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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2011

1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call
2 the meeting to order. I appreciate everyone staying
3 with us tonight. Before we get started, I would
4 like to ask Robert Goff to lead us in prayer and
5 also the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

8 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regularly
9 scheduled Dade County Commission meeting which takes
10 place at the same time on the first Thursday of
11 every month. Proper notice of this meeting was
12 given to the legal organ of Dade County and has been
13 posted in the hallway of the Administration
14 Building. At this time I need a roll call.
15 Mr. Cervelli?

16 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

18 MR. GOFF: Here.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

20 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

22 MR. SMITH: Here.

23 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.
24 We'll move down to district commissioner's reports.
25 Peter, do you want to start tonight?

1 MR. CERVELLI: If you would like. I'll
2 talk about our financial situation as usual. Local
3 option sales tax, we collected \$339,665. That's
4 down from the previous month. We had \$147,000 the
5 previous month, so it dropped about five percent.
6 From last year, about eight percent from January.
7 So obviously we're moving in the wrong direction
8 this last check. But because of the variability of
9 these numbers, I try and average three months just
10 to make sure we don't take a look at things bouncing
11 around, but even with the three-month average, it's
12 still pretty close to flat if you average it out,
13 but there is a slight dip in tax income. I hope
14 that's not a trend. With gasoline prices, that is
15 an impact on sales tax collection. Theoretically,
16 it should be good because the price of gas is going
17 up, but people are probably going to drive less. So
18 L.O.S.T., Local Option Sales, I wouldn't say is
19 terrible news, but it's sure not good news.

20 Same totals for our S.P.L.O.S.T. We
21 collected \$147,581 and same percentage dropped from
22 last year, same month about five percent and
23 eight percent from January. But we reforecasted
24 what we expect to collect on S.P.L.O.S.T. Instead
25 of the numbers we were using that said we were going

1 to collect 200-plus thousand dollars a month, we're
2 looking at maybe assuming we're going to collect
3 (inaudible) a month, which is a much more realistic,
4 but very conservative look. And of course that
5 reforecast on how much money we have to spend on
6 roads and things, but that's probably the safe thing
7 to do. I've given that information to the other
8 commissioners and it would be my recommendation that
9 we assume we're going to collect a lot less than we
10 have to date.

11 In terms of budget, we're at 58 percent
12 through the fiscal year. Revenue, we've collected
13 68 percent of what we expected to collect. That
14 sounds great, but remember, we get a big hunk of
15 money in December from property taxes, so that's
16 really a little bit of an anomaly.

17 Expenses, 57 percent, so we've
18 collected 68 percent and spent 57 percent. We took
19 a hard look at revenue numbers this week and I
20 haven't shared this with all the other
21 commissioners. I've shared it with Ted. When we
22 look at what we're actually collecting and what
23 we're not collecting, there are some major
24 discrepancies, which means some expense items are
25 being -- particularly trying to feed prisoners at

1 the jail and probably less collection in revenue.

2 We have in the order of half a million
3 dollars potential problem in terms of our budget for
4 the rest of this year and we're going to have to
5 take a real hard look in terms of our expenses and
6 whether -- how well we're controlling those. Some
7 departments control them very well, so we may be
8 able to ameliorate that problem.

9 Worst case scenario, we're going to
10 start planning for next year's budget. We may have
11 to recast the budget this year and that's a decision
12 that we'll have to make shortly. It looks like it
13 will be about half a million dollar problem based
14 on --

15 MR. RUMLEY: That probably is not yet,
16 but we're looking -- we're facing reality and it's a
17 chance it could be. I want to be sure to clarify
18 that. Our revenue could pick up. Hopefully it
19 will. But it's good to -- we keep everything right
20 on the table.

21 MR. CERVELLI: Yeah. I'm being very
22 conservative. If you look at the tax revenues and
23 collections from the courts and some other grant
24 money that we didn't expect and we're going to fix
25 it. You fix it sooner than later because when it

1 gets down to the last month of the year, you don't
2 have any options. That's why I'll put it on the
3 table now.

4 I want to talk a little bit about the
5 meeting we had with the Georgia Department of
6 Transportation Commissioner and I'm going to let Ted
7 talk about -- we talked about snow removal issues.
8 I want to cover the issue regarding decisions on
9 Lookout Mountain. We really had a lot of discussion
10 around fog issues up on the mountain.

11 We asked them to take a look at putting
12 some warning lights at intersections that we think
13 are potentially dangerous, locations that we think
14 are dangerous. They've agreed with us that a
15 warning light at the top of Burkhalter Gap is
16 probably warranted because of fog-related issues.
17 They haven't agreed with us about whether the
18 warning lights are required in the West Brow area.
19 We now have two grocery stores which have a lot of
20 traffic going through there. They said there aren't
21 enough accidents on record, any kind of warning is
22 required in that area of the community.

23 MR. RUMLEY: And the fire station.

24 MR. CERVELLI: So I've asked our 911
25 folks to go back and look at all the accidents that

1 they've gotten reported in the last two years and
2 see GDOT numbers, what they have in their official
3 database or not and we will address that again.

4 We also asked them to look at a warning
5 light out of Highway 157 and Old State Line Road.
6 Actually, this is the second time we've asked them
7 to look at that. The school bus driver who drives
8 that route has asked because of fog issues, again,
9 because that's a dangerous intersection for her to
10 drive through. And so they forgot to look at it and
11 so we asked them to go back and look at it.

12 And as you all know, the reflectors
13 that were very helpful in the fog have been plowed
14 up because of the snow. GDOT understands that they
15 do that and they say they are looking at a solution
16 that would survive being plow crossed and so we said
17 we will be back to talk to them about how they plan
18 to deal with that issue.

19 The only other thing I wanted to say --
20 probably Robert is the expert on this. I saw
21 Alabama census data came out for the counties in
22 Alabama and Jackson County actually lost population
23 and Dekalb County did not. Unfortunately, I
24 understand Georgia's data won't be coming out until
25 sometime later this month, sometime in April so

1 we'll know where our situation is. But the data is
2 coming out and it does matter.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Robert?

4 MR. GOFF: Or you can find that data
5 along with what Peter was talking about. If you're
6 interested in looking at the data that is out, if
7 you want to see Alabama and the states that are
8 around us, the best place to go is, again, the ACCG
9 web site has it on there and you can check out the
10 interactive map. Georgia's has not come out. The
11 next states to come out are some of the midwestern
12 states and Delaware, I think, came out with their
13 numbers and we're anxiously awaiting ours here to
14 see what Dade County has done in this most recent
15 census, but it hasn't come out. It will, hopefully,
16 sometime before April.

17 As far as the parks and recreation that
18 I report on, again, there's not a lot going on.
19 There is obviously sports. I would like to
20 congratulate the Dade County both girls and boys
21 basketball teams at the high school. Both of them
22 went to the region. Boys went on to state. They
23 did lose, but did very well this year. A lot of our
24 players are -- have been awarded for that and
25 rewarded for that in their part in playing for the

1 state, the region. And we just need to talk about
2 the good things and some of the good things that are
3 happening in our schools.

4 Also, the sports that are going on is
5 soccer and that kind of stuff right now at the
6 football field at the high school and also baseball
7 is starting. So I know if you have grandkids and
8 kids involved in that, you're probably more in tune
9 with it, but it does go on it seems like year round,
10 there's something. But as far as the recreation
11 department right now, there's not. Now, Mr. Raper
12 may want to come up and mention a little later on
13 there is something very special planned for -- is it
14 May, Butch?

15 MR. RAPER: Third week in May.

16 MR. GOFF: That will be down at our --
17 what we officially call the Four Fields. If you put
18 them all together, we have a whole bunch more than
19 four, but I'll let him speak to that in a few
20 minutes in citizen participation, if he would. But
21 one issue that you're hearing about here in the
22 county, if you read in the papers, the Chattanooga
23 papers, our own paper, is what's going on with
24 Hutcheson Hospital, what are we going to do with
25 Hutcheson and what's Hutcheson going to do with us.

1 It's not very clear at this time. I mean, everybody
2 knows by now, they're working in a partnership with
3 Erlanger Hospital, trying to come in and work a
4 partnership together. It is important to our county
5 and probably much more to Catoosa and Walker and
6 Chairman Rumley will speak a little more to that
7 later, but there's a lot of issues going on that
8 we're having to handle, not the least of which we
9 talked about at length in the business meeting here
10 just a few minutes ago with the methadone clinic and
11 that type of thing trying to come into our county.

12 I just want to say, and it's not
13 patting myself on the back, but with all the rest of
14 these gentlemen here and every employee in the
15 county, we're doing our best to do the best we can
16 and do what is right for Dade County and Dade County
17 citizens. So you just keep us in your thoughts and
18 prayers and I'm sure we're going to weather this
19 economical storm just like we always have, but it's
20 going to take all of us pulling together and doing
21 everything we can do. Thank you.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie?

23 MR. PITTMAN: I don't have anything.

24 Pass.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mitchell, have you got

1 anything to add?

2 MR. SMITH: Well, I'll try not to be as
3 long winded as Brother Robert down there. I would
4 like to thank Mutt and the road crew. Pineway Drive
5 this past week was definitely Pineway Drive. I went
6 by. The emergency management was sitting at the end
7 of the road and I stopped and asked what was going
8 on. They said walk up to the next curve there and I
9 did. It was pines all up and down the road from the
10 storm. It was covered in -- there was some folks up
11 on the hill that lived in that area that I got to
12 talk to, so they thank you too for getting it
13 cleared so they could get in and out in the time
14 frame that you did. That's all I have.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Your son, Ansel, he was in
16 the paper out there using a saw. We appreciate him,
17 too, because he's one of our EMA people. In fact,
18 he's our assistant director. We do appreciate all
19 those people, sheriff's department, fire department.

20 MR. SMITH: Everybody was there.

21 MR. CERVELLI: I would like to thank
22 the fire departments and Georgia Forestry for the
23 fires that --

24 MR. RUMLEY: I know it. Lots of fires.

25 My report, you know, kind of touches on

1 just about everything we talked about tonight as far
2 as this month. One thing Peter didn't touch on and
3 I know he forget it, but Flintstone sewer.

4 MR. CERVELLI: I didn't forget. I
5 figured you would do that.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, you did not. Anyway
7 though, that's the first thing that we -- I want to
8 talk about real quickly, but they are starting
9 construction on that project and I know for those
10 people out there it's a blessing. It's been a long,
11 ongoing thing, but we did do a permit for the
12 electrical today. That's fixing to happen. I think
13 it's --

14 MR. CERVELLI: Yeah, around the 14th.

15 MR. RUMLEY: They're unloading
16 equipment up there, so that's a good thing that's
17 happening.

18 I met with the juvenile court people
19 this week or last week. We've come into a head on
20 our lease agreement for this next door -- not
21 Administrative Building, but our Justice Building.
22 That's going to be some money coming in right there
23 on that lease and it's just some red tape we've got
24 to take care of through the state on that. That's
25 looking good.

1 We attended a fiber optics meeting in
2 Rome back a week or so ago and that's going real
3 well. I think that's -- it was a pretty lengthy
4 meeting, a lot of questions. Lionel Austin with the
5 phone company and Peter and I went. A lot of people
6 don't realize how important that is. That's very
7 important to not only you in your home, but our
8 industry. That's more important than I ever thought
9 two years ago when I first came back into the
10 political arena. That's something that's very
11 important and critical today for any of your major
12 industries that want to locate in your industrial
13 park.

14 Also, while we were in Atlanta, we did
15 bring back up this -- we're still working on a red
16 light for the school, which is a very important
17 issue. There was a little fender bender over there
18 the other day and so we've got to -- we're really
19 pushing them on a permit to actually do that.

20 Also, there was a problem with 301 and
21 136 right up at the Crossroads Hardware. We didn't
22 mention that before, but we brought that back into
23 play and they're reevaluating that. There was a
24 wreck out there, another wreck. Hopefully they can
25 do something to control that, especially people

1 coming up the mountain and trying to cross the road.
2 That was another thing we talked about.

3 Also, the transportation group that is
4 here tonight, our transportation study group,
5 they're out in the hall out there. They've been
6 here all day. They had a little meeting at 1:00
7 with a power point presentation. That group out
8 there, if you haven't met them and talked to them,
9 let them explain why they're here, look at the maps.
10 If you've got anything you want to add, that's why
11 they're here. They want to listen and want to hear
12 from the people of Dade County. There will be
13 another -- probably one more, I guess, meeting that
14 they'll be here and you'll be able to talk to them.

15 And also as to the water, the actual
16 Water Authority, the water board meeting, we did
17 have a presentation from Bobby Nolan. We've been
18 actually researching the Walker County side and what
19 those water lines and the tank and all is worth. We
20 do have an assessed value on our side, but Walker
21 County, they have CTI in Chattanooga doing their
22 assessment as to what they would be willing to pay
23 and hopefully in the next month or so, we'll be able
24 to actually find out just exactly what they want to
25 buy. I don't think they'll buy it all at once.

1 They'll probably buy it in phases because it will be
2 a lot of money. And for those of you that don't
3 know what I'm talking about, Walker County, we've
4 got over 100 miles of water line in Walker County
5 that Dade County, we furnish water to Walker County.
6 Walker County has approached us because they want to
7 supply that water themselves. They're going to
8 bring a line up on the side of the mountain over
9 there and tap into that and furnish water for
10 Walker. So to do that, they have to purchase the
11 lines from us and we're working on that.

12 The Hospital Authority spent a lot of
13 time this month. Peter, Robert, he's covered for me
14 a couple of times when I couldn't go to the meeting.
15 There's been almost meetings daily trying to get
16 this, in the past couple of weeks anyway. Because a
17 week or so ago it was explained to us, actually
18 shown as far as a financial presentation that they
19 only had about 14 days of money before they couldn't
20 make payroll. Their payroll runs -- that was a
21 question I asked. Payroll runs \$1,125,000 every two
22 weeks. That's tremendous. Well over \$2 million a
23 month. So -- but it's coming to a head. I think
24 you're going to really -- coming to a head probably
25 the first of the week or middle of next week. It's

1 almost going to have to. So kind of listen to the
2 radio and watch the television because it's coming.
3 Something has got to happen.

4 So anyway, but that's pretty much my
5 monthly -- of course, it was a short month, but we
6 had a tremendous amount of activity in the office
7 from people that received tax notices. A lot of
8 people that haven't paid their taxes, they got
9 another notice saying final notice and extend the
10 penalty and interest. So I had a lot of traffic
11 come in and Jane and the Assessor's office also.
12 It's been a busy February, but other than that, do
13 you have anything else to add?

14 MR. GOFF: I would like to say, Billy,
15 can you tell us about how much -- many dirt roads we
16 still have left in the county, just a rough?

17 MR. MASSENGALE: Ted and I figured it
18 up the other day. We've Gordon Forester, Griff
19 Johnson, Alsobrook, Head River Ranch, Long Branch,
20 Quail Run, which is in Rising Fawn. We've got Slygo
21 Ridge on the north end. We've got Chambers on the
22 north end and then Coal City Holler. We have
23 Nickajack Road that's over there.

24 MR. RUMLEY: It came out to about 22
25 miles is what we figured, 22.6 miles.

1 MR. GOFF: The reason I ask that most
2 unlikely question is that -- you know, we talk about
3 all this stuff. We were in a meeting in Atlanta
4 last month talking to two commissioners from two
5 different counties down in Georgia. One had over
6 400 miles. One had over 600 miles in small counties
7 kind of like ours. So, you know, when I think of
8 what we have here in Dade County, it kind of makes
9 me proud because you can just imagine still running
10 over school buses and running over four to 600 miles
11 of dirt road in 2011. That just doesn't seem real
12 to us, but we're really blessed.

13 MR. RUMLEY: They weren't worried about
14 paving it or tar and graveling it. One of them
15 didn't even know what surface -- they were asking
16 questions if we were using this chemical that they
17 spray on the dirt roads to keep the dust down. It's
18 a new chemical that the federal government came out
19 with. That's when we -- Robert asked how many miles
20 do you have and it blew me away, you know, in this
21 day and time there would be that many. Of course,
22 it's down in farming country. So I mean, that's --
23 anything you want to add?

24 MR. PITTMAN: Actually, one of the
25 roads Billy named, Coal City Holler, we had it paved

1 at one time and a flood came.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Flood came over and laid
3 it over. It's good for a gravel road. It's a good
4 road now. We're going to surface treat that this
5 year. It cost us a lot of money to haul rock over
6 there, surface treat it and patch a pothole or two.

7 MR. CERVELLI: They're well-maintained.
8 They are.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Is anyone here from
10 the City tonight? No one. Okay. The mayor of West
11 Brow and mayor of New Salem is here tonight. H.A.
12 McKaig is sitting over there. We appreciate you
13 being here tonight.

14 We'll move on down. Don, do you want
15 to give your financial report?

16 MR. TOWNSEND: As of February 28th,
17 2011, in the general fund, around 878,506; federal
18 asset fund, U.S. Treasury, \$285; special sheriff's
19 fund, 2,968; drug abuse education fund, \$77,153;
20 supplemental juvenile services fund, \$18,060; victim
21 assistance fund, \$2,562; general fund, \$19,916;
22 federal asset fund, Department of Justice, \$3,660.
23 Payroll account \$82,617.

24 The old S.P.L.O.S.T, we have a couple
25 of three projects left, with a balance of \$146,235.

1 Project -- the new S.P.L.O.S.T projects account
2 \$382,309. Proceeds account is beginning to grow
3 once again. It currently has a balance of \$394,434.
4 The construction account, which had close to
5 2 million not too long ago, has a balance of
6 \$19,023. Those are the remaining funds there.

7 If you'll look down at the bottom of
8 that list, you'll see that Davis Fire Department
9 still has bonded money of \$4,847 and West Brow has
10 access to \$14,271. So that's where that 19,023 will
11 go. Local option sales tax for the month of
12 February is \$139,665 and the special purpose local
13 option taxes is \$174,581.

14 I put a new spread sheet in your packet
15 tonight. It looks like this. What this is is the
16 tax commissioner's office revenues so far for the
17 first eight months of our new fiscal year that we're
18 under we started July 1. You will see how those are
19 coming in. There are two gray looking lines in the
20 middle and those were lines, line items that we had
21 at one time that I'm no longer using. It says real
22 personal property tax current year and then real
23 personal property tax the prior year, PY. I've
24 broken those out to reflect just personal property
25 tax prior year and the same with real property tax

1 prior year and the same with the current year.

2 So on the budget, it won't -- it looks
3 like we're doing pretty awful, but in reality you
4 have to look at the bottom line. However, if you do
5 look at the bottom line, we are right now \$297,098
6 running short of what we anticipated in our budget
7 and that's just on property. We're just looking at
8 property taxes here, along with I want to say the
9 motor vehicle tax collection. So it is something to
10 keep an eye on, \$300,000 of the 600-plus that
11 Commissioner Cervelli noted a minute ago.

12 Revenues less expenses for January was
13 \$3,655.46. Revenues less expenses year-to-date is
14 \$783,358. So that right now is our saving grace.
15 We are not spending as much, as also noted.
16 Expenses attained were 56.85 percent. Revenues
17 attained are 67.69 percent and we should be right
18 about 58 percent. So we're doing okay, but we
19 definitely do have the beginnings of a problem. So
20 we just have to keep our eyes on that.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Mitchell,
22 do you have anything?

23 MR. SMITH: No.

24 MR. RUMLEY: If not, I'll entertain a
25 motion to approve our financial statement.

1 MR. CERVELLI: So moved.

2 MR. GOFF: I'll second.

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

4 Mr. Cervelli?

5 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

7 MR. GOFF: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

9 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

11 MR. SMITH: Yes.

12 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

13 Thank you, Don. Good job.

14 Robin, do you have anything you want to
15 go over with us as far as any legal issues we need
16 to --

17 MR. ROGERS: I do not. Most of the
18 work has been on the ordinance that we reviewed
19 earlier.

20 MR. RUMLEY: What about as far as any
21 type of appeal or anything that the Rex Blevins on
22 the lawsuit, have you heard anything from that?

23 MR. ROGERS: I have not and the time
24 for him to do so has expired.

25 MR. RUMLEY: It has expired. Okay.

1 Then we'll mark that off then.

2 Okay. Move down to number seven. The
3 reading of the minutes of our previous month regular
4 meeting will not be required since all commissioners
5 have been furnished copies in advance. The minutes
6 are public record and available for review in my
7 office. The minutes are included in the consent
8 agenda. At this time I will entertain a motion to
9 approve the consent agenda. Do I hear a motion?

10 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
11 approve the consent agenda after Don reads it.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Go ahead and read it, Don.
13 I did this last time. I didn't mean to cut you off.
14 We'll let you go ahead and cover what we covered and
15 we'll revisit this.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. The consent
17 agenda consists of approval of the amended agenda by
18 adding number nine, the amendment to Resolution
19 R09-11 Chevron Corporation, equipment lease
20 purchase. Also, approval of previous meeting
21 minutes; inventory of county property which will be
22 Resolution R11-11 to inventory all equipment,
23 machinery, vehicles, etc. The first reading of
24 ordinance number 04-07-11, Land Use Planning.
25 Number -- Resolution R-10-11, which is amendment to

1 Resolution R-03-11, entering into equipment lease
2 purchase agreement and approving energy services
3 contract with Chevron Energy Solutions Company.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or
5 changes, anything? Robert? Okay. I'll entertain a
6 motion to approve the consent agenda.

7 MR. PITTMAN: I'll remake that motion.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you for that
9 remake. Do I hear a second?

10 MR. SMITH: Second.

11 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Mr. Cervelli?

12 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

14 MR. GOFF: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

16 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

18 MR. SMITH: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

20 Anyone want to come up and talk to us
21 tonight? I'm going to ask the Chamber to come up,
22 but does anyone want to?

23 MS. REYNOLDS: Well, for those that
24 don't know, I'm Joann Reynolds. I live on Lookout
25 Mountain and I happened to go through some old

1 papers I saved trying to figure out why I saved them
2 and I came across the Lookout Mountain scenic bypass
3 issue from back about ten years ago and I believe
4 that Mr. Rumley was the only one here when that went
5 on, but I just wanted to make sure that -- because
6 the furor of the issue is gone, that it's not going
7 to sneak back in the back door.

8 MR. RUMLEY: That's the Tour De Georgia
9 that you're talking about?

10 MS. REYNOLDS: No, no. This is where
11 they wanted to make Lookout Mountain Parkway a
12 byway?

13 MR. RUMLEY: No, that's all --

14 MS. REYNOLDS: That's not going to come
15 back and bite us because nobody is paying attention
16 to it? Okay. That's all.

17 MR. RUMLEY: We'll make you chair of
18 that committee.

19 MR. CERVELLI: You know, I looked at
20 the rules and regulations a couple of years ago.

21 MS. REYNOLDS: Well, there was two.
22 There was a scenic byway and there was a bike path.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Both of them really --

24 MR. CERVELLI: They're very strict
25 rules and regulations.

1 MR. RUMLEY: The trees you can have in
2 your yard.

3 MS. REYNOLDS: The color, what kind of
4 fence you can put up.

5 MR. CERVELLI: It wouldn't fly.

6 MS. REYNOLDS: I hope not, but times
7 have changed.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I don't think you've got
9 that to worry about as long as we've got these
10 people here.

11 MS. REYNOLDS: Thank you.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Butch, do you want to come
13 up and talk to us? Good to see Bill Marshall and
14 his wife here tonight. I felt like somebody was
15 staring me down. I looked and there he was.

16 MR. RAPER: I want to thank the
17 Commission for the time, but basically I'm not
18 speaking on behalf directly for the Chamber right
19 now. I'm sure -- but I did want to just follow up
20 on, you know, what the -- what was mentioned earlier
21 about the State of Dade Heritage Festival. It this
22 year has been relocated and it also has been added
23 to and it will be the State of Dade Heritage
24 Festival and County Fair. We will be bringing in
25 between a 12 and a 16 county fair here as far as

1 rides encompassing a 70-foot carousel or ferris
2 wheel and most of the other rides will be 60-foot
3 diameter rides. It's not small. It will be a large
4 one set up in our Dade County Recreation Facility,
5 which is known as the four fields. It kind of
6 outgrew the area that we had available, you know, in
7 town. There was quite a bit of struggle. We really
8 didn't want to move it out of town because of the
9 history based on, you know, the festival itself, but
10 at any rate, it has happened.

11 We will be working with the Commission
12 to hopefully adopt the State of Dade Heritage
13 Festival Week. It's not going to be a Friday and
14 Saturday festival this year. It will be the week of
15 starting on Monday the 16th through the 22nd is the
16 festival. We won't go into a lot details as far as
17 exactly what's going to be happening, but you will
18 have a lot of papers, Facebook, just different
19 sites.

20 There will be stage entertainment that
21 will be going on Wednesday through Saturday. There
22 will be -- the county will be proud of, good name
23 entertainment, which will be announced throughout
24 the next few weeks before we finalize the process of
25 the whole thing.

1 Knowing that our school band is needing
2 uniforms, we have had an outside organization that
3 is somewhat tied to the school through relationships
4 that is going to be promoting about 150, 170-antique
5 car show that will be -- the funds will go toward
6 the purchase of the uniforms for the band and that's
7 kind of what the -- the festival is kind of about
8 giving organizations, you know, the opportunity to
9 fundraise and to bring in outside revenue through
10 the promotion of an economic event and I want y'all
11 to know you will hear a lot in the next few weeks.
12 The physical events will probably be from the 16th
13 through the 22nd and I would like to thank all of
14 the organizations that are involved. I won't name
15 them all, but there is a lot of effort and we
16 appreciate all the effort. Thank you.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. I look forward
18 to that event. It's going to be a big event for
19 Dade County. Do you want to come up and take about
20 a minute and a half?

21 MS. TINKER: I do want to announce --

22 MR. RUMLEY: Tell them who you are.
23 We've got some new faces here.

24 MS. TINKER: I'm Debbie Tinker and I'm
25 with the Dade County Chamber. We are having our

1 annual banquet April 30th and the theme is a little
2 slice of heaven in 2011. Again, we hope everyone
3 will come. We're having it at the new Civic Center
4 here in Trenton and we're very excited about that.
5 The building is extremely nice. I hope everyone can
6 come.

7 We have found in Project Synergy that
8 all of us are working with the middle school, that's
9 the government, community, Chamber, businesses and
10 educational partners, this spring Top Flight is
11 going to be the corporate sponsor for Project
12 Synergy and then last week we did send applications
13 to World Chambers competition. There was 70
14 applications from 40 countries and we'll know by the
15 end of the month if ours was accepted, but at least
16 we did do this. So thank you.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Did you say Top Flight?

18 MS. TINKER: Yes, the paper. We
19 thought this would be good since their writing
20 assessment scores have gone so high and everything,
21 that we would bring them in this time. Thank you.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone else? Bill, do you
23 have anything you want to say tonight?

24 MR. MARSHALL: You know that I could
25 talk for 30 minutes. We do have U.S. 11 Antique

1 Alley still on for the weekend after Mother's Day.
2 Our web site was dropped and we're just now getting
3 it back up.

4 MR. RUMLEY: What Bill just said, I
5 don't know, Evan, if y'all could pick this up, but
6 it's our Antique Alley. It will be the weekend
7 after Mother's Day and I know most of you roam
8 around and got some real bargains, but most -- how
9 many miles is it, Bill?

10 MR. MARSHALL: Five hundred and two.

11 MR. RUMLEY: It's a 502-mile yard sale.
12 So try to keep that on your calendar. All yours.

13 MS. BREWER: My name is Gayla Brewer.
14 I'm your library manager here at Dade County. We're
15 very proud. A lot of good things are happening at
16 our library. Citizens are coming in every day and I
17 know a lot of people are enjoying the free tax
18 assistance with Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and Lori Stewart
19 and if you have not heard about that, please come by
20 or talk to me later and I would be glad to talk to
21 you about that.

22 I know that a lot of the activities
23 have been bringing in the families. We have our
24 movie night and I know we've got some others planned
25 for March 5th, a movie and then on the 19th another

1 event. That's two Saturdays. And then I know that
2 we've got our knitting class today, it's closed.
3 We've got too much interest in our crafts and so
4 we --

5 MR. RUMLEY: The knitting class?

6 MS. BREWER: The origami class is going
7 very well, too. Something new to the library and to
8 our customers, we have electronic audiobooks that
9 you can download to your MP3, to your home computer,
10 your laptop. You can listen to books while you're
11 cleaning house or whatever. If you want to burn it
12 to a CD and throw in your car, you can do that.
13 It's like checking out a book, but it's downloaded
14 into a form you can listen to.

15 We are going to have a workshop showing
16 our patrons how to do this coming up. If you're
17 interested or if you know somebody interested in
18 downloading audiobooks, please call us or come by
19 and see me. We would like to know who is
20 interested. Our IT specialist, Jeremy Hops from
21 Lafayette will be presenting this training and he's
22 wanting to contact who's interested and find out the
23 best time possible for them. He's saying something
24 like a Tuesday evening, maybe the third or fourth
25 Tuesday of the month. He's talking 15, 20 minutes

1 of your time. It's not a big amount of time.

2 MR. CERVELLI: Do you have to go to the
3 library for that or --

4 MS. BREWER: You can do it over the web
5 with your valid library card and your password.

6 MR. CERVELLI: Mine is probably
7 expired, I bet.

8 MS. BREWER: We can update your card
9 and give you a new password. Another thing, you
10 probably saw me with this. This is something that
11 you check out with your library card. It's a park
12 pass. It's good at all the state parks in Georgia
13 and the newest and nicest product is our zoo pass.
14 If you are interested in going to our Atlanta Zoo,
15 you can come by the library, check out the DVD that
16 just talks about the Atlanta Zoo and then the
17 library staff, when you return the DVD, we will
18 present you with a receipt that you can take to the
19 admissions booth gate at the Atlanta Zoo and it
20 allows two adults and two children free admission.
21 This is checked out today, so if you come see me
22 tomorrow, it's checked out. If you want to get your
23 name on hold, I think that was one of the things.
24 We couldn't put people's names on hold, but maybe if
25 we made a list of people to call when it came in, we

1 might could do that. We'll try to work it out.

2 Let's see, I guess you know that we do
3 have a monthly book club that meets at the library.
4 It's the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00. Our
5 friends of the library meets every other month and
6 right now, they just met last week, and they're
7 promoting the library moving by helping us with that
8 subscription fee.

9 The library is having a book sale right
10 now. We're raising funds to finish paying off that
11 subscription to our movie. When we can show free
12 movies at the library, we may ask for donations
13 because we're short on book money right now and so
14 we are asking people that are paying fees for their
15 copies, faxes and anything they're printing to give
16 us a donation roundup. It's called roundup to read
17 and this is donated money that we will use to
18 purchase new books for the library and I guess
19 that's all unless you have any questions.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Your movies you show, are
21 they like Disney?

22 MS. BREWER: It depends on the list.
23 There's a website, Movies USA Licensing or something
24 and we go by that list and it's -- there's a lot of
25 Disney in it. I know one of the movies they just

1 showed was something about Cloudy with a Chance of
2 Meatballs was the last movie.

3 MR. CERVELLI: It's a cartoon.

4 MS. BREWER: Yeah, it's a cartoon. The
5 children really enjoyed it. We do have some family
6 movies and we'll look at the list. Our summer
7 reading club theme is world culture and so we're
8 going to look at some of the movies that are on the
9 list and see if we can promote --

10 MR. CERVELLI: I want to say how lucky,
11 I think, it's my opinion, that we have Gayla at the
12 library and you should let her know that if believe
13 it, but I think we're fortunate to have her. She
14 has a lot of skills.

15 MR. RUMLEY: She puts a lot of time.

16 MR. CERVELLI: And Marshana as well for
17 the youth. So we've got a couple of people there.
18 This is tough times for the library with the budget
19 battles. You know, the State of Georgia is going to
20 go through some trauma, too. We haven't heard that
21 story yet. They're still making that happen in
22 Atlanta, but whatever budget challenges the
23 libraries have, I expect that you will stay here
24 with the rest of your team because I like you.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone else want to talk

1 to us tonight? I appreciate all of you coming. We
2 really do. We need to fill this room every meeting
3 because you see here just what little things we've
4 done tonight, how important, how it can touch you
5 and your children and grandchildren. You know, we
6 appreciate all of you coming. Please eat all the
7 donuts you can because I don't want to take them
8 home tonight. 911, if they eat them, they'll be
9 bouncing off the walls tonight. We don't need to
10 feed them sugar. I appreciate all of you. I'll
11 entertain a motion to adjourn.

12 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I hear a second?

14 MR. CERVELLI: I second.

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

16 Mr. Cervelli?

17 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

19 MR. GOFF: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

23 MR. SMITH: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. I
25 appreciate y'all.

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