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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2011

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll call the
2 meeting to order. Before we do that, I'll ask
3 Robert Goff to lead us in prayer and the Pledge.

4 (Thereupon, the invocation and
5 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

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

14 MR. CERVELLI: Here.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

16 MR. GOFF: Here.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

18 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

20 MR. SMITH: Here.

21 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

22 Okay. Move down to the Commissioners' committee
23 members report. Mitchell, do you want to start with
24 you?

25 MR. SMITH: As far as the report, I

1 don't have anything. A lot of it got tabled a while
2 ago, the EMS, the ambulance and stuff, but I guess I
3 would probably be the first, you know, that I could
4 do this, you know. It's that time of year to wish
5 everybody a Merry Christmas. You know, we'll do
6 that and have that done and out of the way because
7 it will be the one time I see part of you. I'll do
8 that, take care of it.

9 This is the close of my first year.
10 You know, it's been a rather eventful year weather
11 wise and I think there was some folks sort of
12 thinking that I brought that about. It wasn't me.
13 It just took place. That power is definitely not
14 here. I won't take no blame for none of that or no
15 credit, either way. That's all I've got.

16 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you,
17 Mr. Smith. Mr. Pittman?

18 MR. PITTMAN: Well, the hot news on
19 Sand Mountain is we have a four-way stop at the
20 intersection of 136 and 301. It's been probably a
21 long time coming. It needed some kind of safety
22 precautions at that intersection. The State has
23 done an extensive study. It was not the County
24 Commission. It wasn't the Sheriff's Department. It
25 was the State DOT. They determined there needed to

1 be a four-way stop. I came by there this evening.
2 There is ample warning, signs up, big flashing light
3 that says always stop ahead. They have rumble
4 strips down. They have signs on the side of the
5 road. So there have been a couple of incidents.
6 Hopefully everybody will get used to it in the next
7 few weeks. Maybe the local radio and newspapers can
8 get the word out. But anyway, if you go through
9 that four-way stop, treat it just like you always
10 have in the past. Stop, look and make sure the
11 other cars are slowing down before you go across 301
12 because you could still get T-boned and cause
13 serious injuries. Now it may give you a false sense
14 of security. But hopefully it won't take very long
15 for people to get used to it and traffic will flow
16 pretty good.

17 I really don't have anything else.
18 Other than like Mitchell said, I hope everybody has
19 a happy holiday. I think we have another special
20 called meeting next week, so we'll probably see
21 y'all then.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Also, we had about 185
23 actually signatures for that -- that lobbied for
24 that four-way stop out there. We had -- they were
25 all from that area, that one area. That was another

1 reason -- those were actually given to the DOT and
2 that helped them make their decision.

3 MR. PITTMAN: There's been several
4 major crashes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Just lately. Just lately
6 we've had some bad wrecks there.

7 MR. PITTMAN: When the sun goes down in
8 the evening and you're trying to cross from 301
9 across the brow, it's almost impossible to see.
10 It's real dangerous.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Robert?

12 MR. PITTMAN: That's Mitchell's fault,
13 too.

14 MR. GOFF: Well, I would like to say
15 Merry Christmas to everybody and Happy Holidays and
16 kind of echo what Mitchell said. It's been an
17 eventful year. It's been a quick year. I don't
18 know where it's gone, but it is December again. I
19 just want to mention a couple of things. I know
20 there's fliers back here and getting the word out.
21 The Dade County Christmas parade will be
22 December 10th and take one of these fliers and
23 please go there.

24 Also, some of the things going on in
25 the county. The Rising Fawn Baptist Church, they'll

1 be having their annual Christmas concert. Get one
2 of those fliers. Also, at our church here at
3 Trenton First Baptist, we're putting on another
4 Robert Goff production. I wrote it, produced it,
5 directed it and starred in it, so you know it's got
6 to be good.

7 MR. RUMLEY: It should be good. You
8 need to come see it.

9 MR. GOFF: That will be on the 17th and
10 18th, Saturday and Sunday. We put it on twice.

11 But just some of the things that are
12 going on in the county, kind of my end on it.
13 Sometimes the State has their hand in little things
14 you don't know about, going on down at the Four
15 Fields in our little playground area over there.
16 They came by and some things that we've got to do
17 for that playground area, some signage we have to
18 have that we haven't had in the past. So that's
19 kind of going on.

20 And that being said, with December
21 passing, we will start another legislature session
22 in the State of Georgia real soon. I was asked
23 again yesterday or I got an e-mail and I did answer
24 it to be the -- bring things to the attention, some
25 of the bills that are going through, bring attention

1 to the people in the county that they will effect as
2 far as officers, but also bringing them to this
3 meeting to show you some of the things that's in the
4 legislature, so you can call your senator and
5 representative who at this time is still Jeff Mullis
6 and Martin Scott. Both of them will be up next year
7 for reelection, but they're the people who are
8 handling our business in the state, so give them a
9 call.

10 Last but not least, maybe Rich won't
11 care. We've been cordially invited, so I'm
12 cordially inviting everybody to the 4H awards
13 ceremony December 6th at the Ag Building. I think
14 they're having prime rib. But the -- really, the 4H
15 and the whole thing has been kind of a sore spot for
16 the last few years in our county since we lost our
17 county agent and I was on the phone many, many times
18 with Greg Price and different ones and they kept,
19 oh, you're in line, you're in line. Well, we have a
20 good man back here that's seeing that it still goes
21 on in Rich Lavalla. So keep this in mind. These
22 kids that are excelling in that, these kids that are
23 doing the things in 4H. Some kids love to do that
24 and it gives them a place because I still remember
25 my days in the 4H Club. So keep these things in

1 mind that's going on in the county because there's a
2 lot to do and a lot to see and a lot to be proud of.
3 Thank you.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Cervelli?

5 MR. CERVELLI: Thank you. We're going
6 to take care of some of the less exciting business
7 than holiday season and Christmas, etc. Let's talk
8 about our local option sales tax for a second. In
9 November we collected about \$174,000, which is in --
10 last year in November we collected \$144,000, so
11 that's actually year over year about a 20 percent
12 increase. However, November was less than October.
13 It was about four percent. So it's actually we've
14 been climbing for several months and now we've
15 dropped back a little bit. This all goes along to
16 say the numbers are still pretty good, but there's
17 no guarantee they're going to stay up. That's why
18 we're extremely cautious. The 174,000 is great, but
19 it is less than we collected for the last several
20 months. So the trend still looks hopeful, but we're
21 very conservative about this.

22 In terms of S.P.L.O.S.T, we've
23 collected \$217,547 in November, which is, again, the
24 same percentages as with L.O.S.T., still 20 percent
25 over last year's month, same month, but lower than

1 it was in October. But we manage our S.P.L.O.S.T
2 very carefully as well, so even though our finances
3 are -- we're very optimistic about our sales tax
4 numbers, there's no guarantees. You know as well
5 how the economy is going and there was a small pull
6 back.

7 In terms of the October county budget,
8 we're 33 percent through our fiscal year. Our
9 revenues so far is about 33 percent revenue
10 collection and that's with -- and with FEMA expenses
11 in there, we've spent about 39 percent of our
12 expenses, so a little ahead on expenses because of
13 FEMA. If you look at the numbers year-to-date,
14 we're negative \$559,000 so far. Of course, we're
15 coming into our big revenue collection period.
16 We're in it right now with property taxes, so that
17 number will change pretty dramatically.

18 Just so you understand that if we did
19 not have to pay for tornado-related expenses, we
20 would probably be positive about 400,000 at this
21 point. So it really has made a difference in the
22 weather-related expenses.

23 In terms of road issues, I would like
24 to say that I've experienced, and you probably have
25 too with some of this rainy weather, that some of

1 our roads seem to get dark on us and I know the
2 County has tried to put some reflectors down to help
3 with that. So you may start seeing that where it's
4 problematic. If you have a concern about a
5 particular road, let us know. We're going to put
6 some of the roads that we know are a problem,
7 especially at night and rainy weather so the road is
8 clear.

9 If you've gone up Burkhalter Gap Road,
10 you've probably seen these new lights up there. We
11 now have new warning lights. There's three of them,
12 a red one as you come up the hill and two warning
13 lights north and south as you approach the
14 intersection. We were very -- Ted could not find a
15 cheap light, so I had to help him find one. No. We
16 coincidentally found one at the same time. We
17 really did. These are solar powered. They're
18 relatively a good deal and they work great through
19 the snowy weather and we will see more of them and
20 need it. We're planning to put some in West Brow
21 where there's some congestion there and so they're
22 very cost effective and there's no power bill. So
23 I'm very excited about that. There should be some
24 additional signage, too, that goes along with that.

25 The other thing, hopefully Ted will

1 talk a little bit more about it, we've had railroad
2 issues here blocking our Industrial Park, cars and
3 trucks cannot get into that Industrial Park. It was
4 very bad this week. There was a train break down, I
5 guess, was the cause and given that it was in the
6 city, there wasn't much the county could do about it
7 because there is no city ordinance related to
8 blocking intersections. The City Commission --
9 Robert Goff, I know, called one of the city
10 commissioners. I've talked to the City
11 Commissioners. It will be -- an ordinance will be
12 on their agenda for this month for December. They
13 will retake up that issue. They have an ordinance
14 and they told me they will discuss it and hopefully
15 vote on it, so we can put some teeth in the railroad
16 issue.

17 In terms of events, last month we
18 invited everybody up to West Brow for dinner. This
19 month we're going to invite everybody up to New
20 Salem and they're going to have a community
21 Christmas event that's set Friday -- no,
22 December 4th, this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the
23 Community Center and it's put on by the New Salem
24 United Methodist Church and New Salem Baptist
25 Church. It's refreshments and you've probably seen

1 it in the newspaper, refreshments and fellowship, so
2 if you can make that, that would be great. And
3 also, there's a men's luncheon at the Trenton United
4 Methodist Church at noon. So this is a busy time of
5 the year and I do wish you all a merry and blessed
6 Christmas and Happy New Year if I don't see you.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Peter. Those
8 signs should be in next week. We do have signs that
9 go with the lights and we also have two more of the
10 caution lights ordered for down where the fire hall,
11 where trucks are coming out, where that store was
12 at.

13 MR. CERVELLI: In West Brow.

14 MR. RUMLEY: And also we're going to
15 put up probably a red flashing light at the foggy
16 area in New Home. We were going to see how these
17 things are going to work out. I think they're going
18 to work out great. They have a five-year warranty
19 on them, 24 hours a day, seven days a week and
20 they've got an unconditional guarantee for five
21 years. That's hard to believe. They are solar
22 powered. They're not costing us anything. They
23 were a little bit over \$500 apiece.

24 The signals that we'd been pricing just
25 to go across the road, plus you would have a power

1 bill on them, they were like around 8,000 to \$9,000
2 just for the unit themselves and then we would have
3 a regular power bill. So this has worked out real
4 good and they're bright. They're brighter than I
5 thought they would be. They use them on helicopters
6 like Erlanger, the same brand they use on some of
7 their landing areas up there. So, you know, we got
8 a good deal. I feel good about it.

9 Talking about this past month though,
10 Robert and I, we went to a meeting down in Paulding
11 County the first part of the month. It was really a
12 good meeting. A lot of commissioners throughout
13 northern Georgia was there and, of course, the big
14 issue is how everybody was broke and the revenues
15 were down. It was a good meeting, good fellowship.

16 Also we attended a meeting over at -- I
17 guess it was the next day over at Lafayette. They
18 had the Cattlemen Association invite us over. They
19 do this once a year. It's pertaining to FFA and
20 also the 4H. The young people actually sponsored
21 it. It's really a good meeting, you know. It's
22 just to get the political and the business end of
23 the county, you know, involved in these young people
24 and these groups, you know. We had a lot of young
25 people there when they finished -- you know, it was

1 on a school morning, so they had to head to school.
2 It was about an hour I guess it lasted. It was well
3 worth going over there. So we had all the -- Bebe
4 Heiskell and all of our chief officials, elected
5 officials and commissioners.

6 The train problem, we've really got --
7 we've talked about this for six months, I guess, but
8 it's come down to the point we've really got a
9 problem with them. We have an ordinance that we
10 passed, which an ordinance is a law and hopefully
11 the City will pass a similar ordinance, but I've
12 talked to a couple other counties in the area. I'm
13 not going to call their name, but they -- one is in
14 Alabama and what they actually came to to get the
15 railroad's attention and I know Scottie works for
16 the railroad, but is, you know, they actually fined
17 them through the fining process and, of course,
18 fining and collecting with the railroad is two
19 different things and they kind of ignored it.

20 And so in ninety days, from what I
21 understood, it happened again and the train was on
22 the track over an hour and so they went and actually
23 arrested the engineer. So that kind of got their
24 attention. Since then they've really worked closely
25 with these people. I hope we don't have to do that,

1 you know, especially in the city. Because what it's
2 doing, it's shutting the whole end of Industrial
3 Park down. You've got trucks lined up on this side
4 of the entry going in and you've got loads that are
5 loading out and they sit there for an hour at a time
6 and it's really killing them. And plus the
7 emergency vehicles. You know, even though you could
8 go around and come back on 136, a trailer can't make
9 the turn, but just a few minutes could cost someone
10 their life. That's really the big issue.

11 We will report on this at every meeting
12 because it's really coming to a head, especially
13 when the City has to go -- because we're serious
14 about it and I think the City is. We've just got to
15 make that point to the railroad.

16 MR. CERVELLI: If you can't arrest the
17 engineer, we should hold Scottie hostage.

18 MR. RUMLEY: No. Scottie will come --

19 MR. PITTMAN: I've got a list of names
20 of people that need arresting.

21 MR. RUMLEY: I mentioned this at our
22 last meeting, too, the Department of Juvenile
23 Justice finally they're moving in over here. We did
24 finally finish that deal. We should be getting a
25 check from them this month. No, they start paying

1 rent in January. That's good news. They'll be good
2 tenants and hopefully they'll be there for a long
3 time.

4 Robert has already mentioned the
5 Christmas parade. You know, you need to try to come
6 out and if you don't want to be in it, try to at
7 least be on the side of the road and really support
8 our Chamber. Are you jointly doing it with them?

9 MS. TINKER: The Chamber does the
10 parade itself. Christmas in the Park is -- and the
11 Chamber helps decorate.

12 MR. RUMLEY: If you don't care, when
13 you come up, just explain what's going to happen
14 that night. We've got the parade and then what
15 happens. It's a big thing. It's really nice.

16 Other than that, you know, we've
17 been -- as always, all of us, we really keep a close
18 eye on our expenditures on all departments and
19 that's what it takes, you know. We've got to think
20 of this just like you spend your money at home, even
21 more so. I worry more about this than I do my own
22 account. I worry about that.

23 Yeah, the end of the third year and
24 here we are and I couldn't ask for a better group of
25 men to work with. Every one of these guys right

1 here are good people. Of course, Mitchell, just got
2 to know him this year. I've known him all my life.
3 We appreciate you, you know, stepping up to the
4 plate here.

5 Anyone got anything else they want to
6 add to?

7 MR. GOFF: Just looking at that camera
8 reminds me, if anybody goes looking for that prime
9 rib, you better bring it with you.

10 MR. RUMLEY: I was wondering if you
11 were going to say that because you told a lot of
12 people. They would be lined up.

13 MR. GOFF: They'll be lined up with a
14 fork.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Not only do I appreciate
16 our commissioners, but I appreciate all our people
17 because we don't -- it's just something. To live
18 here in Dade County, it's just really a privilege to
19 be here. I've lived here all my life. I wouldn't
20 trade it for anything, but people, it's just an
21 honor to be here.

22 Okay. Move on down the list here.
23 Don? I want to put the appearances -- because we
24 don't really have anyone on our appearances on the
25 agenda, but I'll ask Debbie, if you'll come up here

1 at the end.

2 Don, if you want to go ahead and go
3 through the financial statement.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: As of November 30, 2011,
5 the general fund had a balance of \$349,095; Federal
6 Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$279; Sheriff's Special
7 Fund, \$1,483; Drug Abuse Education Fund, \$90,086;
8 Supplemental Juvenile Service Fund, \$20,172; Victim
9 Assistance Fund, \$1,994; Jail Fund, \$19,807; Federal
10 Asset Fund, Department of Justice, \$3,654; payroll
11 account, \$136,470.

12 Principal and interest account for
13 S.P.L.O.S.T was \$137,291. Project account for
14 S.P.L.O.S.T, 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T is \$206,897. Proceeds
15 account is \$294,836. Construction account is
16 \$19,095. I haven't had a lot of activity in the
17 fire department S.P.L.O.S.T, but we did have the
18 payments for New Salem, South Dade and Trenton.
19 Each were about \$49,000 and there are two remaining
20 payments on their fire trucks.

21 As of October, revenues less expenses
22 for October total \$400,704. Revenues less expenses
23 year-to-date was short \$559,153, but as Commissioner
24 Cervelli noted, a lot of that is the expense
25 associated with FEMA disaster relief and cleanup and

1 with that said, we will -- with the budget amendment
2 meeting that we will be passing at the special
3 called meeting, the numbers would have reflected
4 revenues less expenses for the same time period
5 \$400,704, but revenues less expenses year-to-date
6 will be -- which would be positive instead of
7 negative. So the proceeds will be coming in for
8 FEMA once we get the final checks sent out for the
9 debris cleanup and they're negotiated at the banks.

10 Actual October 31st year-to-date --
11 I'm sorry, actual -- let's just start over. Cancel
12 all that on that court reporting stuff.

13 As of October 31st, 2011, the actual
14 revenues collected was \$1,201,258. The year-to-date
15 was \$2,780,694 and the actual expenses for that time
16 frame was \$800,553 and for year-to-date was
17 \$3,339,845.

18 Just so you're aware, the final
19 deadline for tax payment in Dade County, I believe,
20 is December 20th. So I know I've got to pay mine
21 this week. That concludes the financial report.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Don.
23 Any questions for Don? If not, I'll entertain a
24 motion to approve the financial report as submitted
25 by Don Townsend, our chief financial officer.

1 MR. GOFF: I make a motion we approve
2 the financial report as read.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I have a vote. Do
4 I have a second?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

6 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
7 Cervelli?

8 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

10 MR. GOFF: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

12 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

14 MR. SMITH: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

16 Robin, do you have anything that you need to go over
17 with us as far as legal, any legal issues we may not
18 know about, need to know about or anything?

19 MR. ROGERS: No.

20 MR. RUMLEY: That's good. That's a
21 good thing. Unfinished business, new business,
22 we've already discussed that. The reading of the
23 minutes of the previous month's regular meeting will
24 not be required since all commissioners have been
25 furnished with copies in advance. The minutes are

1 public record and available for review in the county
2 executive's office. The minutes are included in the
3 consent agenda. I would like to ask Don to go over
4 the consent agenda and then I will entertain a
5 motion to approve the consent agenda.

6 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. The North --
7 board appointments for the Northwest Georgia Joint
8 Development Authority was Fred Stephens for, I
9 believe, a four-year term, Northwest Georgia Region
10 One Counsel, reappointment of Mr. Alex Case for a
11 two-year term, reappointment to the Dade County
12 Water and Sewer Authority Board, District Four,
13 Mr. Dennis Watson for a four-year term. The
14 Ordinance Number 12-01-11 Tobacco Free Buildings and
15 designation of smoking areas as amended was placed
16 on the consent agenda as well as Ordinance Number
17 01-05 for Alcohol Beverage Control Board as the
18 first reading on and the approval of the sale or
19 disposition of county property located on Back
20 Valley Road for the bid of \$8,000 submitted by, I
21 believe it was, Trenton Telephone for -- was placed
22 on the consent agenda. I believe that's it.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or
24 anything to add? If not, I'll entertain a motion to
25 approve the consent agenda as presented.

1 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
2 approve the consent agenda.

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

4 MR. SMITH: Second.

5 MR. GOFF: I'll second.

6 MR. RUMLEY: I'll give that to
7 Mitchell. I'll call a vote. Mr. Cervelli?

8 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

10 MR. GOFF: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

12 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

14 MR. SMITH: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

16 Debbie, do you want to come on up and
17 I'll see if anyone else wants to talk to us tonight.
18 Talk to us about Christmas.

19 MR. GOFF: Mr. Chairman, while she's
20 coming up, he did step out. I was hoping that
21 Mr. Tobin, if you haven't met our new
22 superintendent, he was here. I wish we would have
23 recognized him at our work session. I thought he
24 would stay, the tall gentleman with the black kind
25 of sweater on, that's our new superintendent and I

1 will thank him for showing up. I already have, but
2 that was our new school superintendent. Nice guy.

3 MS. TINKER: Well, the parade is going
4 to be on December 10th and it's coming together
5 very well. We've had over twenty floats, I think,
6 to register already and we're hoping everyone will
7 continue to register. This year you will enter at
8 the church, Calvary Baptist Church and it will come
9 around and leave from City Hall like we did last
10 year. That way we're hoping not to block any of the
11 businesses. Last year, you know, we had to turn the
12 parade in a matter of minutes. And it will run from
13 City Hall around and back up towards Gill. We'll
14 come out there at 6:00, but we're asking everybody
15 to line up at 5:00 and -- except for the band, the
16 antique cars, the grand marshal and then everyone
17 will line up as you come in rather than have a
18 designated number.

19 MR. RUMLEY: What are you going to do
20 if the train blocks it? Have you got a rain date?

21 MS. TINKER: Well, talking about
22 trains, one was out there for an hour and a half
23 today. Then this afternoon, this evening when I
24 left there a while ago, there was one.

25 MR. RUMLEY: It's getting to be bad.

1 MS. TINKER: Really bad. Now you
2 messed up my train of thought. I've even been
3 afraid of that. I don't know. We will actually --
4 Santa will still make an arrival. We're trying to
5 fix it where rather than Santa having to come all
6 the way back from the funeral home and people will
7 start moving out and everything, Santa will appear
8 right after he passes the courthouse over here at
9 the gazebo.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Is he just going to make a
11 detour and come right on over, right?

12 MS. TINKER: No children in here? The
13 Downtown Development is planning a lot of events in
14 the park. We're going to try to have some music. I
15 believe Mr. Goff is going to read the Christmas
16 story for us and so far we haven't found live
17 animals for a manger. If anyone has any, you might
18 want to call Peter Cervelli here.

19 MR. CERVELLI: I have the hay.

20 MS. TINKER: You do have the hay. But
21 we've been making some plans tonight. There will be
22 a lot of decorations out there this year and we just
23 hope everybody will come out. You know, a lot of
24 people have gone through a lot of hardship this year
25 and it doesn't take money to have a nice Christmas.

1 We can all make floats, have the kids enjoy that. I
2 know I did when I was a child, so I just hope
3 everybody will come on out. Thank you.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. We appreciate
5 what you do. I appreciate your husband for putting
6 up with you.

7 MS. TINKER: What?

8 MR. RUMLEY: Nothing. Okay. Anyone
9 want to come up and talk to us tonight? Feel free.
10 Five minutes, ten minutes?

11 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: I just want to
12 say I appreciate every one of you up here. I feel
13 like that you've done the best that you could do
14 under the circumstances of everything that has come
15 up since you've been on the board and I just want to
16 appreciate you. That's all. I don't talk a whole
17 lot, but I do want to shake hands with you.

18 MR. RUMLEY: We appreciate you. We
19 appreciate you attending our meeting, you and your
20 wife.

21 MR. CERVELLI: You're going to get the
22 award, both of you for being -- Joann, too.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone else want to say
24 anything to us tonight? We do have Rich back there,
25 Rich Lavalla. He's our county agent now, interim,

1 and I think he's doing a great job. I think he's
2 really took the, as the old saying goes, the bull by
3 the horns and he's going with it. I appreciate it.
4 We all do.

5 MR. LAVALLA: I appreciate all of you
6 guys. Well, if I could share something with you
7 guys. It's the Christmas season and one of the
8 things that I did learn at 4H when I first started
9 there, let me start by saying this, you guys have
10 heard of the Sadducees, the Pharisees and Scribes.
11 The scribes were the note taker. They reported the
12 news. The difference between a Sadducee and a
13 Pharisee, does anybody know the difference between a
14 Sadducee and a Pharisee?

15 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Pharisees are
16 the good ones.

17 MR. LAVALLA: The Pharisees are the
18 good ones because they believed in the resurrection
19 and the Sadducees didn't believe in the
20 resurrection. That's why they're sad you see. But
21 they were always testing the Lord saying what is the
22 greatest commandment? The great commandment is to
23 love our God with all our heart, mind, soul and
24 strength, to love our neighbors as ourselves and
25 coming aboard 4H and learning our 4H pledge, which

1 is we pledge our head for clearer thinking, our
2 heart to greater loyalty, our hands for larger
3 service and our health for better living for our
4 club, our community, our country and our world and
5 when you look at the two, how close and similar they
6 are. You know, I truly believe the person that
7 wrote that was a Christian. And just to remind
8 yourselves that this time of year it's not about all
9 the gifts, but what we can do for our community, for
10 each other and I'm just happy to be in this town and
11 seeing everybody come together and work as one and
12 I'll get you the animals. Okay.

13 MR. RUMLEY: He was putting a guilt
14 trip on you.

15 MR. LAVALLA: We'll get you some
16 animals. I know a guy.

17 MR. RUMLEY: He's got connections.

18 MR. LAVALLA: We've got some
19 connections.

20 MR. CERVELLI: They're not coming from
21 New York, are they?

22 MR. RUMLEY: We appreciate you, Rich.
23 We really do.

24 MR. LAVALLA: Thank you, guys.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Is there anyone

1 else that wants to talk to us tonight? I appreciate
2 all of y'all being here. Have a Merry Christmas.
3 Try to come to the Christmas parade. Robin, we
4 appreciate you. She gets paid, so she gets the big
5 bucks.

6 Oh, the telescope, I forgot about that.
7 We've got a fellow out in the park tonight from up
8 at the north end. He's got an observatory set up
9 out there, a large telescope. We have arranged for
10 them to cut the lights off in the park. What time
11 is he going to be there? Until like 11:00?

12 MS. WALLACE: He just said until 8:00,
13 but there was a crowd out there.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Hopefully we can make this
15 kind of a thing maybe monthly or maybe even weekly.
16 It's up to him. It would be pretty interesting.
17 You can probably see further into space than you've
18 ever seen. Try to go out there.

19 MR. SMITH: Whatever that word is that
20 she tried to -- in the paper, the -- I can't even
21 pronounce it much less --

22 MR. RUMLEY: That's a Robin word.

23 MS. WALLACE: I think you're talking
24 about --

25 MR. RUMLEY: We use that all the time

1 in Rising Fawn. Do you mean y'all don't use that?
2 I appreciate all of you being here. I'll go ahead
3 and entertain a motion to adjourn.

4 MR. CERVELLI: So moved.

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

6 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Meeting adjourned.

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9 END OF MEETING
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