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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 2011

1 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regularly
2 scheduled meeting of the Dade County Commission
3 which takes place at the same time on the first
4 Thursday of every month. Proper notice of this
5 meeting was given in the local organ of Dade County
6 and has been posted in the hallway of the
7 Administration Building. At this time I need a roll
8 call. Mr. Smith?

9 MR. SMITH: Here.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Cervelli?

11 MR. CERVELLI: Here.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

13 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

15 MR. GOFF: Here.

16 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.
17 We'll move down to administrative -- to district
18 commissioner's reports. Mitchell, do you want to
19 start on your end?

20 MR. SMITH: Everything seems to be
21 going fine and smooth, you know. I would like to
22 thank everyone that, I guess, welcomed my voice even
23 though the results took a while to get the
24 replacement on the Board of Assessors, but would
25 like to thank everybody that thought about it and

1 considered taking that position and Don King is
2 ready to start.

3 MR. PITTMAN: That's not an easy board
4 to fill.

5 MR. SMITH: No, it wasn't.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Your phone rings a lot on
7 that board, especially when they do reveals and tax
8 notices go out. Scottie?

9 MR. PITTMAN: I just want to thank
10 everybody for all the birthday wishes and the cake
11 and the card. That was a real nice sentiment.

12 As most of y'all know, last month was a
13 bad month for me and my family. My mom passed away
14 on March 12th. She was in the hospital for what
15 was supposed to be just routine observation. They
16 were going to do a scope on her and Saturday night,
17 the 5th, she had what turned out to be at least six
18 major strokes. She was unconscious. Actually she
19 was gone for several minutes before they brought her
20 back.

21 Monday morning the doctor told us that
22 she would probably never open her eyes again and she
23 had suffered severe brain damage, but by Tuesday
24 morning, you know, there was a lot of prayers coming
25 from all my friends and relatives. By Tuesday, she

1 did open her eyes and she did respond to some of the
2 family members, actually shaking her head yes and no
3 to some questions. So I feel like, you know, the
4 Lord gave us just a few more minutes with her just
5 to say our goodbyes. It's hard to lose anybody. I
6 lost my father 15 years ago, but losing your mom is
7 really, really tough. I just want to thank
8 everybody for their prayers and kind words. It
9 really meant a lot to me and my family. So that's
10 all I've got.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Sorry for your loss.
12 Robert?

13 MR. GOFF: Well, believe it or not, I
14 really don't have a lot this evening. As far as
15 reporting on the park and the four fields, there's a
16 lot that's going on right now well through the
17 spring and summer with a lot of kids there as well
18 as here in the city park, Jenkins Park. That's what
19 it's for.

20 We were in some training. Ted and I
21 went down to Tifton, Georgia, a couple of weeks ago
22 to some training and I was having lunch with some
23 people in a county about our size, pretty much the
24 same and she asked me -- for whatever reason, one of
25 the commissioners said do y'all have a recreation.

1 I said, well, yeah, we have some ball fields. We
2 call it four fields and she said what's your budget
3 and I don't remember. I didn't remember exactly
4 what it is. You can look at it. And her jaw just
5 dropped to the ground and -- theirs was 346,000 a
6 year just for the recreation department and I look
7 at that and think and I am proud of what we have in
8 the county and obviously it's not nearly that when
9 you look at -- because if you look at their
10 property, the money taken in on property taxes --
11 again, they're a small county like we are.

12 I am thankful to live here where we
13 have what we do have and I know it's a sacrifice on
14 your part and my part as a taxpayer to have it, but
15 we live in a great little county and I'm so glad
16 that we are.

17 I would like to ask people to remember
18 a few things going on. First all, at the gazebo,
19 April 15th at 12:00 there will be a hamburger and
20 hot dog dinner and this is for the Humane Society.
21 You know, you see these things, drop in, greet and
22 meet. Also, the State of Dade Festival. I don't
23 know. Somebody will be reporting a little more on
24 that in just a few moments. But that's coming up in
25 the next month or so, just a lot that's happening

1 and you have an opportunity to get out and meet with
2 some friends.

3 I'll be out of pocket for about 17, 18
4 days or so beginning next Tuesday. I go to Romania
5 and work with my little fellows and gals over there
6 and have the time of my life. It will go by in a
7 hurry, but keep me and keep them in your thoughts.
8 If you want to know more about that and who they
9 are, I'll be glad -- I love to talk about them
10 because they're really dear to me. This is not my
11 first time to go and it's something I look forward
12 to, but I will not be here for a couple of weeks, so
13 maybe Ted and the rest of the office will get a rest
14 anyway. Thank you.

15 MR. RUMLEY: They need Band-aids, too.
16 That's one of the needs that Robert is -- some of
17 the materials he's taking over there. They said
18 when asked what are the priorities, it was actually
19 Band-aids or --

20 MR. GOFF: For real Band-aids and/or
21 Neosporin, some kind of things we take for granted.
22 They don't have them. This is thirty something
23 physically, mentally challenged kids, so they get
24 cuts and scrapes. I've got a suitcase full of
25 Band-aids, but I'll take off -- I'll take all I can

1 carry.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Peter?

3 MR. CERVELLI: Thank you. Robert will
4 also -- if you're interested in sending money, there
5 is an organization in Ohio that supports what they
6 do there in Romania, so if you're in the -- feel
7 generous, you can give him your phone number and
8 address and he'll tell you where to write the check
9 and that would be a good thing to do as well.

10 Okay. Let's talk about numbers,
11 budgets. Our local option sales tax collection was
12 \$148,888. That was about \$10,000 less than we
13 collected for the same month last year. That's
14 six percent less than last March. However, it's an
15 improvement over February of this year of about
16 six percent. So if that tells you anything, it
17 tells you that our income is pretty much flat when
18 it comes to sales tax.

19 The three-month moving average I used
20 to smooth out the variations and the up and downs,
21 basically the number is flat. So it's not going
22 down anymore, but it certainly has not gone up for
23 us. Same story for S.P.L.O.S.T. We collected
24 \$186,000 in March of this year. Of course, that's
25 six percent less than last year, so the trend is the

1 same for S.P.L.O.S.T. We're flat. The good thing
2 though is we recasted what we expected to bring in
3 to a more realistic number. As I said, that number
4 is about \$187,000 a month is now what we're sort of
5 budgeting on in terms of expectations. It had been
6 around \$220,000 a month in terms of what we
7 expected. So based on that more realistics 187,000
8 and we hit 186. We're looking at spending money
9 based on that pattern and that's why there really
10 isn't any free cash other than for public safety and
11 road related issues for S.P.L.O.S.T.

12 Now, in regard for the budget, we
13 closed the books on February. That 67 percent mark
14 for our fiscal year. Our revenues are at the
15 73 percent number. It sounds like we've got more
16 revenue than where we are in the year, but we
17 collect a lot in December, so it sort of piles up
18 and then we spend it.

19 Our expenses are at 65 percent, so our
20 expenses were within two percent of expectations,
21 which is pretty good. So that looks good in terms
22 of just looking at percentages. The reality is
23 though in numbers, revenue has not gotten any
24 better. It's gotten worse, in my opinion. Not my
25 opinion, the data shows it's gotten worse. We are

1 going to be in the hole. The land sale that Ted
2 talked about will hopefully fix part of that. I
3 don't see any spare dollars coming off of expense
4 reductions. People are spending what they expected
5 to spend and I think we're going to have to go back
6 and recast the budgets for this year, which means
7 we're going to have to find a couple hundred
8 thousand dollars out of this year's expense stream
9 and remove it from the budget before it gets too
10 late in the year. So we'll all sit down with Ted
11 and the other commissioners, but I believe we need
12 to go back and find some money so we balance the
13 books when we close this year.

14 In terms of road issues, you're
15 probably seeing that the highways are being
16 restriped, certainly on Lookout Mountain they are,
17 state highways. That's helped. Ted told me they're
18 also going to put reflectors back down that they
19 plowed up for the snow. That's a good thing, too.

20 There are several other requests we had
21 in with GDOT and Ted can talk to -- about the high
22 school if he likes. But we asked for some warning
23 lights and the only one that the State felt was
24 authorized based on the data was at the top of
25 Burkhalter Gap. They didn't think the one down in

1 Head River that we asked for met the criteria in
2 terms of the number of accidents and the same with
3 the one in the West Brow community. We're still
4 going to do some analyzing with the accident data
5 that our 911 folks have here, but hopefully we'll
6 revisit this issue with GDOT. Even though we've got
7 their official response, I don't think we're done
8 with that yet.

9 The last issue is just to inform you
10 it's that time of the year with the Three State
11 Three Mountain Bike Race comes through. The race is
12 going to be on May 7th. That's their 24th year.
13 We met with them yesterday and with the sheriff's
14 representative in terms of safety and traffic
15 issues, so there was a planning meeting. The
16 sheriff has appointed Detective Christy Prince to
17 manage and put together the traffic and safety plan.
18 The event organizers have made a formal permit and
19 application with us. They've paid their fee. The
20 information has been passed on to GDOT. Detective
21 Prince is going to continue meeting with event
22 organizers to work out the details of the event.

23 We don't see it operating too much
24 differently than it did last year where we closed
25 one side of the road going up Burkhalter Gap and

1 shuttling cars up and down on the other side, but
2 Detective Prince is the one who's going to be
3 working specifically and they'll also be talking to
4 the West Brow Fire Department in terms of their
5 involvement. In terms of the number of riders, they
6 expect the same number of riders, maybe down a few.
7 They're not getting as many people signing up
8 because of the economy, but they expect pretty much
9 the same number of riders, over 1,000 probably.
10 What did they say, 1,300 --

11 MR. RUMLEY: 1,300.

12 MR. CERVELLI: -- going up Burkhalter
13 is their best guess. There will be a phone bank set
14 up with a phone number that can be called for any
15 issues or complaints. Obviously, not emergency
16 issues. If you have an emergency issue, you still
17 call 911. There will be an official and if anyone
18 needs to talk with Detective Prince, her number is
19 over at the jail 657-3233, extension 353 and she'll
20 be the one working out the details of the traffic
21 and safety plan. That's all I have.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. I noticed that
23 number they gave for the complaints on the bikes,
24 that's Buddy Sampson's number. I knew I recognized
25 that number when the lady -- mayor of West Brow.

1 Well, it's been -- it seems like you
2 blink an eye and the month goes by. It's been a
3 busy month. We spent a lot of time pertaining to
4 Hutcheson in the evenings anyway. We've had many,
5 many meetings that I've attended, Robert has
6 attended, Peter. Last night, thank goodness, that
7 came to a head and all the boards. Well, actually
8 we had a Sunday meeting last Sunday and three of the
9 boards voted unanimously to accept the contract with
10 Erlanger and only one that was withholding was the
11 trustees board, which is a board that all
12 commissioners appoint. We have two representatives
13 on that which is Ed Holmes and Alex Case. Walker
14 County had four members. Catoosa County had three.
15 After about three hours, two hours, three hours they
16 all voted to accept the Erlanger agreement. The
17 only thing left now is for Erlanger to accept it and
18 they've pretty much 99 percent said that that will
19 happen, so that's good news.

20 So anyway, but the -- as Robert said,
21 we were down in Tifton being educated for a couple
22 of days this month and it was really to me a
23 learning experience, you know, the classes we went
24 through and I think Robert was the same way. It's
25 amazing the things that you can keep up on, a few of

1 these a year, especially right before legislation
2 because there's always changes happening and that's
3 the only way you're going to keep up with them.

4 As Peter said, we have started our
5 budget process with our elected officials, but --
6 and he mentioned maybe 200,000 or so. Hopefully
7 it's not that much, but when he said we're going to
8 have to come up with that money, what that means is
9 we're going to go back and review our budget for
10 this year and that means cuts. We're going to go in
11 each department and we're going to review each
12 constitutional officer and elected official and
13 we're going to try to head this thing off before it
14 gets to the end of the year and then worry about it.
15 So Peter, not that you didn't make that plain.

16 MR. CERVELLI: That's fine. Make it
17 plain again.

18 MR. RUMLEY: It's just what you call
19 taking care of business you might say.

20 Spring is here and also we're hopefully
21 in the next month anyway, we're going to start our
22 tar and graveling back and resurfacing roads. Billy
23 is already stockpiling rock on that, getting ready
24 for that. Our paving on our LARP money, which is
25 assistance money from the State, Billy, did you tell

1 me it was going to be here next week?

2 MR MASSENGALE: Weather permitting.

3 MR. RUMLEY: We've got a few roads that
4 we're going to be able to do with the State
5 allotment. I think it's Sunset, correct? We're
6 going to do the upper part of Burkhalter, which will
7 go from the slide area up. That will be repaved in
8 nonskid paving and restriped. Where is the other
9 road?

10 MR MASSENGALE: Sarah's Chapel.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Sarah's Chapel. So kind
12 of watch out for that if you live in those areas
13 because they will be -- it won't take them too long
14 to do it, but that will be actually black top
15 they'll be putting down there.

16 Let's see here, the lights we were
17 talking about. Peter is correct on that. They did
18 agree on the light at the top of Burkhalter.
19 They're evaluating or hopefully reevaluating one
20 down where the fire hall is at now. The one at the
21 school, they actually came back and said they would
22 permit that light. The only problem is they won't
23 pay for it. We got through that step and back years
24 ago they would pay, you know, 50 percent, 75 percent
25 of the lights. We're going to have to talk to the

1 school and ourself and possibly the City and see if
2 we can get an estimate on what the lights will cost.
3 Hopefully we can work something out because that's a
4 red light there that really needs to be there. It
5 will be a light that will only be used in the
6 evenings and the mornings and it will actually be
7 the officer can hand control it. So it's something
8 we're going to -- it's not going to happen tomorrow,
9 but hopefully by the end of summer we can justify
10 that somewhat for the cost.

11 Oh yeah, the important thing. This has
12 been a memorable month for me. I haven't had a
13 physical in probably 25 years, I guess, maybe longer
14 than that. So Diane, my mother and all talked me
15 into getting this stuff started. I know this is not
16 County business. I guess it kind of is, you know.
17 I do work for you. And so I did start the process
18 and we went through, you know, and everything looks
19 real good, my physical. I did find out that -- if
20 anybody tells you a colonoscopy is not a problem,
21 it's fine, no, no. You tell them they're fibbing.
22 I'll tell you right now.

23 Anyway, but other than that, it's been
24 a good month. I sure hate for Scottie's loss. I
25 mean, it really, really just tears me up on that,

1 but our prayers are with you. You know, you've
2 always got your family right here and out here, too.
3 But we'll move along. Let's move down to our
4 financial report. Don? The floor is yours, Don.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: I can't hardly wait to
6 see the headline in the paper this week. Okay.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Trust me, I made sure.
8 I'm not going to go into that.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: March 31st, the
10 general fund had a balance of \$805,249; Federal
11 asset fund, U.S. Treasury, \$285; sheriff's special
12 fund, \$2,391; drug abuse education fund, \$82,480;
13 supplemental juvenile services fund, \$18,557; victim
14 assistance fund, \$2,965; jail fund, 10,689. Federal
15 asset fund, Department of Justice, 3,660; payroll
16 account, 95,762.

17 Principal and interest account
18 currently has a balance of \$146,297. New
19 S.P.L.O.S.T projects account, \$307,047. Proceeds
20 account, 584,604. The construction account is now
21 dwindled down to \$19,031. The only thing left in
22 the construction account will be the Davis Fire
23 Department, which has a balance of \$4,847 and West
24 Brow, \$14,271 for the purchase of capitalized fire
25 equipment.

1 Budget attained through February 28th
2 should be at 66.67 percent, revenues attained
3 currently at 73.1 percent. Expenses attained are
4 65.02 percent. Revenues less expenses for February,
5 we were short \$278,090. Revenues less expenses year
6 to date was positive for \$523,098. Actual
7 year-to-date is short in revenues by \$60,428.

8 As Commissioner Cervelli noted,
9 year-to-date, there's a shortage of \$475,455 in
10 revenues compared to the budget, what we hoped to
11 collect. Revenue -- excuse me. Expenses
12 year-to-date for the county is actually -- we're
13 doing a little bit better. We're under budget
14 \$9,365, but for the month, we did overspend
15 \$106,942.

16 One of the reasons -- I will just
17 explain one quick thing is \$68,000 check that was
18 paid to the City of Chattanooga for our emergency
19 911 800-megahertz phone system thing, not phone, but
20 radios. And that was budgeted to come out in
21 January, but the check actually hit in February, so
22 that's one problem I was telling you about earlier.

23 The local option sales tax for March
24 was \$151,995. And for March S.P.L.O.S.T was at
25 \$1,899,999. And the last page in your report, if

1 you want to look at that under tab number one right
2 before tab two is 2004 S.P.L.O.S.T allocation of
3 funds and currently we do -- as I said earlier, we
4 have 146,297 and this gives you a breakdown of what
5 we have in that, the jail kitchen for the justice
6 building has a balance of 35,200. The library
7 expansion to expense 50,000. Of the old courthouse,
8 probably the roof at 60,000, so that makes up about
9 \$145,200.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Don.
11 Good job. Any questions for Don? If there's no
12 questions, I'll entertain a motion to approve the
13 finance report as submitted.

14 MR. GOFF: I make the motion to approve
15 the financial report as read.

16 MR. SMITH: Second.

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

18 Mr. Cervelli?

19 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

21 MR. GOFF: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

23 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

25 MR. SMITH: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.
2 Thank you. Okay. Robin, do you have any legal
3 matters that you want to talk to us about?

4 MR. ROGERS: No. There are no legal
5 matters. The big thing this month, as you have
6 already reported, with Hutcheson. That was
7 concluded last night and let me do add a little
8 something, not as my role as county attorney
9 necessarily, but at the meeting that was held on
10 Sunday with three of the HMC boards, they were very
11 complimentary of the role that Dade County
12 representatives were taking noting that our two
13 representatives had been there and participated and
14 put in some real long hours there. Really that was
15 remarkable and that Dade County geographically was
16 further than the other two counties that were
17 involved and they were very complimentary. So I do
18 feel like I need to mention that, let the public
19 know that, of the hard work that the County has put
20 in on that.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robin. He
22 looks like he's trying to get a raise.

23 MR. GOFF: I was going to say it
24 definitely sounds like tit for tat, but Robin has
25 put in a lot of work. This has been a long, what,

1 six or seven-month process and it's took a lot of
2 bumps, a lot of changes every day. There were 19
3 drafts that finally they came to an agreement on
4 number 19. So, Robin, I think you for what you put
5 in, paid or not paid. There were a lot of hours
6 that it was above and beyond your hours here at
7 Trenton.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. One thing that I
9 want to ask you, Robin, that we need to look into.
10 I know you got busy and all, but I had several
11 people ask me about the -- possibly the lawsuit that
12 we had pertaining to Rex and actually trying to
13 recoup some of that money we've spent. That's
14 something you need to get back on and get us an
15 answer on.

16 MR. ROGERS: I'll do that.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Because, you know, we've
18 spent right at \$100,000 of tax money and something
19 that, you know, if we can, we'll do it. But you
20 need you to legally look the people in the eye and
21 say we can't do it if we can't for some reason.

22 Okay?

23 MR. ROGERS: Okay.

24 MR. RUMLEY: And also, we were talking
25 about the -- vice chair over here slipped me a note

1 here. I was going to talk about the jail kitchen a
2 little bit. We should have a final drawing
3 hopefully the first of the week on this jail. This
4 has been something that's been ongoing and ongoing
5 and it's turned into not going to be that major of a
6 project, but just the drawings to meet the fire
7 codes and all as far as building onto a penal
8 institution. That's coming to a head and once we
9 get these, then we're going to actually get started
10 on this thing. So I just wanted to give you an
11 update. Patrick, he'll be here next week -- I mean,
12 our next meeting and give you a full reporting on it
13 because he's working with us on this and he'll talk
14 a little bit about it and hopefully we'll have a
15 report of actually being started on this thing.

16 MR. CERVELLI: And given how much the
17 jail is over budget for food and various other
18 things, that's a good thing.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah. It's got to
20 happen.

21 MR. CERVELLI: It's a major portion.

22 MR. RUMLEY: But thank goodness our
23 population had dropped. Our checks have been
24 running around 4,000, 4,500. Now they're getting
25 about 28. I think this one was like 3,100, 28,

1 \$3,100. Maybe that's a sign that crime is down in
2 the county.

3 Unfinished business, I don't have
4 anything under that. Okay. Approval of the consent
5 agenda. The reading of the minutes of the previous
6 month's regular meeting will not be required since
7 all commissioners have been furnished copies in
8 advance. The minutes are public record and
9 available for review in my office. The minutes are
10 included in the consent agenda. Approval of the
11 consent, we do require a vote on that. At this
12 time, do you have any comments as far as the consent
13 agenda, any changes? At this time I'll entertain a
14 motion to approve the consent agenda.

15 MR. PITTMAN: Get Don to read it.

16 MR. RUMLEY: You know, I did that last
17 week. I think I'm getting -- you know, maybe I got
18 a physical, but they didn't check up here.

19 MR. TOWNSEND: We have approval of the
20 previous meeting minutes for March 3rd,
21 March 18th special-called meeting, public hearing
22 for March 31st and a special-called meeting on
23 March 31st as well. Board appointments, we had
24 Board of Assessors under Resolution R-15-11.
25 Mr. Don King appointment to the Board of Assessors

1 representing all Dade County, but primarily from the
2 North Dade district. Also, appointment of Mr. John
3 Bradford, reappointment by Resolution R-14-11 to the
4 Department of Family and Children's Services Board.
5 Proclamation proclaiming May 17th, the week of the
6 17th, I believe it's the 16th through the 20th,
7 for the Trenton-Dade Optimist Club, Respect for Law
8 Week. Approval of S.P.L.O.S.T capital equipment and
9 that is a capital expenditure for library expansion
10 as approved by Mr. Hugh Blevins from the old 2004
11 S.P.L.O.S.T not to exceed 50,000.

12 Ordinance number 04-07-11A, a final
13 reading and approval for prohibiting the sale or
14 distribution of methadone; Ordinance number
15 04-07-11B, final reading and approval for
16 prohibiting landfills or the disposals of hazardous
17 waste and Resolution R-13-11 with the Georgia
18 Department of Transportation, Federal Transit
19 Authority 5311 federal grant for the fiscal year
20 2012.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions or changes?
22 Okay. Now I'll entertain a motion to approve our
23 consent agenda.

24 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
25 approve the consent agenda as read.

1 MR. GOFF: I'll second.

2 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion and a
3 second. I'll call a vote. Mr. Cervelli?

4 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

6 MR. GOFF: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

8 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

10 MR. SMITH: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

12 We've got a lady from the library, I think. I
13 happened to look and see you back there.

14 MS. BREWER: Thank you for approving
15 the 50,000 S.P.L.O.S.T for the library. I have a
16 short report. One, we need a staff member for our
17 youth services. It's a teen position, a teen
18 specialist position to work with our teenagers. It
19 assists Ms. Marshana. It's a 14-hour-a-week job, so
20 if you know anyone, we're accepting applications
21 through next --

22 MR. RUMLEY: What is it, about \$40 an
23 hour?

24 MS. BREWER: Fourteen hours. It's a
25 little over minimum wage. I wish it was more.

1 MR. RUMLEY: I do, too.

2 MS. BREWER: Let me announce the movie
3 that's coming up for our families. It's coming up
4 on the 15th and 19th of April. It's called
5 Tangled. Some of the families, the children that
6 have seen it so far, they've really enjoyed it. We
7 look forward to having another opportunity for our
8 families to come together at the library for that.

9 And Krystal, the restaurant here, has
10 been very wonderful about sponsoring it and
11 sometimes they'll provide popcorn or maybe Krystals.
12 I don't know this time. I won't say anything about
13 that because I'm not sure what they're going to do,
14 but we are happy that they're going to sponsor us.

15 One of the popular workshops at the
16 library has been for couponers. We have a trainer,
17 Denise Higdon, that's providing a workshop called
18 Couponing Made Easy and when the Chattanooga Times
19 found out about this workshop that we're going to
20 have on Monday, April 18th at 10:00, the
21 Chattanooga Times wanted to send someone to provide
22 samples and to talk about how when they go to the
23 coupon training at different churches and libraries
24 in the surrounding areas, what they're doing for the
25 subscribers and the couponers and how they're using

1 the newspaper, so I thought that was interesting.
2 So they're going to make their presentation first at
3 the beginning of that program. So Monday, the
4 18th at 10:00. Now, I do know that we will have
5 an evening coupon class in May, but I'm not sure of
6 the date yet. So we're going to wait for the
7 trainer to tell us about the date.

8 You've probably seen my button, Round
9 Up to Read. We're asking our customers at the
10 library when they're paying for a photocopy or if
11 they're printing something from the computer, if
12 they're paying a fine, would you please round up.
13 If you owe 75 cents, would you please round up to
14 the nearest dollar to help us have money to buy
15 books. So we're asking every way we know how right
16 now for help and we do have a donation container now
17 to ask our customers for money, if they'll help us
18 to have money to buy new books.

19 Let me tell you about a new event.
20 We're having a craft bizarre and this is right
21 before the State of Dade program. It's on Saturday,
22 April 23rd, from 9:00 to 1:00 and we're asking
23 anyone that likes to do crafts, if they would like
24 to set up a table, they need to contact Ms. Marshana
25 at the library and talk to her or they can talk to

1 me this next week anytime and if they want more
2 information, they can contact the library. But if
3 you would like to come by, that would be a great day
4 to come to the library, that Saturday on the 23rd,
5 the next to last Saturday.

6 This is another opportunity that we're
7 going to use to try to raise some attention that we
8 need supplies for our programs. We're asking
9 families that if you will collect your UPC, the bar
10 codes off of your containers for different products
11 by Campbell's or by Post, the cereal, Prego
12 spaghetti, there's a long list of items that if you
13 will bring us your UPCs, the little bar codes, we
14 have an opportunity to turn these in for a rebate
15 for the library to trade them in for supplies. So
16 that would be another opportunity. So if you're
17 interested in knowing more that, stop by the library
18 and let me show you this. I guess that's all.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Chamber? Do you want to
21 come up, Debbie.

22 MS. TINKER: Right now the Chamber does
23 have quite a few activities going on. Also, we're
24 working with the Downtown Development with some
25 activities. I know tomorrow morning we will be

1 cosponsoring a technology partnership meeting for
2 industries here in Dade County and after that, then
3 the Dade County Development is having a walk at the
4 City and that starts at 12:00, I believe, Peter?

5 MR. CERVELLI: Free sandwich if y'all
6 come, 12:00. You've got to walk a mile though or
7 fake it, either way.

8 MS. TINKER: The first 25 people will
9 get a T-shirt on that.

10 Our big event this month is our
11 banquet. That's April 30th and we'll be having it
12 in the new civic center. We hope everyone will come
13 out and join us. If you haven't bought your ticket
14 yet, see any of our board members or come by the
15 Chamber, but this should be very, very nice. It is
16 one of our biggest fundraisers and how we support
17 ourselves.

18 This past month also in the spring a
19 lot of tourism activities go on, so we've been
20 getting the media package ready for the travel
21 riders in the state. We put information on the
22 festival along with information on our tourism
23 sites. Lookout Mountain Flight Park did the display
24 at the State Welcome Center, took that information
25 for us and put it into the cabinet at the State

1 Welcome Center over in Ringgold.

2 We will be doing our yearly reporting.
3 We still have designation as a regional state
4 welcome center, but without the funding, so this we
5 have to make up, too. But we do have the
6 designation and we do operate as a state regional
7 welcome center.

8 Our Keep Dade Beautiful Program is now
9 doing the Great American Cleanup. We have plenty of
10 garbage bags at the Chamber. All we need is live
11 bodies to come get them and clean up on our streets.
12 We even had a call, someone wants us to call someone
13 and ask if they could clean up their yard. Well, we
14 can't do that, but you're more than welcome to get
15 the garbage bags and clean up your neighbors yard if
16 they allow you to.

17 MR. RUMLEY: That was Peter, I think.

18 MS. TINKER: What I'm saying is
19 anyplace, any community can do a cleanup. This
20 isn't just roadways or creek ways. Any area that's
21 an eyesore or just that will make the community look
22 better. You're more than welcome to come get these
23 garbage bags. We have plenty of them.

24 The Junior Chamber is selling cases of
25 Coca-Colas. So if they come up to you and ask you

1 to buy one, please do this. This is to pay for
2 their trip at the end of the year to the Flight Park
3 to go hang gliding. We'll also be promoting
4 Mentorship Dade for the school. The new
5 superintendent, Mr. Tobin, asked us if we would put
6 this out and he's wanting especially like the
7 churches, the ministers and everything to work with
8 their school systems to help with the children.

9 Project Synergy Byspace will be coming
10 in on May 11th and 12th and now to our festival.
11 That is the third week in May. Everything is just
12 really taking off. It will start at the Civic
13 Center. It will kick off there with the Jericho
14 Brass Band. There will be two or three days here
15 in the city and then it will move down to the county
16 park and we are having a carnival and that is one of
17 the reasons that a lot of it can't be on the square
18 this year and I'm going to ask Evan if he wants to
19 give an update on possibly the entertainment that we
20 have so far.

21 MR. STONE: Just the fact that there's
22 going to be entertainment every evening starting
23 with Monday night here in the city at the Civic
24 Center. Tuesday night there's going to be a debate
25 that will be made up of individuals that will debate

1 on both sides whether Dade County should secede from
2 the State of Georgia or why they should not and
3 that's going to be interesting and hopefully that's
4 going to take place in the old courthouse in the old
5 courtroom.

6 And Wednesday through Saturday there
7 will be evening entertainment every night. The fair
8 will be set up and there will be entertainment that
9 starts normally around 6:00 in the evening and runs
10 to about 9:00, 9:30 or so and there are different
11 themes every night. So hopefully by -- we'll have
12 some information, but in the early May meeting we
13 will be able to tell exactly what's going to be
14 happening on each evening.

15 One of the things that we're really
16 looking forward to besides entertainment every
17 night, Friday night we do know for sure the high
18 school band is going to be opening the evening with
19 an outdoor performance that they will do for their
20 summer concert right before school is out. But
21 after that, we're pulling together Dade's Music
22 Heritage Night and we've already met. Ted was one
23 of the people that we asked to join us and we're
24 meeting every two weeks now and determining all of
25 the different musical acts, people that can play

1 music and have done music both successfully on a
2 national level all the way down to singing on the
3 back porch. And if you're familiar with a Gaither
4 style type concert, that Friday night we will have
5 Dade County Music Heritage on the stage, probably
6 somewhere around 50 or 60 people in a mass choir and
7 we will highlight different acts from Dade County
8 and talk about the music heritage of this county and
9 everybody knows that we've got a rich heritage.

10 So without taking any more time, that's
11 really going to be the -- on Friday night will be
12 the highlight. The fair will actually be here
13 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and all day on Saturday.
14 And just to talk a little bit about the fair, from
15 what I understand, they're bringing 16 rides
16 including the 70-foot Ferris wheel. So the -- that
17 was the deciding factor, I believe, that the board
18 chose to have to move the event is because this fair
19 alone is huge and with everything else, you're going
20 to have to have a lot of different places. You just
21 can't set up just anywhere. So anyway, that's a
22 quick synopsis. It's all coming together.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Evan.

24 MS. TINKER: And our last thing, or my
25 last thing to say, our luncheon next week, the

1 Chamber's monthly luncheon will be moved. We will
2 be having it over here at the gazebo in conjunction
3 with this Tristate Animal Board -- Humane Society,
4 excuse me, so that we can promote, you know, that
5 and people are going to be eating lunch anyway. So
6 y'all come out and join us for our luncheon. Our
7 speaker will be speaking on our senior citizens'
8 program and for the Meals on Wheels and everything
9 and how they need help. So we will appreciate it
10 very much. Thank you.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone want to come up and
12 talk to us tonight?

13 MR. CERVELLI: I just want to thank the
14 hang glider community. Once again, talking about
15 trash pickup for their clean up on Burkhalter Gap.
16 They did their spring cleanup. One of the few times
17 it really looks good. So thank you, hang gliders.

18 MR. RUMLEY: There were several bags.

19 MS. TINKER: They did something like 70
20 something bags of garbage up there and two or three
21 loads of tires and I think there was approximately
22 17 of them that did that.

23 MR. RUMLEY: I think Billy got a couple
24 of those tires and put on his truck.

25 Anyone want to come up and talk to us

1 tonight? We'd be glad to hear from you. Come on
2 up, Mr. Pittman. This is the other Mr. Pittman, the
3 brother.

4 MR. EDDIE PITTMAN: Can you hear me?
5 Mr. Chairman, I wanted to talk to you about a matter
6 that to me is a very serious matter. I notice y'all
7 have a cake in the back that's for my brother. He's
8 forty years old today, forty years old. I think
9 he's the youngest commissioner up here, but he looks
10 like the oldest. I mean, he looks awful, horrible.

11 MR. RUMLEY: I thought that, but I
12 didn't want to say it.

13 MR. EDDIE PITTMAN: Mr. Chairman, if
14 you could talk him into getting one of those
15 colonoscopies, I would appreciate it. I did stop by
16 and get him this small gift. This is Geritol
17 Complete and you can take one of these a day and it
18 might help you out a little bit.

19 MR. PITTMAN: I think that he's out of
20 order.

21 MR. RUMLEY: One thing about it, you
22 won't be out of order if you take that.

23 MR. EDDIE PITTMAN: And I'll just say
24 happy birthday.

25 MR. RUMLEY: If no one else wants to --

1 okay. Come on up. State your name, age.

2 MS. REYNOLDS: Do you really want me to
3 state my age?

4 MR. RUMLEY: No, you already told me
5 tonight.

6 MS. REYNOLDS: You have to state yours
7 if I do. I have a couple of questions. One was the
8 911 tower, sort of tied in with all the fog. How
9 come there's no lights on it, navigational lights
10 for airplanes?

11 MR. RUMLEY: It's not -- from what I
12 understand, it's not -- it's ten foot below the
13 height. I asked that about a year ago as far as
14 having a beacon.

15 MR. STONE: I know for ours, aviation
16 over here is 200 feet and ours is 190. Anything
17 200 feet and above that has to be lit. Two
18 hundred feet and below doesn't.

19 MS. REYNOLDS: Okay. The other
20 question was we noticed that they're painting the
21 stripes on the roads up there.

22 MR. RUMLEY: State.

23 MS. REYNOLDS: Right. Is there not
24 some kind of heavy duty reflecters they could
25 actually put in the paint and not have to have the

1 other reflectors?

2 MR. RUMLEY: According to the state,
3 they quit using the -- remember, they used to
4 sprinkle it.

5 MS. REYNOLDS: It would seem a lot
6 better.

7 MR. RUMLEY: They're working with a
8 group now to design a reflector that will be there
9 even if the plow plows it, but they're about \$7
10 apiece where they're paying right around \$1 for 12
11 of these. They're trying to --

12 MS. REYNOLDS: How much will they pay
13 for the ones we collect out of our yards?

14 MR. RUMLEY: You know, I asked them
15 that same question. I said, because people on
16 Sunset, they had a bunch. They said that they
17 weren't reusable because --

18 MS. REYNOLDS: Some of them are. I've
19 got them in my driveway.

20 MR. CERVELLI: They would rather put
21 them down ten times.

22 MR. RUMLEY: That's a good question
23 though. You would think -- that might be something
24 you could get a patent on.

25 MS. REYNOLDS: Yeah. I mean, take the

1 stuff that's in reflectors and put it in the paint.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone else want to talk
3 to us tonight? If not, I'll entertain a motion to
4 adjourn.

5 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

6 MR. CERVELLI: Motion.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Motion and a
8 second. I'll call a vote. Mr. Cervelli?

9 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

11 MR. GOFF: Yes.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

13 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

15 MR. SMITH: Yes.

16 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. Go
17 back and eat some cake and the rest of those sweets
18 there if you can.

19 END OF PROCEEDING
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