, if I stay
10 in this job, I do good work, I keep my boss happy,
11 I'm productive, they can see where they'll be in ten
12 years or 15 years and it's enough to raise a family
13 and buy a house and all of those things. We won't
14 lose those people in such numbers if we can do that.

15 So any support you can provide for
16 that. ACCG is going to be involved in that, but it
17 will be a big issue before the legislative session.
18 So thank you. I appreciate your time.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. I appreciate
20 the job you do. Good to meet you, too. Appreciate
21 you. Any more questions for David?

22 I've got a lady in the back. She's got
23 a pretty important thing she wants to talk to us
24 about tonight. I'll let her tell you -- introduce
25 yourself, tell us who you are. Just be real

1 comfortable because there's nothing pressing here.
2 You're on TV and all the thousands of people
3 watching, but...

4 MS. JESSICA: My name is Jessica
5 Catillo (phonetic). I came here to present to you
6 tonight an ordinance that I'm trying to get passed
7 for the county. I'm sure most of you here are
8 parents and it's come -- like I assumed that the sex
9 offender laws are that these people are not allowed
10 in our schools, our parks, our 4H organizations or
11 anywhere minors congregate, but in the state of
12 Georgia, that's not correct.

13 As long as you are an out-of-state
14 offender or you have violated previous to
15 June 4th, 2003, you have absolutely no
16 restrictions in the state of Georgia. You can go to
17 schools. I actually wrote a full speech I'll just
18 go ahead and read.

19 It says on November 12, I stumbled upon
20 information that was scary to any parent. While
21 scrolling through the Dade County sex offender list,
22 which was released for Halloween, a picture looked
23 familiar. When I realized where I recognized this
24 man from, my heart sank. I recognized him from
25 school field trips, musicals and previous events at

1 Davis Elementary. This individual has a son in my
2 son's class. I immediately thought, how is this
3 possible? As a parent, you assume sex offenders are
4 not allowed anywhere where your children are,
5 although in the state of Georgia, you would be
6 wrong.

7 I reached out to Mr. Farney, principal
8 at Davis Elementary, who assured me he has
9 implemented every safety precaution and continues to
10 protect the children at the school, but there was
11 nothing within the guidelines of the law he could do
12 to prevent this individual or individuals like him
13 from entering the school or attending school events
14 such as field trips, which this individual has gone
15 on.

16 I continued to reach out to other local
17 officials, Detective Mitchell, Chief of Police Roger
18 Castleberry and Sheriff Ray Cross and school
19 superintendent, Cherie Swader. The information
20 gathered is not comforting as we were told over and
21 over again that the laws needed to be changed. I
22 continued to reach out to local officials, to the
23 county and state officials.

24 Today transient sex offenders and sex
25 offenders who were convicted prior to June 4th,

1 2003, have the same access rights as non-sex
2 offenders. This means access to our schools, parks
3 and any other place where minors congregate. I
4 along with other officials have prepared this
5 ordinance to present to you today. The ordinance
6 states as follows: Sex offenders who have violated
7 children under the age of 13 will not be allowed in
8 our parks, schools or anywhere where minors
9 congregate. If a sex offender has a child present
10 in one of our schools within the district and would
11 like to attend a play, musical, graduation, etc.,
12 they will have to send a written notice to the
13 sheriff's office asking permission, including in
14 that notice the date, time and place the event will
15 happen. The sheriff's office can grant or deny the
16 wish. If granted, a deputy must be present at the
17 school to monitor the individual.

18 Also, sex offenders who have violated
19 children under the age of 13, their pictures will be
20 posted at the local city and -- local city and
21 county parks, Jenkins Park, the pool, four fields,
22 the athletic fields, also the 4H organizations. All
23 residents in the county who want to volunteer at the
24 school or go on field trips will have to go to the
25 local sheriff's department, pay for a criminal

1 background check. The background check will be
2 valid for that calendar school year.

3 This is a plea to come together as
4 parents, grandparents and concerned community
5 members to change the law of our county -- of our
6 county against sex offenders regardless of the year
7 they were changed. These changes will not allow
8 offenders the same access rights to our children as
9 those who are not mandated to register as a sex
10 offender. I encourage you as a community to support
11 an ordinance that limits those individuals charged
12 with felony sex offenses against our children.

13 This does not stop at the county level.
14 We have already -- I have already had a meeting with
15 Senator Jeff Mullis, Georgia State Senator who
16 validated my concerns and is working on a house bill
17 which mirrors this ordinance. We will be presenting
18 such bill to the legislators by the end of the
19 month. I appreciate you for letting me take time
20 and allowing me to bring this issue to your
21 attention. I look forward to your support as we
22 move forward with the goal of protecting the
23 children of Dade County and the State of Georgia.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

25 MS. JESSICA: And what I passed out to

1 you, this is what the sheriff's department goes by.
2 So you'll see, the top is prior to June 4th,
3 there's no restrictions for sex offenders. There
4 are 34 sex offenders in Dade County. Twenty of
5 those have no restrictions. Every child molester
6 has no restriction to our county.

7 Also, most of the -- about 40 percent
8 of the list is an out-of-state offender. Also, if
9 you're an out-of-state offender, you have no
10 restrictions in the state of Georgia. There's no
11 law that says you are not allowed to -- you can go
12 anywhere -- as long as you're an out-of-state
13 offender or you violated prior to June 4, 2004, you
14 have the same access rights that you and I have.

15 MR. RUMLEY: All you've got to do is
16 register.

17 MS. JESSICA: Right. That's all you
18 have to do is register as a sex offender and that's
19 it. So basically -- also, these sex offenders who
20 have no restrictions can file with the sheriff's
21 office to go to Fort Payne, to Grant, Scottsboro.
22 As long as they're back before the night is up, they
23 can go out of state. So if you live in Grant,
24 Alabama, you're not going to check the Dade County
25 sex offender list to go to the park or go to your

1 school or anywhere else.

2 So as you can see, the next list is
3 2006. In that bracket also, it also says they can
4 go to church, the library, bus stops, swimming
5 pools. Basically, if you haven't committed a sex
6 offense crime since 2008, you have no restrictions
7 basically. The hardest restrictions are on those
8 who have violated since 2008. And once those become
9 in this time bracket of ten or twelve years, they
10 will also have no restrictions.

11 MR. PITTMAN: So the ordinance you're
12 writing, it has no time frame at all? It's --

13 MS. JESSICA: No. If you violated a
14 child 13 years or younger, you will not be allowed
15 in our parks, at our pool, at our 4H programs or
16 anything like that. Also, in the schools, the
17 parents will be in charge of going to the sheriff's
18 department to get their background checks and
19 provide that to the schools.

20 MR. PITTMAN: See, this is something
21 I've also taken for granted.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Me, too.

23 MS. JESSICA: As a parent, you assume
24 that they're not allowed in --

25 MR. PITTMAN: I want to thank you for

1 bringing this to our attention.

2 MS. JESSICA: You assume that they're
3 not allowed within a thousand foot or 500 foot of
4 the school. This individual that this started with,
5 he's gone on field trips with my son's class.

6 MR. PITTMAN: Robin, what is the
7 process for implementing it?

8 MR. ROGERS: Well, we just need to take
9 a look at it. Typically, what happens is when
10 people are committed of a sex offense, that's a
11 state statute. So we need to look to see if the
12 county can do anything in addition to what the state
13 has done. I mean, in other words, if someone has
14 been sentenced and convicted, we can't -- I would
15 not think or I question whether we can add
16 additional penalties to what the judge has already
17 imposed on someone else.

18 MR. PITTMAN: But we could call Jeff
19 and get it passed on the state level.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Well, out of the
21 protection of our children thought, Robin, we should
22 be able to --

23 MS. JESSICA: Actually, the state of
24 Georgia is number seven in the country for sex
25 offenders. We have 27,108 sex offenders in the

1 state. Our bordering counties have over 100 sex
2 offenders and they are allowed, unless written in
3 their probation or parole, to cross county lines as
4 long as they stay within the state of Georgia. Now,
5 our bordering state, Alabama, has one of the most
6 strictest laws.

7 Also, in the state of Georgia, if
8 you're a sex offender, as long as you don't violate
9 within your home, you can also keep custody of your
10 children. That will also be something I present to
11 the state. But Jeff is working on it and I will be
12 going to the Atlanta House to present this bill to
13 the legislators.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Robin, we need you to look
15 into it.

16 MR. PITTMAN: Do you know when that is?

17 MS. JESSICA: It will be before the
18 month. I'm waiting to hear back on a date that they
19 can get me in to speak and then we'll go from there
20 on hopefully getting it passed. Also, Jeff has also
21 said that when this does go through, and he has
22 nothing against thinking that it won't, that Nathan
23 Deal will come to Dade County to sign the bill.

24 MR. RUMLEY: But you can go ahead and
25 research between now and our next meeting, just look

1 and see what we can do on our local level because we
2 don't have to wait on that.

3 MS. JESSICA: We're actually one of the
4 only counties in the state of Georgia who don't
5 require background checks and fingerprints for our
6 parents and volunteers who are going on field trips
7 or volunteering in the school districts. Our
8 bordering counties do. Chattooga County does. Most
9 of them do.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we do require it on
11 our ball teams.

12 MS. JESSICA: Right. Exactly. On all
13 the rec leagues, yes. My son plays rec ball. But
14 they don't require it -- when you go on a field
15 trip, you're responsible for other people's
16 children. You have to take other children to the
17 bathroom. You're basically their parent for the
18 day.

19 MR. RUMLEY: That's true.

20 MR. GOFF: Now, when you say --
21 obviously, you've done a lot of work on this and I
22 appreciate the fact that you did. You say there's
23 43 in Dade County.

24 MS. JESSICA: There's 34. Twenty of
25 those have no restrictions.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Man, that's scary.

2 MR. GOFF: Because it's something that
3 I heard over the years that in the state of Georgia,
4 there's people put on the sex offender list that
5 didn't do what we think of as being -- it may be
6 they whipped a child.

7 MS. JESSICA: Do you want me to read
8 some of these people that have no restrictions?

9 MR. GOFF: No, no. I'm --

10 MS. JESSICA: Not the people, just
11 their charges.

12 MR. GOFF: You see what I'm saying?
13 You don't want to get to the place that because
14 somebody got put on a list in the state and that's
15 what goes back to what Robin said.

16 MS. JESSICA: I'm not -- there's a
17 Romeo and Juliet thing. That's where kids,
18 19-year-olds date 17-year-olds in high school and
19 get in trouble for statutory rape. I'm not going
20 after those kids. I'm just going after people who
21 are violating children.

22 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. Your statement was
23 13 and under.

24 MS. JESSICA: Yes. Thirteen and under
25 is what we're going for. Even when you get in a

1 situation of going with somebody who is 15.
2 Fifteen-year-olds still get with 18-year-olds. I
3 mean, they do. So you don't want to get into that
4 sticky situation. This is just for 13 years and
5 younger children. They won't be allow in our parks,
6 our schools. If they have a child in our school
7 district, they will have to send a written notice.

8 MR. GOFF: I'm not arguing. What I'm
9 saying is there are people, I've heard, in the
10 state -- Georgia is one of the states that put --
11 it's a big umbrella and they put people in there
12 that didn't -- it wasn't what people think of when
13 they think of sexual predators or sex with 13 and
14 under. It may have been that they spanked their own
15 child, and for some reason, they got put on a sex
16 offender list.

17 MS. JESSICA: Well, most --

18 MR. GOFF: That's what I'm getting at.
19 Is the 34 true that you looked at, true sex
20 offenders? That's what they were convicted of?

21 MS. JESSICA: There's 11 child
22 molesters in Dade County. None of them have
23 restrictions. They were all previous to 2003 or
24 out-of-state offenders. Most of the -- I'll just go
25 ahead and tell you, there's one sexual battery, 11

1 child molesters, two aggravated child molesters,
2 five statutory rape cases, sexual battery with a
3 minor under the age of 16. There's one of these.
4 Three computer pornography charges and sexual
5 exploitation of a child. There's one of those.

6 So there's nothing on there that is --
7 and the out-of-state offenders and the ones that are
8 previous, they are kidnapping with sexual battery
9 with a weapon, aggravated sexual assault, rape in
10 the second degree, three counts of rape, sexual
11 abuse in the second degree, sexual assault in the
12 first degree, attempted lewd and lascivious acts and
13 sexual abuse in the first degree. Those are all
14 people who have no restrictions to our schools or
15 parks.

16 MR. PITTMAN: Robin, when you check in
17 on that, if you would let us know. I mean, we can
18 call Jeff and go ahead -- I'm going to call him
19 tonight anyway and tell him I support it a hundred
20 percent.

21 MS. JESSICA: Like I said, as a parent,
22 you're under the assumption that they're not allowed
23 in our schools.

24 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. And if we get it
25 through the state level, not only the Dade County

1 kids will be better protected, but the whole state
2 of Georgia.

3 MS. JESSICA: Really it needs to be
4 nationwide honestly. You would just think that it
5 would be. It shouldn't be in a time bracket you
6 know, even -- if you even compare these to addicts.
7 Addicts don't rehabilitate themselves. So why would
8 you assume that a sex offender after 12 years is not
9 going to abuse another child.

10 MR. GOFF: And you don't know when
11 you'll be going?

12 MS. JESSICA: No. Jeff is supposed to
13 get back with me hopefully this week to give me a
14 time when I'm going to be able to speak at the House
15 in Atlanta to get the bill.

16 MR. GOFF: Can you let us know when
17 that will be?

18 MS. JESSICA: Yes, I will call Ted.

19 MR. GOFF: We can go down to support
20 you. Be glad to.

21 MS. JESSICA: Yes. That would be
22 terrific. I appreciate your time. I appreciate
23 everybody being so on board because I, like the rest
24 of you, want something to be done.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate you.

1 MR. GOFF: Good job. A lot of
2 research.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Any more questions? Thank
4 you very much.

5 Robin, you're going to kind of do some
6 homework on that, fill it out, look at the
7 ordinance, compare the ordinance or whatever?

8 Let's move down to the Resolution
9 R-56-15. This is the FY2015 amendment, final
10 audited financials. Don, do you want to go into
11 that?

12 MR. TOWNSEND: Sure. This resolution
13 is to approve the final amended version to the FY15
14 budget and you'll see the detail on page three of
15 four there. We're actually just reducing \$20,100
16 from one department and spreading it across one,
17 two, three -- six line items in other departments.
18 So there was no net change to the overall budget.
19 We just wanted to do that. And the auditors have
20 concluded the audit in record time, which was great.
21 Fastest they've ever left. This is a final budget
22 amendment that they recommended.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Okay. Put
24 that on the consent agenda.

25 Okay. Move down to number eight,

1 Resolution R-59-15, disposal of county property,
2 couple of copiers, one in the sheriff's department
3 and one in the squad room. They've seen their
4 better days. That's just a procedure we have to go
5 through to --

6 MR. PITTMAN: Were we supposed to put
7 that on the online auction?

8 MR. TOWNSEND: We can. We have to do
9 this first. They contact me every month.

10 MR. RUMLEY: These are only good for
11 parts.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: A lot of them don't want
13 it because it's more expensive to ship it. Now, the
14 cars --

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Everybody fine with
16 that?

17 Okay. Move down to number nine,
18 Resolution R-60-15. This is an IDA memorandum of
19 understanding with JMS Metals. We talked about this
20 our last meeting, I think. Robin, if you want to
21 touch on that.

22 MR. ROGERS: This is -- we've got
23 several of these in the last few months and this is
24 the last one, at least in the pipeline. This is a
25 project from JMS, which is currently in the

1 Industrial Park and they are doubling in size at the
2 their facility there. This is a big expansion. I
3 think it's estimated \$3.5 million investment and
4 it's anticipated that they would -- it's anticipated
5 that they would hire 18 employees.

6 So, again, this is an MOU -- the
7 County's role in these MOUs or memorandum's of
8 understanding are very, very limited and they're
9 limited to the fact of us saying that we'll assist
10 in the fast tracking of any permitting that may be
11 required as far as the county goes --

12 MR. RUMLEY: We're not obligated to
13 anything as far as any financing. Any questions on
14 that? Okay. Put that on the consent agenda.

15 Move down to number ten. This is
16 Ordinance 12-03-15. This is pertaining to our
17 safety regulations and other requirements for use of
18 our county parks. We've been through this for
19 several months now off and on. Robin, is this a
20 final on it?

21 MR. ROGERS: It is.

22 MR. RUMLEY: That's what I was
23 thinking, a final reading. Is there any changes or
24 comments that anyone wants to make? Robin, do you
25 have anything?

1 MR. ROGERS: No.

2 MR. RUMLEY: I think we've all been
3 over it and been over it. We'll put that on the
4 consent agenda.

5 Move down to number 11, resolution
6 pertaining to the federal/state compliance updates
7 to our county employee handbook. You don't have a
8 number there, Don.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah. I recommend we
10 table that. Rebecca and I have been working on
11 that. I just didn't feel comfortable bringing --

12 MR. RUMLEY: That's fine. We've got
13 time.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: I highly recommend we
15 move it to January.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Move to number 12,
17 Resolution R-58-15, filing of our FY2017 GDOT
18 Section 5311 grant. This is for our public
19 transportation. It's very critical every year that
20 we do this to actually have assistance for
21 transportation. It's something we do every year.
22 It's odd that they've moved it back now for 2017.
23 Usually we do this in March, right, March or April?

24 MR. TOWNSEND: Right. We usually do it
25 in February or March and they moved it back to

1 November 30th.

2 MR. RUMLEY: This is a no-brainer for
3 us. Any questions pertaining to that?

4 All right. Move down to number --
5 okay. Number 13, this is -- will be Resolution
6 R-62-15. We do have Johnny Gray here if we have any
7 questions on this. This is an agreement with Ryan
8 Funeral Home for the use of their morgue by the
9 coroner. For the past 20, 30 years, I guess, we've
10 used the morgue there with Hutcheson, Tri-County
11 Hospital and Hutcheson. And as we know, they're
12 going through a tremendous amount of changes, you
13 know, possibly as far as they may change ownership,
14 may close it down. But we had to make a pretty
15 swift move here because we don't use the morgue
16 tremendously that much, but it's something we have
17 to have and we have to have access to it 24 hours a
18 day, seven days a week. So Johnny, if you want to
19 kind of explain to us where you're at.

20 MR. GRAY: All we know, Hutcheson is
21 closing and we have no access. Even if these for
22 profit people take it over, we still won't have
23 access like we do now. So the only place over here
24 in Dade County that has a morgue facility is Ryan's.
25 Ryan's has agreed to let us use their morgue, get up

1 in the middle of the night if they have to, open it
2 up, put bodies in it. We have about close to fifty
3 cases a year. Probably two out of the five of those
4 cases are going to the morgue for a day or two. So
5 you're looking at about \$500 a year to store them in
6 there for \$25 a day. It's not very much money, but
7 we've got to have somewhere we can store bodies and
8 that's the only place there is here. So I'm just
9 asking that -- and Robin has made up a contract with
10 the coroner's office and the funeral home where
11 there's not going to be any liability more than what
12 Hutcheson had before. We've got a sign-out sheet
13 that we sign them into the morgue and put on here
14 the funeral home that they're registered and then
15 when Ryan's releases them to the funeral home
16 they're going to, the funeral home representative
17 has to sign it and everything, so everything will be
18 signed out. Everything is legal as far as our part.
19 I don't mean -- I can't see how we can be held
20 liable for anything.

21 MR. RUMLEY: And it also covers Ryan's.
22 That's the big issue. There was some liability, of
23 course, with them. I asked Johnny this today. We
24 talked about it today at pretty good length. He
25 said normally, you know, we've never maintained a

1 body over six days, seven days at the most in his
2 time being coroner. So it's not like we're looking
3 at \$25 a day times a hundred or anything like that.
4 That's just an odd circumstance, I think.

5 MR. GRAY: Yeah. Every now and then
6 you run into like a family and you've got 15 family
7 members and one family members is going I want this
8 at this funeral home and the next one -- it takes
9 you forever to get them to all gel and decide where
10 you're even going to take the body, or like on 59
11 out here, it may be somebody passing through, have a
12 wreck and it may take you three or four days to find
13 the family. So they may sit in there for a few
14 days, but most of them are not that way. Every now
15 and then you do have something like that. It's very
16 seldom.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. And it's not like
18 we've got several to choose from. He did check with
19 Larry, our other funeral home. He has no facilities
20 at all. Ryan's is the only funeral home in the
21 county.

22 MR. PITTMAN: It's the only one. It's
23 not like what were we paying at Hutcheson.

24 MR. GRAY: Nothing. Our county was
25 part of them actually.

1 MR. GOFF: So you already know if Prime
2 Health takes that over, they're not going to do
3 that?

4 MR. GRAY: Well, we don't know that,
5 but I've got to get something --

6 MR. GOFF: You said even if it went
7 through, we couldn't and I was just seeing if they
8 told you something.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Chances are not --

10 MR. GRAY: Chances are it's a
11 for-profit organization taking it over.

12 MR. SMITH: And the cost would probably
13 be more than this.

14 MR. GRAY: Oh, yeah. That cost there
15 come from -- he had a book like this little red one
16 here that's cremation prices that are nationwide and
17 where that's where that \$25 come from. It was 25 to
18 35 a day and he give us the minimum. That's the
19 minimum that they would charge.

20 MR. GOFF: It's also a shorter
21 transport for you.

22 MR. GRAY: Oh yeah.

23 MR. RUMLEY: That's for sure.

24 MR. GRAY: I would carry them all the
25 way to Hutcheson and then go back the next day. I

1 spent \$15 going back and forth.

2 MR. PITTMAN: We may have been better
3 off doing this the whole time.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Well, they didn't have the
5 morgue. See, they've just had it since they built
6 the crematory. They built -- I think everybody is
7 on board with this? We'll go ahead and put that on
8 the consent agenda. Thank you, Johnny. I
9 appreciate the job you do. I wouldn't want it, but
10 I appreciate it.

11 Anyone got anything else they want to
12 add to this work session tonight? Any questions?
13 If not, we'll go ahead and -- we don't have anyone
14 else that wants to talk to you, so we'll go ahead
15 and adjourn for a few minutes and move up to the --
16 our podium here. We'll go ahead and go into our
17 regular meeting.

18 (Thereupon, a brief recess was
19 taken.)

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll call this
21 commission meeting to order. It's December 3rd,
22 2015. As always, I would like to ask Robert Goff to
23 lead us in prayer and also Pledge of Allegiance.

24 (Thereupon, the invocation and
25 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

1 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regularly
2 scheduled meeting of the Dade County Board of
3 Commissioners held on the first Thursday of every
4 month. Proper notice of this meeting was given to
5 our legal organ of the Dade County Sentinel and has
6 been posted in the hallway of the Administrative
7 Building. At this time I do need a roll call. Mr.
8 Smith?

9 MR. SMITH: Here.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

11 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

13 MR. GOFF: Here.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford is in
15 training and will be back tomorrow. And the chair
16 is present.

17 Mitchell, do you want to start with
18 your committee report?

19 MR. SMITH: Okay. First off, I would
20 like to wish everybody an upcoming Merry Christmas.
21 I hope you have a merry one. I just want to mention
22 there's 21 more shopping days left. I'm sure the
23 Chamber will mention that shortly here, too. I
24 would also like to thank Audrey Clark for her
25 leadership, her guidance. Go around the courthouse

1 square, get the grounds sort of cleaned up and
2 spruced up.

3 The November 911 activity report is 321
4 EMS calls, 276 -- 267 fire and rescue calls, 29
5 forestry and public works calls, 1,409 law
6 enforcement calls for a total of 2,026. And to, I
7 guess, sort of fill in for Allan a little bit
8 tonight, the public works department had 185 work
9 orders and there was 428 tons of garbage that was
10 being took care of. That's what I have.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Good report. Thank you,
12 Mitchell. Scottie?

13 MR. PITTMAN: I don't have anything.
14 I'll give my time to Robert.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Robert?

16 MR. GOFF: Between Scottie's time and
17 Allan not here, I have a lot of time.

18 MR. RUMLEY: You have three minutes.

19 MR. GOFF: This Sunday and the
20 following Sunday as well, the 16th -- I mean, the
21 6th and the 13th at the Rising Fawn Baptist Church,
22 they'll be having their Christmas concert, always a
23 very good concert. Some of these things, I'm sure,
24 will be talked about with the Chamber as they come
25 up in just a few minutes with the discount days and

1 things that are going on in our county. Keep these
2 things in mind and hopefully everybody can get out
3 and have a good time and a Merry Christmas with all
4 that's coming up. Just keep those in mind.

5 Just looking at, first of all, the
6 L.O.S.T. and the S.P.L.O.S.T, S.P.L.O.S.T was up
7 about \$5,000 over last month, which is a good sign.
8 It's up quite a bit more than it was a year ago.
9 Hopefully, we're starting a trend. So far it's one
10 month, a one-month trend. L.O.S.T. is up about
11 12,000 over last month. So that's revenue that
12 comes into the county. Hopefully, that's, as I say,
13 truthfully a trend.

14 I want to talk just a minute about
15 something that we were involved with, Evan Stone and
16 myself and Larry Moore. There was a special called
17 meeting of the Hutcheson board, Hospital Authority
18 Board. If you read this morning's news, Times Free
19 Press, very good article. There is a group out of
20 California that buys distressed hospitals, takes
21 them over called Prime Healthcare. They have made
22 an offer and have made an offer on the Hutcheson
23 Hospital. And, of course, the importance is one
24 thing we just talked with our coroner here, having
25 that hospital at our disposal for the jail and, you

1 know, for people to go.

2 There's also a lot of employees, many
3 of them have been laid off. If you have kept up
4 with it, the hospital has been under bankruptcy,
5 Chapter 11 now for a good while, for several months.
6 In the morning it was scheduled to close. We hope
7 there's a meeting -- if Evan hasn't heard anything
8 or received an e-mail, that meeting may still be
9 going on in Atlanta. It started at four o'clock or
10 was at least scheduled at four o'clock today with
11 Judge Bonapfel there, the trustee, and some of the
12 players involved in it.

13 So I got an e-mail from a concerned
14 person, an employee at the hospital today and just
15 as I told her, I wish I could say everything -- how
16 everything is going to turn out, but at this time
17 nobody really knows. Maybe we'll know more in the
18 morning about what's going on and if they do take it
19 over, they being -- and it would only be the part
20 that would be the hospital, basically the campus of
21 the hospital, but that is your hospital. It's the
22 cancer center. It's the birth center, all those
23 things that are involved in that building.

24 So that's where we stand. If you
25 follow those things and many people have since they

1 started seeing it in the paper. So maybe by in the
2 morning we'll know a little bit more and we can
3 report it, of course in the paper, Sentinel, and
4 hopefully there will be some good news.

5 Other than that, that's about all I've
6 got. But before we get away from here tonight, I
7 still say Merry Christmas and I hope everybody has a
8 Merry Christmas.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Ho, ho, ho. Same here.
10 Thank you, Robert.

11 I would like to touch on something --
12 something that Mitchell said about Audrey. Audrey
13 has really taken it on her own to help us and -- not
14 help us, but taking charge and do the decoration
15 over there, decorations around our courthouse.
16 They're going to start the Christmas decorations
17 tomorrow maybe, Saturday.

18 MRS. CLARK: We started a little bit
19 today.

20 MR. RUMLEY: So she's kind of taken it
21 on her own to do this. She's really a blessing. So
22 you need to pat her on the back and thank her when
23 you see her. She's got a lot in mind for our
24 Christmas decorations over there and that is a
25 centerpiece of Dade County. So we really appreciate

1 her and we appreciate the sheriff furnishing the
2 trustees and we've got our library -- where are you
3 at? I don't want to leave you out either. She's
4 really helped a lot, too. We appreciate it, really
5 do.

6 Moving down to my report, on the 20th
7 we had -- the Chamber had Tom Graves here, which is
8 our congressman. He did a good job. He gave a good
9 speech. It was real informative. After that
10 meeting -- actually, before the meeting we had a
11 meeting in our office there with some people there
12 from D&B Powder Coating, which is one of our small
13 businesses here that struggled. They do a good job,
14 but it's just a small mom and pop business. I
15 mentioned this maybe a month or so ago. But the EPA
16 has come in and they've done everything but try to
17 really close them down and they've submitted a
18 tremendous fine on these people and it's for nothing
19 that they've done as far as polluting. It was over
20 a little permit that no one in the county or the
21 city or them even knew they were supposed to have.
22 And they actually submitted about a quarter of a
23 million dollar fine on them, which would shut them
24 down and force them into bankruptcy and it's just
25 totally crazy. And the EPD has agreed that they've

1 not committed any kind of crime or problem in the
2 state of Georgia, but the EPA is trying to make kind
3 of an example of them.

4 So anyway, Tom Graves has taken this to
5 his staff and they've really moved on it. I've got
6 a couple of reports. I know D&B called me the other
7 day and they're feeling better about it. So
8 hopefully in the next month -- well, after the first
9 of the year, I'm sure, before. Hopefully, they will
10 be able to help those people. And if they don't,
11 they'll shut it down and have to go into bankruptcy.
12 So keep them in your prayers because it's serious.
13 It's serious stuff.

14 I also went this month, we had our
15 quarterly meeting with the 4H, with Katie, our
16 extension person and Rich. There's, I think, five
17 of us on the board, six of us. Robert McKaig. We
18 have Lloyd Gass and we have David Ryan. And we just
19 meet with her and she goes over different things
20 that's going on, different things that's going to
21 happen, different things that's happened and really
22 it was a good report. They really do a good job.
23 That whole group over there, Rich and her and the
24 assistant, we're fortunate to have the people that
25 we have that have taken charge over there. Because

1 here a few years ago, we were sitting here with a
2 blank look on our face because we weren't real sure
3 we were going to have an extension office, a person.
4 So it's just a great thing.

5 But also, I met again with the
6 Vanguard, with Vanguard or DOT people here in the
7 state. They're giving us a little issue with the
8 entrance down at the -- where the spinning mill is
9 at, but I think we've got all that resolved and all
10 of that should be -- actually, all of the paperwork
11 should be taken care of probably by the end of this
12 next week. That's where the new road is going into
13 the manufacturing plant, which was right across from
14 Vanda Clark's service station. It was a really good
15 meeting. They're really on board to try to help us,
16 you know, expedite that permitting.

17 Also, we have a weekly report,
18 reporting conference call every -- well, Peter has
19 been having it on Thursday, I think. On that
20 conference call, we have everyone involved in this
21 whole circle that's made this happen with Vanguard
22 and people that are still involved that -- like
23 Georgia Power. You have the GDOT people. We have
24 Vanguard and all and everyone gives -- Peter mainly
25 gives an update on our end of what's going on.

1 Right now other than the weather, there's nothing we
2 can do to fix that, but they are on schedule. And
3 so, you know, it looks like by July of this next
4 year, they'll be manufacturing trailers if the
5 weather lets them because they're really moving down
6 there. They've been working almost 24 hours a day.
7 So that's a really good thing.

8 The year -- I was going to give kind of
9 a yearly -- a year update or whatever. I can go
10 over just a few things. Last year we were sitting
11 here, you know, when we started -- well, the first
12 of this year, we really didn't know any positive
13 things. We had some things out there, prospective
14 things that might happen. We met with some
15 prospective people with the Industrial Park. I
16 would come in and give you a report, maybe it looks
17 good, you know, then they would come back and then
18 we didn't hear from them. This Vanguard now thing
19 is reality and it's just a great thing, you know, to
20 look back and see what's happened since January of
21 last year or since December of last year and it's a
22 blessing to the whole community.

23 We've got our house -- our permitting
24 on our building. Hugh and I were talking about this
25 yesterday. Well, this morning also. Our electrical

1 permits are up tremendously from what it has been in
2 the last year or so. That shows there's building,
3 whether it be commercial or houses. That's
4 happening. Also, we do have a prospect -- well,
5 this is almost a 99 percent prospect, but there will
6 be a new Fred's Super Center shopping center built
7 south of the square here. That's a real plus. I
8 mean, it's going to be a nice facility. We've got
9 -- you know, we've got our plants that are existing
10 in our Industrial Park, you know, instead of, you
11 know, really good backwards, they're going forward
12 with everything. JMS, they've doubled the size of
13 their building and their structures and the
14 manpower. That's more jobs for the people. We've
15 got the Lake Regions people. What are they called
16 now?

17 MR. GOFF: It is Lake Regions.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Lake Regions, the
19 expansion, if you haven't seen that, go around the
20 industrial loop over there and all that right there
21 on the left, that's a massive expansion. That will
22 mean more people there working. That's all happened
23 within this year frame. That's someone else we went
24 around and around with. We were afraid we were
25 going to lose them at one time. We went through all

1 these meetings with them and then they changed
2 ownership right in the middle of it and that kind of
3 worried us. Now, you know, this is a reality.
4 They're here to stay. We've got possibly, you know,
5 Gill. There's a possibility they may be looking to
6 double in size and hopefully we can persuade them to
7 do that here in Dade County hopefully. So we've got
8 a lot of positive things that's happened, you know,
9 in our county, not just this Commission is
10 responsible for, but the Chamber, the IDA. We have
11 a lot of people come together to make this happen.
12 I just want you to know things have changed just in
13 a year's time and they're going positive. Thank
14 goodness for that.

15 And we've got the Memorial thing. That
16 was a blessing to us. You'll see that as the years
17 go by. We could have lost that health provider, but
18 we're fortunate all the things lined up there and
19 more came in and they've taken over. I think in a
20 year's time you're going to see a lot of changes
21 there and it's going to be a positive change for
22 Dade County. It's been a good year. I feel good
23 about it and I hope you do. Do you have anything
24 you want to add?

25 MR. SMITH: I was just sitting here

1 looking out. You know, say what you will, I want
2 thank Rex for being here. If you look, he's the
3 only citizen that's here tonight. Everybody else is
4 with the Chamber or whatever. I think honestly he
5 hasn't missed a meeting for the year, you know, and
6 for -- if you remember crowds about 18 months ago,
7 we'll all be there, we'll all be there. Well, he's
8 the only one that's been here.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Rex used to never miss a
10 meeting. Years ago you were one of our main
11 persons, he and Buddy from the mountain and that
12 crew out there. You could always depend on them
13 being here. Rex had some health issues, you know.
14 I know you really had some serious stuff happen
15 there, but he's back healthy, ready to roll. We do
16 appreciate him.

17 Like I always said, I would like to see
18 the room full every night. It makes you feel --
19 even when we had the tax thing going on, it was some
20 trying times for us, but you had people here for a
21 reason. They were here, you know. Anyway, do you
22 have anything you want to add?

23 MR. PITTMAN: No.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Well, you weren't here.
25 You were in Disney World.

1 MR. PITTMAN: I was in Disney.

2 MR. RUMLEY: He was down there with
3 Mickey Mouse.

4 MR. PITTMAN: That's why I wasn't going
5 to say nothing.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Let's move on down
7 here. We've got appearances. Marshana, she's our
8 manager of our Dade County Public Library and does a
9 great job. We're lucky to have her.

10 MS. SHARP: Okay. I want to wish
11 everybody a Merry Christmas, too. We have a lot
12 going on. I won't go over all of it, but I'll just
13 kind of hit some of the -- we are going to be open
14 during the Christmas parade and the Christmas at the
15 Park. We'll be having a gingerbread house contest.
16 Businesses, if a group at a business wants to get
17 together and do one, if they don't want to do a big
18 float, they want to do a gingerbread house, they can
19 do one. Families can do one. We have a division
20 for children and adults. Twenty-five dollars to the
21 first place winner and there will be three
22 divisions. They have to be turned in -- it says on
23 our newsletter, which I need to have her change, it
24 says by the 12th, but they really need to be
25 turned in by four o'clock on Friday so that we can

1 have them judged because we're going to announce the
2 winner right before the parade at 5:30 at the
3 gazebo. We do have the sound system we're going to
4 be able to use. It is in the library. If we have
5 an event, a community event, we can come out and
6 plug it in and we'll be able to use that.

7 We just got awarded a grant to buy some
8 more technology for our innovation station and we
9 have the 3D planner going. We have the scanner
10 going. We have the tablets where you can do
11 pictures. We had someone come in the other day
12 that's fixing to remodel a house. They just
13 downloaded the picture and redid the whole front of
14 the house. We have all those things going on, so
15 come by and check it out.

16 We had a gentleman come by the other
17 day that had a thing he needed to duplicate that
18 someone had given him. We put it on the scanner.
19 We were able to print it off on the 3D printer. So
20 we have a lot of stuff going on. Again, I wish
21 y'all a Merry Christmas and thank y'all for your
22 support. Do you have any questions?

23 MR. RUMLEY: No. We appreciate all you
24 do.

25 MS. SHARP: And I hope -- I've got the

1 music thing out there kind of. I just don't have
2 the bells added back. I've got them cut. I've just
3 got to get them sanded off and get them back out
4 there, so we'll have the music thing in the park
5 front.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you.

7 Rich, I know we've got a young lady
8 here to come talk to us tonight. Come up and tell
9 us who you are and a little bit about yourself. I
10 appreciate you being here.

11 MS. HITCHCOCK: Hi. My name is Liz
12 Hitchcock and I'm from the Dade County 4H program
13 and I am a senior in the 4H program and I am the
14 reporter. I'm here to tell you the Dade County
15 Extension update for November 2015.

16 For 4H, the Cotton Bowl consumer
17 judging competition took place in Cartersville. The
18 junior team was Alana McCowan, Olivia Stapleton and
19 Shannon Ledford. The senior team was myself and
20 Woody Walden. DPA projects were presented at the
21 monthly 4H class meeting at the elementary schools.

22 Mr. Rich and Ms. Henderson met with the
23 fifth grade classes for CCRPI lesson on finance.
24 Alex Jones, Joanna Rosenbalm, excuse me, Shannon
25 Ledford, Jordan Frazier, Vanessa McCowan and Mr.

1 Rich attended the junior conference at Rock Eagle.
2 The Thursday clubs met to present their art project
3 achievement speeches.

4 Rivers Alive took place and we cleaned
5 up 200 pounds of trash on Lookout Creek in
6 collaboration with Limestone Valley and RC&D.
7 Participating 4Hers were Carol Ann Cash, Arianna
8 Clayton, Anastasia Davies, Ivy Nakalea and Basil
9 Nakalea.

10 Twelve 4Hers attended the November fun
11 day, which featured a popcorn and a movie. Nine
12 4Hers brought their three best hens to compete in
13 the chicken show. First place was Grace Hunter.
14 Second place was Roy Walden and third to Emily
15 Summers. Junior and senior 4Hers met several times
16 in November for project achievement portfolio
17 workshops.

18 Upcoming events is the project
19 achievement portfolio workshops, the Christmas party
20 for 4H class officers and the Thursday Club
21 participants, TriState Cattlemen heifer and steer
22 show in Rock Springs. Ms. Katie and Mr. Rich will
23 attend the 4H update in Carrollton. The Carrollton
24 UGA sale will be held tomorrow beginning at 12:30
25 p.m. And Ms. Katie attended the Northwest District

1 Annual Conference and the A&R update both in
2 Griffith.

3 And also 4H is having a poinsettia
4 fundraiser, which are over here. They're white and
5 red and it is \$10 each. Any questions?

6 MR. RUMLEY: Good job. We appreciate
7 you being here. Appreciate you, Rich.

8 I don't see Zach here tonight. We'll
9 just move on. Oh, there he is. I just missed you
10 there. Mr. Zach Stone, he's the executive director
11 of the Dade County Chamber, give his report.

12 MR. STONE: All right. Well, you guys
13 can look through the Chambergram, see what all we've
14 been doing here. I want to go ahead and announce --
15 last time we were talking about the board of
16 directors that were up. I want to go ahead and
17 announce who they are. Steven Ryan, Ryan Funeral
18 Home, Nicole Blevins from Blevins Construction, Rita
19 Lawson from Lake Region, Billy Hooker from the Dade
20 County School system and Joe Chambers from the
21 sheriff's office are all going to be coming on board
22 this next year. So I'm pretty pleased with the
23 board members coming on.

24 We had our luncheon, as we mentioned
25 earlier, November 20th with Congressman Tom Graves

1 and General Woods. Everyone was here except for
2 Commissioner Scottie.

3 MR. PITTMAN: Thank you.

4 MR. STONE: Don't worry. Every time
5 you're absent --

6 MR. RUMLEY: He has to work for a
7 living.

8 MR. STONE: Mitchell was here.

9 MR. PITTMAN: I was in Disney.

10 MR. STONE: We've got our Christmas
11 parade coming up here as well. Of course, Christmas
12 in the Park is going to be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
13 Our parade lineup is going to begin at 5:00 and
14 parade will begin at 6:00.

15 We sponsored a reality fair at the high
16 school on November 18th. Don came over. We were
17 glad that you allowed Don out of the building for a
18 little bit, so thank you for you that. We attended
19 the Walker County Chamber leadership. I've been
20 talking with y'all a little about this the whole
21 time. Next one comes up next Tuesday, so I'll be
22 here for that.

23 We officially restarted the junior
24 chamber at the high school, so that's going to be
25 something that we're really happy to bring them over

1 and start working with them. We hosted the regional
2 visitors and information system group yesterday at
3 the Chamber for cross training with them. They were
4 a lot of fun. We had to send them out. They came
5 back in. We went out to lunch. It was good.
6 They're going to be helping us design our new
7 visitor's brochure we're doing, so that's good.

8 We've got a job fair that's coming up
9 on February 27th that's going to be hosted at the
10 school system, sponsored by us and the Department of
11 Labor. So that's going to be pretty exciting. And
12 finally, we've got the Dade Discount Days, the shop
13 local. I know you always want me to get the shop
14 local part in. So that's going to be -- the kickoff
15 actually happens this Saturday and I know there's
16 been a lot of things out there. Evan has some
17 advertising going on about it. I know Robert was
18 asking a little bit about it. So I'll let you guys
19 kind of ask some questions about it if you have any.
20 It's in here and it lasts the whole month, but the
21 kickoff starts on Saturday and I'm sure everyone has
22 heard about the 99 cent gas. I know Evan -- is that
23 in the advertisement? Oh yeah. So just -- I'll go
24 ahead and go over it briefly. All the businesses
25 listed here, they're on the Facebook page where you

1 can go and register for the 99 cent gas. You have
2 to register at one of the businesses that day.
3 They're going to call your name or call you and let
4 you know and then you can go fill up. So it's
5 not -- don't just all go to the Chevron and just
6 think you're getting gas. The whole thing is the
7 shop local. It's to educate people as well on why
8 shopping local is so important, how the sales tax
9 comes back into the county and how we support the
10 infrastructure, library, school system. There were
11 quite a bit of sponsors outside of that as well.
12 There will be drawings every Monday for people
13 participating as well. So Robert, do you have any
14 follow-ups on that or questions?

15 MR. GOFF: Huh-uh.

16 MR. STONE: No. Okay. Like I said,
17 the Facebook page has a lot of information on it as
18 well. You know, I guess that's really it unless you
19 have any questions.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Are you sponsoring the
21 parade? Can you give them an update kind of on the
22 Christmas parade and all that that's going on?

23 MR. STONE: Yeah. So we're sponsoring
24 the Christmas parade.

25 MR. RUMLEY: And kind of give them an

1 update on where it starts, where it ends, the time.

2 MR. STONE: Did I not give you that
3 one?

4 MR. RUMLEY: I might have missed it.
5 You kind of touched on it, but it's a big event.
6 People really need to get out and support it.

7 MR. STONE: We've actually -- thank you
8 for prompting me. I'll go on this one now. So this
9 is going to be one of our bigger ones. I think last
10 year we had thirty overall floats participating and
11 this year we're closer to fifty right now.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Man.

13 MR. STONE: Yeah, I know. Madelyn, who
14 is my coworker, she's always on top of all this
15 stuff. I would love to stand here and take all the
16 credit if you want to give it to me, but it's
17 Madelyn. But yeah, so this is going to be one of
18 the larger ones that we've had. We're really
19 excited. As you've seen Audrey working on the
20 square. We're going to have -- we're decorating
21 this Saturday for the park. We are having Mr. and
22 Mrs. Claus first come into the park from 4:00 to
23 6:00, so the parents can come and take pictures with
24 their kids and they can talk with Mr. and Mrs.
25 Claus. Happy to see Mrs. Claus was joining

1 Mr. Claus.

2 As far as lineup, 5:00, it's going to
3 be down in the Industrial Park. We have some
4 volunteers that are down there to direct people
5 where they need to be. And then I learned that
6 there's also going to be a lot of people just show
7 up day of. So I'm sure we'll have quite a bit more.

8 MR. GOFF: One of the big differences
9 is it's ending with the parade.

10 MR. RUMLEY: It's backwards. It's kind
11 of switched.

12 MR. STONE: Yeah, exactly. Instead of
13 doing it -- I know you were one of the people that
14 had mentioned something about it as well. Instead
15 of -- yeah, we're flipping it. So from 4:00 to 6:00
16 and then 6:00 on we're doing that. It's during the
17 daytime. Hopefully we can get people out earlier
18 rather than trying to have them stay around after.
19 Got any other ones?

20 MR. RUMLEY: No. That's big. That's
21 one of the biggest -- besides the Halloween thing on
22 the square, that's one of the largest things that we
23 do, that y'all do. Last year was big. This year is
24 going to be even bigger.

25 MR. STONE: Like I said, I'll take all

1 the credit.

2 MR. RUMLEY: We won't give it to you,
3 but you can take it.

4 MR. STONE: So hopefully you can say
5 the same thing you said for Marshanna, that it's a
6 great job and that you're really lucky to have me,
7 but I'll just say it right now.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Zach.

9 MRS. CLARK: Ted, you can tell the
10 people out there, in the park from 4:00 to 6:00,
11 there will be a few vendors. There's also going to
12 be free hot chocolate, free coffee and popcorn. And
13 then down here, Mayfield, the other State Farm guy,
14 he's going to have free hot dogs.

15 MR. HARRISON: And entertainment.

16 MRS. CLARK: And we're going to have
17 some singing. Robert is supposed to read the
18 Christmas story for the crowd. So we've moved it
19 from 4:00 to 6:00 because there's so many people
20 that attend and if they're on the far end or that
21 far end of the square, they don't know anything is
22 going on down here at the square or in the park. So
23 hopefully people can bring their kids and they can
24 sit on Santa's knee and tell Santa things. They
25 need to bring their own camera. But in those two

1 hours, there will be a few vendors as well. There's
2 not a great deal, but there will be free stuff and
3 just some singing and comradery as well.

4 MR. STONE: We've got around 12
5 vendors, I think, right this second.

6 MRS. CLARK: Actual vendors. And then
7 we're going to set up stuff for just free.

8 MR. STONE: I was going to mention all
9 that, but I figured Audrey wanted --

10 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, right. If you
11 didn't really hear that out in TV land, it's going
12 to be a really big event. There will be vendors
13 there from 4:00 to 6:00. There will be free hot
14 chocolate. We're going to have free hot dogs. Matt
15 Mayfield, our State Farm rep here, he's going to
16 be -- well, he'll be set up on the square, right?
17 There will be some entertainment and so it's just
18 going to be a good evening. If you get here around
19 3:30 or so and get started. Like I said, Santa
20 Claus, Ms. Santa Claus, pictures. It's going to be
21 a real special evening. Hopefully the weather will
22 work for us. While you're here, of course, when the
23 parade starts, you'll be all centrally located, most
24 people, right here. And I think the judging -- this
25 is where you judge at like you did last year. When

1 the floats pull up right on the square.

2 MRS. CLARK: First, second and third
3 place for the floats and the high school choir is
4 going to be coming through town singing Christmas
5 carols for the different businesses. So we hope it
6 will just be a great big community celebration.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Good. Very good. Okay.
8 Let's move right on down to Brother Townsend, Don
9 Townsend. If you would give us our financial
10 report.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: As of November 30th,
12 2015, the general fund had a balance of \$575,856;
13 Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288; Sheriff's
14 Special Fund, \$17,796; Drug Abuse Education Fund,
15 \$93,247; Supplemental Juvenile Service Fund,
16 \$24,979; Victim Assistance Fund, \$2,376; Jail Fund,
17 \$25,893; Federal Asset Fund, Department of Justice,
18 \$742. Employee's flexible spending account,
19 \$24,643. Payroll account, \$116,669.

20 The 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T, construction
21 funds has \$150. Projects account, \$27,476.
22 Proceeds account, \$72. 2015 S.P.L.O.S.T funds
23 project account has a balance of \$105,001.
24 S.P.L.O.S.T general obligation sales tax bond debt
25 services has a balance of \$235,036. The IDA

1 Construction Series B still has a balance of
2 \$155,001.

3 At the bottom, you see we still have
4 four certificates of deposit, two at each bank for a
5 total of 400,000. There's 200,000 at each bank.

6 As of October 31st, 2015, revenues by
7 department, we have \$1,607,832. We had budgeted
8 1,503,000. So we have excess funds in that.
9 Year-to-date on that is 2.6 million. Year-to-date
10 revenues and we budgeted 2.5 million. So we were
11 \$88,835 over for the year. And that's in excess
12 funds collected so far this year.

13 Revenue -- expenses, we had \$652,789
14 for the month. Budgeted 704,000, so we were under
15 budget \$51,934. Year-to-date was \$2,820,285 and we
16 actually had budgeted \$3,112,969. So we're \$292,683
17 under budget for expenses. Revenues less expenses
18 for October was -- the actual was \$955,042.
19 Budgeted was \$798,915. So, again, we're under by
20 \$156,127 and a lot of that is contributed to the
21 fact that taxes have begun coming in for the year
22 and we'll see an increase this months as well as --
23 well, from last month, from November and then, of
24 course, December. I think those are due
25 December 20th, somewhere around there.

1 Budget attained so far through
2 October 31st should be 33.3 percent. Revenues
3 attained is at 29.23 percent. Expenses attained at
4 30.99 percent.

5 And as Commissioner Goff reported, the
6 S.P.L.O.S.T was up a little bit. Local option sales
7 tax collections for November was \$148,285.05.
8 Special purpose local option sales tax, \$185,356.

9 Our final report tonight is for the tax
10 commissioner's budget. This was through June.
11 Let's see, July 1st through October 31st, we've
12 collected \$679,593.26, which is about 15.54 percent
13 of her budget. That concludes the report.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Don.
15 Any questions or corrections? If not, I'll
16 entertain a motion to approve our financial
17 statement as presented by Mr. Townsend. Do I have a
18 motion?

19 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

20 MR. RUMLEY: All right. I have a
21 motion. Do I have a second?

22 MR. GOFF: Second.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff, thank you. I'll
24 call a vote. 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: And the chair votes yes.

6 Mr. Bradford is absent.

7 Robin, do you have anything you need to
8 go over with us tonight?

9 MR. ROGERS: I do not. The most
10 pressing issue is Hutcheson and I don't think we've
11 got a report back from the hearing yet.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Unfinished business?
13 Okay. The reading of the minutes of last month's
14 regular meeting and any special-called meeting will
15 not be required since all Commissioners have been
16 furnished copies in advance. The minutes are public
17 record and available for review in the County
18 Commission office. The minutes are included in our
19 consent agenda and will be considered upon new
20 business. At this time I would like for Mr.
21 Townsend to go through our consent agenda and I will
22 entertain a motion to -- related to that.

23 MR. TOWNSEND: We have the approval of
24 the agenda as amended adding number 12 and 13 to
25 this agenda, approval of the previous meeting

1 minutes. Also, Resolution R-61-15, appointment to
2 the Board of Assessors, the appointment of Mr. Jamey
3 Blevins to an unexpired term commencing 12/03/2015,
4 expiring December 31st, 2016. This is to fulfill
5 the unexpired term of Mr. Aubrey Black.

6 We have approval of S.P.L.O.S.T
7 purchases for the Dade County Jail for the video
8 surveillance system upgrade for the justice building
9 camera by Intec for a total investment of
10 \$22,618.70. We also have the final approval for
11 Mountain View Ford for the emergency package that is
12 placed on those vehicles for \$13,836.

13 We have for the two computers, these
14 are to go in the cars, several different technology
15 things, mobile radios, computer mounts, video camera
16 set up and training. The total -- two computers at
17 \$4,970.14, two computer mounts and shipping,
18 1,304.14, two watchguard body cameras and mics,
19 2,209, two watchguard video cameras, 10,740,
20 watchguard software, \$1,000, set up and training --
21 and then for these, the server, software, moving
22 that to the new digital car and body cameras. I
23 have to ask Alex all the details, but \$10,974. I
24 think that -- also under BuyPCN Strategies, total
25 \$6,265.28 and that's for the actual S403 gig

1 premium, I don't know, intel core, i7 processer.
2 Lord have mercy, we could go on all night. Anyway,
3 that's that for the cars. And I believe the
4 watchguard -- Alex, did that cover the watchguard?

5 MR. CASE: Yeah.

6 MR. TOWNSEND: And also, the purchase
7 of an asphalt paver from Reynolds-Warren Equipment.
8 It's a new 2016 Leeboy 8616 asphalt paver. Selling
9 price is \$199,950, less trade in for a 2011, Leeboy
10 8515 asphalt paver 86,500. So the delivery price
11 with one year parts and labor warranty is \$113,450.
12 We're getting there.

13 Resolution, R-57-15, 2016 agreement
14 with the Public Defender's Office. Resolution
15 R-56-15, fiscal year 2015 budget amendment final
16 audit recommendations from the Henderson, Hutcherson
17 and McCullough CPA firm in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
18 Resolution R-59-15, disposal of surplus county
19 property, which is two copiers and that is two
20 Toshiba 2830C copiers, one from the sheriff's office
21 and one from the squad room in the jail.

22 Resolution R-60-15, IDA memorandum of
23 understanding with JMS Metals, Incorporated
24 agreement. Ordinance number 12-03-15, which is
25 safety regulations and other requirements for use of

1 county parks. Resolution R-58-15, filing of fiscal
2 year 2017 Georgia Department of Transportation
3 Section 53-11 grant on transportation. The
4 application is to be filed. And also Resolution
5 R-62-15 agreement with Ryan Funeral Home for use of
6 the morgue by the county coroner. That's it.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Could you repeat that,
8 please? Okay. Does anyone have any corrections or
9 comments? Okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion to
10 approve the consent agenda as presented by Mr.
11 Townsend.

12 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
13 approve the consent agenda as presented by
14 Mr. Townsend.

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

16 MR. GOFF: Second.

17 MR. RUMLEY: I do have a second. Call
18 a vote. Mr. Smith?

19 MR. SMITH: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

23 MR. GOFF: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes.

25 Mr. Bradford is absent.

1 Okay. Anyone want to come up and talk
2 to us tonight? We have a segment here for audience
3 to come up. Okay. We have Rex, Mr. Harrison.

4 MR. HARRISON: There's a couple of
5 things I would like to address tonight. Both of
6 them kind of intertwine with each other. Me living
7 on the north end on Highway 299, this time of year
8 we see an enormous amount of traffic. Now, we keep
9 saying we want businesses to move in to Highway 299
10 because that's where sewer is and everything.
11 Unless we redevelop that exit, we're going to have a
12 major problem because we've already got it now.

13 Now, one of my concerns is -- let me
14 say upfront, I very much support our volunteer fire
15 department, but as we know, we do have an issue at
16 north Dade. We all understand why. We know the
17 personal reasons and everything, but we have got to
18 tackle this problem, because if you listen and
19 you're aware of what's going on, we probably had ten
20 accidents at 59-24 on Sunday evening. I mean, it
21 was just traffic was tremendous on 299. And we've
22 got to be able to put something in that area that
23 can work it instead of drawing from Trenton every
24 time down there. We always need a substation
25 sitting right there in the middle. So those are the

1 two issues that I would like to see this year that
2 the Commission look to is trying to get -- when we
3 sit down and we talk about putting the bridge at
4 299. We need to redevelop that whole thing. The
5 other night, tractor trailers -- it is so crazy at
6 that intersection. Tractor trailers don't know if
7 they want to go 24 East, 24 West. They don't know
8 what the entrance, what the exit is. They get
9 halfway down there. They start trying to back out.
10 It's just a major mess and it really is around the
11 holidays, but it is all the time. It's very
12 dangerous down there. And I know the trucks are an
13 issue on the south end with the way you come out
14 down there.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Nothing like that.

16 MR. HARRISON: Nothing like this here.
17 And it's something that we do need to sit down with
18 our state people and try to get us a viable exit up
19 there. If nothing else, just to make it more safe
20 for our residents that use that every day. Because
21 Highway 11 is now getting flooded and there's an
22 issue at 299 and Highway 11. You can't get out on
23 Highway 299 to number 11 if you want to turn left
24 because there's so much traffic. Local traffic
25 that's going highway 11. And who would have ever

1 thought that us sitting here today would be so taken
2 over by traffic in this little bitty spot.

3 Somebody said it the other day on the
4 internet. They said, you know, you can travel all
5 the way from Nashville down 24, never see an
6 accident, but you can guarantee you'll see one at
7 24-59. They get right here and they get stupid.
8 For some reason, they just get stupid at this
9 intersection. And so those are two issues I would
10 like to see the Commission work on. Thank y'all.
11 Even though Bailey might not agree with y'all all
12 the time, I appreciate y'all. There is no way I
13 would sit up there in one of those chairs because I
14 do realize how hard it is. And there's times that I
15 know that passion gets pretty heated and everything,
16 but I hope we can all agree that we have the heart
17 for Dade County.

18 MR. RUMLEY: That's exactly right,
19 yeah.

20 MR. HARRISON: Thank y'all for all you
21 do.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you for coming up.
23 I appreciate you. That's something we've got to
24 really address is like Rex said is the actual spots
25 up there on that. That is one -- not just in our

1 area, but that is one of the most accident prone
2 intersections there are, not just in north Georgia.
3 In Georgia, you know. There's been so many
4 fatalities up there. That interchange -- now,
5 hopefully I understood today that the Federal
6 Transportation Act they had been pushing for, I
7 think it passed. You may not think it means a lot
8 to us, but it really does. So now we possibly --
9 hopefully they can't have an excuse on the money
10 just for that exit. The bridge money is already
11 allotted. You know, that's going to happen. That's
12 old news. But like you said, that really doesn't
13 need to be a cloverleaf. They don't even allow
14 cloverleaves like that to be built anymore.

15 MR. HARRISON: Well, at the time it was
16 probably just residential. That was way away from
17 anything because I've lived there.

18 MR. RUMLEY: It can sure stand a total
19 remake up there. It's going to have to happen.
20 We're not going back. The traffic is not going to
21 get less. Especially, we're going to put another
22 hundred trucks a day and a lot of them is going to
23 be routed that way. I think they see that. We kind
24 of preached that to them, but now we can really put
25 them on the spot, because one of the big excuses

1 was, well, the Federal Transportation Act, they
2 didn't think it was going to pass and all these
3 billions of dollars -- well, now from what I
4 understand today, it did pass. We've got a little
5 leverage there. But I appreciate you bringing that
6 to us.

7 Okay. Anyone else want to talk to us
8 tonight?

9 AJ KELLEY: I do.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Come on up. Let's hear
11 it.

12 AJ KELLEY: Tuesday, we have -- at Dade
13 Middle School we have a band concert. It's free for
14 everyone to come. After that we have like food and
15 stuff afterwards and we're actually selling tickets.
16 They're \$5 apiece and you get to enter -- it's a
17 raffle for --

18 MS. SUMMER KELLEY: For a \$250 Visa
19 gift card.

20 AJ KELLEY: They're doing one at the
21 middle school and they're doing a high school one.

22 MS. SUMMER KELLEY: The next week,
23 yeah. There will be two free concerts in a row that
24 you can go to. It's next Tuesday. What is that
25 date?

1 AJ KELLEY: But you don't have to be
2 there -- you don't have to be there to actually get
3 it. You put your number down.

4 MS. SUMMER KELLEY: Yeah. You don't
5 have to be present to win.

6 MR. GOFF: What time?

7 AJ KELLEY: It starts at seven o'clock.

8 MS. SUMMER KELLEY: On Monday is the
9 chorus Christmas concert and that starts at 7:00
10 also. They're kind of free, get you in the mood for
11 the Christmas season.

12 MR. SMITH: It's all going to happen at
13 the high school?

14 MS. SUMMER KELLEY: Yes. They split
15 the middle school and the high school because there
16 has been issues with no room. It's standing room
17 only and not enough room in the auditorium.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Good. Do you have tickets
19 tonight to sell?

20 MS. SUMMER KELLEY: The Dade County
21 band is selling them. We have them. I'm not sure I
22 have any at the moment.

23 MR. SMITH: All three events are at
24 7:00? All three are at 7:00?

25 MS. SUMMER KELLEY: As far as I know.

1 That's the time I was given.

2 AJ KELLEY: I don't know. All we know
3 is that we don't get the high school date. We only
4 get the middle school date.

5 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you.
6 Anyone else? Okay. If not, I need just a real
7 quick executive session tonight. It won't take
8 long. It's on a personnel and possibly a legal
9 matter.

10 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we go
11 into executive session.

12 MR. GOFF: Second.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call a vote.
14 Mr. Smith?

15 MR. SMITH: Yes.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

17 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

19 MR. GOFF: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: We won't be too long.

21 (Thereupon, the Commissioners went
22 into Executive Session.)

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I need a motion to
24 come out of executive session.

25 MR. SMITH: Motion to come out of

1 executive session.

2 MR. RUMLEY: I need a second.

3 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
5 Smith?

6 MR. SMITH: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

8 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

10 MR. GOFF: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: And chair votes yes.

12 Okay. In the executive session, we did some discuss
13 some legal matters and a personnel possible issue.

14 No action was taken. Do I hear a motion to come out
15 of executive session? I mean --

16 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

17 MR. RUMLEY: -- do I hear a motion to
18 adjourn?

19 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

21 MR. GOFF: Second.

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

24 MR. SMITH: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

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MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

MR. GOFF: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate everyone being here tonight. If we can help us, just give us a call.

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