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1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll call the
2 November 3rd meeting to order. Before we start the
3 meeting, as always, we'll ask Brother Goff to lead
4 us in the Pledge and also in the prayer.

5 (Thereupon, the Pledge and
6 invocation were given.)

7 MR. RUMLEY: I want to do -- we have
8 several of our veterans here tonight and we did go
9 over our proclamation, joint proclamation between
10 the County and City. The official day will be the
11 11th when we do the presentation, but I want to call
12 all of y'all up here, if you would, and we'll have a
13 picture and all. Go ahead and I'll read this
14 proclamation. We're glad to have all of you here.

15 I'll go ahead and read this. To honor
16 all veterans past and present of Dade County,
17 Georgia, during the month of November. The citizens
18 of our state and nation are able to live in freedom
19 because of the contributions and sacrifices made by
20 those who served in the Armed Forces of the United
21 States in a time of national -- and there are
22 approximately 1,600 veterans in Dade County and more
23 and 760,000 veterans in the state of Georgia who
24 with continued devotion to the highest ideas of
25 citizenship constitute a foundation of both the

1 strength and progress of this state.

2 Whereas, it is a privilege and it is in
3 the best interest of our county, state and nation
4 that we express our gratitude to our veterans who
5 sacrificed to serve as constant reminders of the
6 high price of the liberty and now, therefore, be it
7 resolved in recognition of services rendered by our
8 veterans, we the Board of Commissioners and the City
9 of Trenton and the Board of Commissioners of Dade
10 County, Georgia in the state of Georgia do hereby
11 proclaim the month of November and specifically
12 Friday, November 11th, 2011, as a time to honor
13 all veterans in Dade County and the State of
14 Georgia. Give them a good hand. I appreciate all
15 of y'all.

16 This is our regularly scheduled meeting
17 of the Dade County Commission which takes place at
18 the same time on the first Thursday of every month.
19 Proper notice of this meeting was given in the legal
20 organ of Dade County and has been posted in the
21 hallway of the Administration Building. At this
22 time I need a roll call. Mr. Smith?

23 MR. SMITH: Here.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Cervelli?

25 MR. CERVELLI: Here.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

2 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

4 MR. GOFF: Here.

5 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

6 Mitchell, do you want to start with your report,

7 district commissioner report?

8 MR. SMITH: Yeah. The only thing is I
9 want to talk about the ambulance service. The
10 contract is being worked on. It will hopefully be
11 ready in about two weeks to sign and have it with
12 Puckett which is being worked out, the final
13 details. There will be some -- as usual, we'll go
14 back and forth. One group look at it, the next
15 group and get all the language and stuff
16 satisfactory. Like I said, in about two weeks it
17 will be ready and it will be for two 24-hour service
18 ambulances and that's all I've got.

19 MR. RUMLEY: In our next meeting we will
20 be able to really give details, but that's pretty
21 much hitting the high points anyway. Scottie?

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

23 MR. RUMLEY: Robert?

24 MR. GOFF: Did Scottie yield his time
25 to me?

1 MR. PITTMAN: To you, not Peter.

2 MR. GOFF: I would like to talk. I
3 usually talk about the parks and recreation. I
4 would like to recognize all three of the rec league
5 football teams in Dade County. That is the seven
6 and eight-year-old, nine and ten-year-old and 11 and
7 12-year-old all made the playoffs. They would have
8 been playing tonight in one of those playoff games,
9 but the rain hampered that. They'll be playing
10 Saturday instead. If they continue and win, they'll
11 go to what they call the Super Bowl next Tuesday, so
12 everything has been moved because of the weather,
13 but that's great for them.

14 Also, our middle school the other night
15 defeated Heritage Middle School for the North
16 Georgia championship of middle schools. So a lot of
17 good things happening. Our high school will play
18 their last game tomorrow night against Coosa, or
19 their tenth game of the year, not the last game, but
20 the last of the year.

21 I've had several people ask, as maybe
22 other commissioners have, about some of the
23 apartments and different buildings in the county
24 that have gone since April 27th and still not
25 anything done, but I'm glad to report that the

1 Mountain View Apartments, that's the ones over in my
2 neighborhood in Glenbrook. They have moved in.
3 They've moved dumpsters in. I talked with a
4 gentleman there this morning. He said he was
5 waiting on the demolition crew to begin gutting
6 those apartments out and hopefully they're going to
7 be back. They're building those back. He said it
8 would be several months, but that's positive to get
9 us some more apartment rooms here in our county and
10 city.

11 Also, we talked about regional
12 partnerships and this thing that Alex talked about
13 earlier. We attended a meeting the other day in
14 Hamilton County. I just wanted to tell you
15 something that Peter actually said a while ago, too.
16 The regional things are a way for counties to save a
17 lot of money and I commend the counties that brought
18 these ideas up and bring them to each other because
19 it is a great way to save money. We're doing all
20 that we can to get ourselves involved. I know
21 the -- Alex could explain it much better than I can,
22 but the radios and all that we have now that we
23 heard about, when the storms came in April, a guy
24 the other day in Atlanta said that when all the cell
25 phones were gone, that was working great. So we

1 have a lot to owe to that relationship that we have
2 with other counties outside of Dade County.

3 But a lot of the focus there was on
4 jobs and the way different commissioners and mayors
5 from cities and counties around about. It wasn't
6 where the jobs were going, if they went to Hamilton
7 County because we know that Dade County, Catoosa,
8 Walker, Dekalb County, Jackson County, Marion
9 County, a lot of people outside those counties work
10 somewhere else. So I would just like you to keep
11 those things in your heart and your prayers as they
12 continue and we continue to try to bring jobs into
13 our area, not necessarily for our city and county.
14 That would be our first hope, but in the area for
15 people.

16 The last thing, someone called me today
17 and wanted me to bring it up. I don't know that
18 this is the venue for it, but it is the tax. People
19 have understood that the taxes that we're paying on
20 our homes and things are taxes that were levied on
21 January 1st of this year. But as we know, the
22 tornadoes -- six months have past now, but a lot of
23 the property values and things -- what this guy
24 wanted me to find out -- and if you've ever been to
25 a class and I know that most of us have, going to

1 the class on taxation and assessment is like taking
2 a little bit of karate. You know just enough to get
3 a good whooping from the first guy that picks on
4 you.

5 So we learned just enough to kind of
6 scratch the surface of it, but what is going to
7 happen to land, not homes, not home places, but what
8 is going to happen to land in the taxation coming,
9 so that's something that we'll be trying to find out
10 over the next few days through the Assessor's Office
11 if that part ever changes with the trees that are
12 missing and the landscape itself being so changed.

13 So just bear with us and we'll try to
14 find that out and see if there will indeed be any
15 changes. Thank you for your time, Scottie.

16 MR. PITTMAN: You're welcome.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Mr. Cervelli?

18 MR. CERVELLI: Thank you. You know,
19 just on the apartment question, there's an
20 application in with the state to build senior
21 apartments on the south side of Trenton and that
22 application is making its way through the process
23 right now. It will be about between 50 and 60
24 apartments. If the application is approved and it
25 gets funded through the complex Department of

1 Community Affairs process, that will take about two
2 years to build those things, but we're in desperate
3 need for senior citizens and low income housing. So
4 there's been a small glitch, but that's been worked
5 on today. That may get solved, we hope, by
6 tomorrow, but that's hopefully a bright spot in the
7 apartment question.

8 Let's get to the exciting information
9 about our finances. Local option sales tax for
10 October, we collected \$180,738, which is very good.
11 That's in comparison of about \$155,000 last October.
12 That's about a 16 percent increase. And we've seen
13 a little bit of increase over September, small, but
14 the real issue here -- the real question, real good
15 news is there really is a positive trend. It's
16 really remarkable in sales tax. It's holding. It's
17 real. If it will continue, I don't know, but we're
18 doing fairly well. I don't know if that's an
19 indication of local economy or whatever it is, but
20 sales tax collections have been quite good recently
21 and we've collected about a million six so far for
22 this calendar year.

23 The same is true for S.P.L.O.S.T. We
24 collected 225,000, about \$226,000 in S.P.L.O.S.T and
25 we got very conservative with that and we only

1 estimated our budgets on \$185,000. So with moving
2 our budget expectations back about six or seven
3 months ago, some of these additional expenses for
4 EMS, etc., we're better off. We're a little
5 healthier than we -- we're making about \$30,000 a
6 month more in S.P.L.O.S.T than we anticipated. So
7 that's good news and I don't know why. I really
8 don't.

9 In terms of our budget for this year,
10 we've got the new budget numbers in. We've amended
11 all the budgets down, as you're well aware. We
12 approved that. We're about 25 percent through the
13 new fiscal year. I looked at all the individual
14 departments and everyone is doing very well under
15 the new restricted reduced budgets. We're doing
16 pretty good, every department. And even the
17 sheriff, him having to give up the most, he's doing
18 pretty well, too. I spoke with him earlier today.
19 We always check with him first because he's got most
20 of the money, not really, but a good hunk of it
21 anyway.

22 In terms of 25 percent of the year, our
23 revenues are up about 18 percent, expenses about
24 30 percent. We take FEMA costs, as we best
25 understand that, and we look at it from a point of

1 view, about 11 percent revenue attained and about
2 22, 23 percent expenses. So we still have the FEMA
3 problem to deal with. It hasn't gone away. About a
4 \$600,000 payback before it's said and done. Alex is
5 talking -- Alex, is that right, about 600 grand in
6 terms of what the impact is going to be still?
7 That's not gone away, but we're still in better
8 shape than we would have been if we hadn't gone
9 through that whole budget reduction process.

10 The only other things I would like to
11 do are local event kind of things. There's a West
12 Brow dinner tonight, fundraiser, so everybody after
13 this meeting, get up, drive up to West Brow, have
14 some cake, dessert, leave a little money in the boot
15 for a nice good dinner and a good cause, so please
16 come up there and join us tonight.

17 The other thing I was going to do, and
18 I think Lockhart is gone, is there are a bunch of
19 veterans stuff coming up shortly. This -- I think
20 this Friday night, all veterans are invited to
21 attend a football game and to be recognized when the
22 flag is being raised. So if you can do that, that's
23 a great opportunity. On the 11th, 11/11 9:00 is a
24 free breakfast at the elementary school for
25 veterans. There will be a Dade High School assembly

1 regarding veterans about 9:30. The Blood Assurance
2 will be here that day to collect blood. The main --
3 wreath laying event is at 11 o'clock on Veterans'
4 Square, Veterans' Park over there and then the
5 middle school is going to give free lunch to the
6 veterans at noon. So if you're a veteran on that
7 day, you can eat for free and have a good
8 opportunity.

9 Then the parade is the next day,
10 Veteran's Day parade is on the 12th. Line up at
11 10:00 at Moore's Funeral Home and the parade kicks
12 off at 11:00 and I encourage you if you're not in
13 the parade to come and stand on the side because
14 there have been years where it's been sad to see how
15 many people came to actually be in the parade and
16 very few people to watch them. So --

17 MR. MARSHALL: Yeah. I'm going to put
18 a bus in the parade for senior citizens who don't
19 want to be marching. They can just ride. So we'll
20 have a bus full of seniors.

21 MR. CERVELLI: That's right. World War
22 II veterans, Bill has donated a bus and the World
23 War II vets get to ride in that bus. So if you know
24 any World War II vets, contact the American Legion
25 and get a free ride in that parade. So don't forget

1 the veteran events that are coming up.

2 MR. MARSHALL: Any veteran that's not
3 able to walk.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Korean, too. It's been --
5 September just flew by and here we went into October
6 and it seemed like October didn't even happen. It's
7 been real busy, a lot of things going on with the
8 ambulance. That was a big issue. I've spent a lot
9 of time. Alex has spent hours and hours on it. We
10 want to be sure we made the right decision, right
11 choice because there was some really good companies
12 that bid it. We really feel good about it. I think
13 that you're going to see a change. You're going to
14 see, of course, new faces, new trucks.

15 I did want to mention that they are
16 having a meet and greet. It's actually going to be
17 on the 12th, which will be the same day as our
18 veterans celebration, but it's going to be in here
19 and also in the park introducing themselves.
20 They'll have some of their units set up here where
21 you can see and see who actually the people are.
22 They're Puckett. They're really good people,
23 professional people and I want to try to get
24 everybody out here and see these people because
25 they're going to be with us for three years.

1 They're going to be playing a very important part of
2 our life here in this county because they're the
3 ones that's going to be coming to us or the front
4 people if you have sickness in your family. So try
5 to get out here on the 12th.

6 Alex, what time did they say they're
7 going to actually be here?

8 MR. CASE: They're going to work with
9 the employees, potential county employees applying
10 for jobs in here and work with the veterans day, the
11 firemen's chili cookoff.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. I need to announce
13 that, too. That's that night. Kim, what time does
14 the cookoff start? Actually, you've got people
15 coming in that night. What time?

16 MS. STEPHENS: They're to be there at
17 4:00 p.m.

18 MR. RUMLEY: It starts at 4:00. If
19 you've never been to one of these, you need to
20 really try to come on and try it out. We've got all
21 of our fire departments and they're competing in
22 their chili, who's got the best chili. I think a
23 couple of them try to see whose is the hottest, too.
24 I know one year I had flames coming out of my ears.
25 Try to do that. That's something that's -- it's

1 going to be a big week there, big weekend really.

2 I've met a couple of -- actually I've
3 been to three different meetings trying to get us
4 some more aid on the cleanup of our forestland here,
5 like the land over at the foot of Sand Mountain all
6 the way through where people has lost acres of
7 trees. There may be some money coming down.
8 Hopefully, it will be diverted through our forestry
9 and possibly USDA, but we will stay on that and try
10 to -- we don't have any answers yet, but hopefully
11 by the end of this month or our next meeting, I can
12 hopefully give a good report on that. Not only us,
13 but Ringgold, too. Everyone that was through the
14 path of it.

15 We did celebrate an anniversary in
16 October. Diane and I were married 36 years --
17 uh-oh, 37. I messed up. I get that wrong every
18 time. I guess I'm used to telling people I'm 44
19 years old and I did it on camera. That's what's
20 bad. It's going to be a long ride home. I know
21 that.

22 MR. CERVELLI: It seemed like 36.

23 MR. RUMLEY: When we leave here, Buddy
24 Sampson said they're not going to close it. We're
25 going to leave from here and go eat. I know some

1 people that ate.

2 MS. REYNOLDS: It was good.

3 MR. RUMLEY: I know. What did they
4 have?

5 MS. REYNOLDS: Ham, stuffing.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Chicken?

7 MS. REYNOLDS: Yeah, they had some
8 chicken.

9 MR. RUMLEY: So try to get out there.

10 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: It's better than
11 it usually is.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Nothing like being honest.

13 But anyway, that's pretty much what's
14 been going on this month. It's been a real fast
15 month, but it's been a real critical, real fast
16 month, critical month. Just the ambulance thing
17 itself is really important.

18 One other thing I want to touch on real
19 quick, what Peter said, it's kind of hard to
20 understand this sales tax stuff, but if it was not
21 for this interstate through our county because I
22 know I've been in meetings just this past month with
23 these other counties up in the mountain districts
24 that do not have an interstate highway. If you
25 could actually dollar for dollar see where it's

1 coming from, the majority of it is coming off this
2 interstate. These truck stops we have -- of course,
3 Bi-Lo and all is a big contributor, but, you know,
4 being that are buying there are people -- are us,
5 people in this county and Bryant and Flat Rock and
6 all. There's so many people out of work and the
7 majority of that number you're seeing is coming off
8 this interstate. There's no doubt about it. We've
9 got to keep on the ball here over the next months,
10 years and keep on our IDA, JDA to try to bring in
11 some more groups, more industry and if not industry,
12 try to fill these exits up here. It's real
13 critical.

14 MR. CERVELLI: It's interesting. The
15 last numbers I saw said that the State does some
16 analysis on how people spend their money in a county
17 and if a county spends X number of dollars equal to
18 the number of people that are in the county, that's
19 100 percent if you're spending what you should spend
20 for food. In our county, we're 600 percent of what
21 we would normally spend on gasoline in our county,
22 so it's way off the charts on what you would
23 normally expect, 100 percent. We're 600 percent was
24 the last time I saw. So a lot of it is indeed fuel.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Anything you want to add

1 anything, Robert? If not, I'm done on my report.
2 We'll move on down and we've got appearances here,
3 but we've already covered that. Don, go ahead and
4 do your monthly financial report.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: As of October 31st,
6 the general fund has a balance of \$463 -- I'm sorry,
7 \$463,000.

8 MR. RUMLEY: You scared me.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: I thought that doesn't
10 sound right. Thank goodness we have more than \$463.
11 You can strike all that.

12 General fund has a balance of \$463,913;
13 Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$281; Special
14 Sheriff's Fund, 1,483; Drug Abuse Education Fund,
15 93,604; Supplemental Juvenile Service Fund, 20,039;
16 Victim Assistance Fund, 1,570; Jail Fund, 16,753.
17 Federal Asset Fund, Department of Justice, \$3,656;
18 payroll account, \$40,510.

19 In the old S.P.L.O.S.T, we have
20 \$145,751, which we're starting to use that with the
21 jail kitchen project and also the Department of
22 Justice, some of the renovations going on over there
23 over in the old justice building. Well, it's not
24 that old, but anyway, you know what I mean. Project
25 accounts under S.P.L.O.S.T is \$51,916; proceeds

1 account, \$269,202 and construction account, \$19,087.
2 You may note that under proceeds, that was well over
3 \$1 million last month, but we did pay our bonds,
4 which is a good thing. It's hard to accrue for
5 that, but it's important to accrue to pay those bond
6 payments.

7 In your packet right behind the
8 financial statement are the two sheets that look
9 like that. This is the departmental budgets and as
10 Commissioner Cervelli noted, it does look good this
11 month, so far so good. Actual revenues for the
12 month, we only budgeted 334,000 come in. We had
13 605. Some of that is FEMA proceeds as well as --
14 just as collections are up through the Local Option
15 Sales Tax. Collections are up in the tax
16 commissioner's office this year. We've begun to see
17 a bit of that money come in.

18 Insurance, there was an insurance
19 payment in the building and grounds. \$25,000 came
20 in from our insurance company for storm-related
21 damage to the buildings and there is one thing I
22 would like to point out. It's under the jail. It
23 says it's short 7,000, but we have not received the
24 inmate housing money that we get from different
25 parts of the state, so that money probably most

1 likely will come in. It does look like it's \$25,000
2 short, but it's really not. It just hasn't come in
3 yet, according to the monthly budget.

4 And then under expenses, you see really
5 the one that pops out, the -- under building and
6 grounds again, we have the -- that's the expense
7 side where we spent about -- so far about 33,000
8 over and that's -- most of that money, some of it
9 has come in as you saw at the top, 20,000 there for
10 the month and some others came in last fiscal year
11 and we'll have some more as projects are completed.

12 Overall, the expenses for the month,
13 \$646,214. We only budgeted 613, so we were over 32,
14 but again, the revenues were 605,000 versus budgeted
15 334, so we actually had 271,000 come in in addition
16 to what we budgeted. Revenues less expenses for
17 September though is -- was short \$40,776 and
18 revenues less expenses year-to-date is short
19 971,601. That sounds bad, but, again, there's a lot
20 of FEMA expenses associated with that number and
21 it's really nowhere near as bad as it sounds.

22 Revenues attained year-to-date is 18.32
23 percent, expenses attained, 29.69 percent. Thank
24 you.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Don. Any

1 questions for Don? I might add that we have on the
2 juvenile justice, we've been talking about this
3 lease that we've got with them. We finally got
4 finished with that and they're actually moving or
5 did move most of the furniture today, so that's
6 money we'll start receiving probably next month, by
7 the first of next month. That's a good thing, very
8 good. Every little bit helps. That's for sure.

9 The reading of the minutes of the
10 previous month or regular meeting will not be
11 required since all Commissioners have been furnished
12 with copies of the minutes. The minutes are public
13 record and available for review in my office. The
14 minutes are included in our consent agenda. At this
15 time I would like for Mr. Townsend to go over our
16 consent agenda and after that, I will entertain a
17 motion to approve the consent agenda.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: The consent agenda is
19 approval of the agenda for this evening's meeting,
20 approval of previous meeting minutes, approval of
21 the employee head count report, approval of
22 County/City joint proclamation and recognition of
23 Veteran's Day and Veteran's Day for the month and
24 approval of the S.P.L.O.S.T. related project for the
25 Dade/Walker software and lease agreement for the

1 integrated public safety CAD software. I forgot the
2 name of it, so help me out.

3 MR. ROGERS: New World Systems.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: New World, yes. Put
5 that for the record. And also the -- I guess
6 initial approval of an ordinance for public
7 buildings -- to make public buildings and property
8 tobacco free workplace and Dade County government
9 versus just the smoke free. And that will be
10 considered the first reading. There will be a
11 second reading.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or
13 changes? Okay. I'm going to ask first for a motion
14 to approve the monthly financial report as presented
15 by Mr. Townsend. Do I hear a motion for that?

16 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

18 MR. GOFF: Second.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Call a vote.

20 Mr. Cervelli?

21 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

23 MR. GOFF: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

25 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

2 MR. SMITH: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Now I'll entertain a
4 motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by
5 Mr. Townsend.

6 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
7 approve the consent agenda as presented by Don.

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

9 MR. SMITH: Second.

10 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
11 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 Thank you, Don. Good job.

21 Robin, do you have any legal matters
22 that you need to go over with us tonight?

23 MR. ROGERS: No. I have no new legal
24 matters.

25 MR. RUMLEY: No unfinished business.

1 Anyone want to come up tonight and talk to us?
2 We'll give you five minutes or whatever. Got
3 anything you want to talk about? I can't believe
4 Bill Marshall is here and not going to talk to us.
5 If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

6 MR. MARSHALL: What about our Chamber
7 of Commerce?

8 MR. RUMLEY: She gave a report last
9 month, but if she wants to come and talk to us.

10 MS. TINKER: I really don't have a lot
11 to say.

12 MR. RUMLEY: You're at a loss for
13 words?

14 MS. TINKER: Yes, I am.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Debbie Tinker is our
16 executive director of our Chamber of Commerce.

17 MS. TINKER: We did want to thank
18 everybody that came out and participated, all the
19 civic organizations this past weekend at the
20 Halloween event. That was put together by the Dade
21 County Library, Downtown Development, Dade County
22 Chamber of Commerce and the TriState Humane Society
23 and Marshana headed up -- from the library headed up
24 the trick or treat alley and did a phenomenal job
25 there, but everybody really took part and it was

1 very nice.

2 Our Dade County Christmas parade will
3 be coming up December 10th. We would like
4 everybody to start calling the Chamber, making plans
5 for that. The theme is A Christmas to Remember.
6 Anyway, but call and make your reservations, let us
7 know if you're going to have a walking unit,
8 vehicle, float.

9 And another thing I did want to say, we
10 had our rivers alive event and we're over in the
11 flea market parking lot along the creek. 4H had a
12 tremendous number of youth that came out, but we
13 also found some of our county signs there and I have
14 called Georgia DOT and reported those because we
15 noticed our tourism numbers were down some and it's
16 because during the tornadoes, a lot of the signage
17 went down. So I have reported that, but they had
18 one of the welcome center signs and the Cloudland
19 signs laying over there in the parking lot.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Hey, have you got a
21 number? Almost 900 children go through that --

22 MS. TINKER: There was way over 900
23 people there that went through one end. They didn't
24 get the count of the ones that was coming through
25 the other end and that didn't include all the people

1 that put it together and was working. There was
2 over 1,000 there.

3 MR. RUMLEY: It was a good evening.

4 MS. TINKER: Hopefully it will be even
5 bigger next year.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Come on up, Bill.

7 MR. MARSHALL: I've been kind of -- my
8 computer has been closed down. If you're used to
9 getting e-mails and all of a sudden, it's flat, you
10 know what I'm talking about, it's not been too much.
11 I would like to thank you for the help you gave when
12 the little trucks were running through town.

13 MR. RUMLEY: We had a little issue we
14 had to handle. Right now it's handled. I don't
15 know how long it will last, but --

16 MR. MARSHALL: I don't know if you know
17 it, but if you travel 11 much, there's a lot of
18 those trucks hauling chicken feed up on Sand
19 Mountain, so they come all the way down here and
20 turn at the busiest corner in town, which is 136 and
21 11, and then go over the interstate and on up the
22 hill. There would be bunches of them and it got to
23 be where it wasn't fun to drive up and down the road
24 because there was so many of them. They've gone now
25 over to the interstate and going on up that way. If

1 you drive 11 much, you've probably noticed the
2 difference already.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Well, what they were doing
4 also is hitting traffic when school was coming in
5 and out. It's not a big issue to them.

6 MR. MARSHALL: Not a good time. But
7 I've enjoyed my time here and I'm still going to
8 help in more things. I'm trying to get involved
9 again. Peter won't let me back in his group
10 anymore. I'm locked up. I would like to say the
11 ambulance people are great people and I think you've
12 got this connection with the new people, too.

13 But I got -- I went to the doctor to
14 get -- get all my medicine checked to see if any of
15 it was making me ill. Come to find out, while I was
16 there, they found out I was dehydrated and rather
17 than doing something about having me cured, they put
18 me on an ambulance and sent me to the hospital in
19 Chattanooga. I said, can't a doctor here in town
20 give you something for dehydration? Well, no,
21 they're not equipped. But on the way to the
22 hospital, the helper in the ambulance got back there
23 and gave me fluid all the way to the hospital and by
24 the time I got there, I was feeling great. So I
25 would say our ambulance drivers do a good job. I

1 appreciate that, too.

2 And I could think of a lot of things,
3 but my mind don't work that good at times. I
4 started on Peter next.

5 MR. CERVELLI: Mine doesn't work so
6 good either.

7 MR. MARSHALL: Thanks a lot.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Anyone else?
9 If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

10 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

11 MR. RUMLEY: All in favor, say aye.

12 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Meeting adjourned.

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