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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2012

1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call
2 the meeting to order. Before our meeting starts, as
3 always, I would like to ask Robert Goff to lead us
4 in the Pledge and also in prayer.

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

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

16 MR. SMITH: Here.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Cervelli?

18 MR. CERVELLI: Here.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

20 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

22 MR. GOFF: Here.

23 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

24 Okay. Move down to our district
25 commissioner's committee reports. Mitchell, we'll
start with you.

1 MR. SMITH: I hope everyone had a
2 wonderful Christmas and New Year's started off fine
3 for you, everything is going fine. I do have sort
4 of a statement here. The best way to deter crime or
5 whatever is neighbor watching out for neighbor. You
6 need to help take care of each other. If you see
7 something suspicious going on, take note, you know,
8 put it in your memory where you need it for recall.

9 I say that to say this, if you see
10 anybody here in the next week or so, a neighbor,
11 friend, somebody coming around offering to sell you
12 some dwarf Spruces, miniature Spruce Christmas
13 trees, sort of question where they come from.
14 Trenton First Baptist has done some recent
15 landscaping and we're missing a few. Okay. So just
16 sort of help watch out. If your neighbor all of a
17 sudden has a few miniature Christmas trees in their
18 yard, you know, let the Trenton City Police know.
19 They've been notified, or the Sheriff's Department.

20 MR. RUMLEY: I thought y'all just sat
21 them out there to pick up, Mitchell. I'm sorry.

22 MR. SMITH: The best thing is neighbor
23 watching out for neighbor. I mean, if they'll take
24 it out of a church yard, neighbor watch out for
25 neighbors. That's all I can say.

1 MR. RUMLEY: When did that happen?

2 MR. SMITH: During the last week or so.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Last week or so. Man.

4 MR. SMITH: They apparently got one and
5 decided they would come back and get some more.

6 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Buddy, I think
7 I saw your truck down there.

8 MR. GOFF: We know it wasn't anybody
9 from church because none of us work that hard.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie, do you have
11 anything?

12 MR. PITTMAN: No, I don't have
13 anything.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Robert?

15 MR. GOFF: I don't have a lot. I would
16 like to wish everybody a happy new year as we begin
17 one. As I mentioned in prayer earlier, I think, you
18 know, for a lot of years to come, we will judge 2011
19 by what we went through as a community and most of
20 you here almost every day on an ongoing basis that I
21 hope we never go through it again and that would
22 echo for every one of us, but thankful to be here
23 and to be back and do as well as we have.

24 A couple of things and I think next
25 Tuesday, if memory serves me right, the fine folks

1 will go back to Atlanta and take up their jobs,
2 keeping an eye on things. As I say every year, the
3 bills that are going through the Senate, through the
4 Legislature, things that will effect you as a
5 taxpayer, you as a citizen, some of the
6 constitutional offices here, things that will happen
7 concerning land and taxes and assessments because we
8 don't know what's going to happen. There will be a
9 list of them a mile long.

10 Somebody the other day had put
11 something on Facebook about one that's happening in
12 2013 banning mattress companies from being able to
13 use old mattress material to make new mattresses.
14 And you think, well, why would a law have to be
15 passed to ban something like that, but obviously
16 it's happening somewhere and just things. They may
17 be things that we think are crazy and sometimes,
18 believe me, they are, but these are some of the
19 things though. That will begin in a few days.

20 And with that being said, this coming
21 year will be an election year for many, many people
22 throughout our state, our representative, our
23 senators, three of us on this board and two of
24 our -- three of our school board members will be up
25 for election, President of the United States, a lot

1 to be -- I think if we spend as much time praying
2 about it as we do probably complaining about it,
3 we'd make a lot better, a lot more informed
4 decisions. But those are some things coming. The
5 only other thing, I'm pretty sure I'm right on this
6 based on the last game, our girls are -- high school
7 girls basketball team is still undefeated going into
8 the last few weeks here in their season. They're to
9 be commended for a very great job that they're
10 doing. Also, our boys are having a good season, but
11 they have had some losses.

12 But if you see any of those girls or
13 know them, their parents, congratulate them because
14 it's saying a lot to be this far in the season and
15 still be undefeated in this region that we play in
16 and the schools outside the region that they play.
17 So they're doing very good. Thank you.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. Peter
19 Cervelli?

20 MR. CERVELLI: Let me also add my Happy
21 New Year to all of you. I'm glad 2011 is over. It
22 was a trying year for my family, I'll tell you that,
23 besides what we had to deal with here in this
24 community. So I look forward to this being a great
25 year for everyone. I hope that's true.

1 The tree issue, just so you know, Tree
2 City has ordered several thousand seedlings and
3 trees to be given away for those that signed up for
4 them and they're free. They've started to come in.
5 So those of you that signed up down at City Hall for
6 some of these seedlings, you'll probably be getting
7 phone calls that some of the trees are in and those
8 have not been taken from the church. So just to be
9 clear about that, they come from a legitimate
10 source.

11 If we go to our perennial discussion
12 about finances, our tax, sales tax collection for
13 Local Options Sales Tax for December, we collected
14 about \$170,000 versus about \$144,000 last December.
15 So that's a pretty significant increase year over
16 year for the same month. That's about almost
17 17 percent growth. You know, but there's also a
18 shadow, too. December's collections were less than
19 November's collections, down about three percent
20 and, in fact, it's probably the lowest taxes that
21 we've collected since maybe March of 2011. So
22 they're still good, but better than 2010, which was
23 a terrible year, but still reasons to be cautious.

24 We've probably collected about
25 \$2 million, not quite, in L.O.S.T. tax for the year.

1 That's about ten percent more than we did in 2010.
2 So that's the L.O.S.T. revenue for our county. And
3 that's the calendar year.

4 For S.P.L.O.S.T, we collected \$211,655
5 and, again, that's about 17 percent more than we
6 collected last December and so our S.P.L.O.S.T at
7 least is going better than we had anticipated, not
8 great, but better than we anticipated.

9 In terms of our budget, November, we're
10 discussing November's budget today and that takes us
11 to about 42 percent of our fiscal year. Next time
12 we talk about December, it will take us right
13 through half of our fiscal year. We attained about
14 42.7 percent of expenses. Again, we've attained
15 42.7 percent of the year. Our revenue is 42.7
16 percent and our expenses are 44.16 percent. We're
17 negative about \$121,000 as of November. If this had
18 not been a tornado year, just to keep it clear, we'd
19 probably be positive about \$700,000 at this point in
20 the year. So that's almost an \$800,000 swing as a
21 result of what we've had to experience.

22 The only other thing I want to say is
23 we've got some of those blinking lights up on
24 Lookout Mountain. If you've experienced some of the
25 fog over the -- recently, I think you've noticed

1 that those lights have done a nice job coming across
2 near Burkhalter Gap when the fog has been pretty
3 heavy. Clearly a lot of us know where the road is
4 approximately anyway, but for somebody who doesn't,
5 it really has made a difference. Those warning
6 lights are back ordered.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Two weeks. It will be two
8 weeks.

9 MR. CERVELLI: I know we've been
10 installing some more in West Brow and other places.
11 That's all I have.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Peter.

13 December has been a really busy month,
14 I know, for all of us. I do want to wish you a
15 Happy New Year like all the other commissioners, but
16 we started this year with our new ambulance service
17 and that's a big thing. It's something you hope you
18 never have to call, but if you do, you want it to be
19 a professional group that will come to your aid and
20 we really -- the last week or so, last few days,
21 they've been really busy. The transition went over
22 real smoothly and we feel good about it. So, you
23 know, you'll see the new ambulances, you know, in
24 your districts and if you see these people in the
25 restaurant, go up and talk to them. It's really a

1 good group of people, not saying that Lifeguard
2 wasn't, but these people are here to stay. They're
3 here throughout their contract. So feel free to go
4 up in a restaurant if you see them. They're glad to
5 be here. They're going to be part of our community.

6 The 4H, we went to an award banquet. I
7 mentioned that at the work session a while ago.
8 Rich, you know, he's here tonight, the fellow I was
9 talking about taking it by the reins and actually
10 making things happen. Is Ms. Black or any of your
11 people here that work with you?

12 MR. LAVALLA: They're not.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Anyway, he's got
14 two ladies that work with him. We're really proud
15 to have Rich on board over there. He comes to every
16 one of our meetings. If you've got any questions
17 about the 4H program or his job, feel free to go up
18 and talk to him. He's a local Dade County person,
19 lives out on Sand Mountain. I won't give them your
20 home number, Rich, or address. We do appreciate
21 you.

22 We attended a couple of meetings this
23 month, first of the month. We went to a meeting
24 pertaining to our L.O.S.T. taxes, which is our local
25 revenue tax and also went to a Department of Revenue

1 meeting for some new tax laws and tax -- different
2 tax laws that are coming down the pipe and pretty
3 informative. You know, it was a pretty interesting
4 meeting.

5 The -- also on the railroad crossing,
6 I'm just going to go down my list here, no certain
7 order. We are, I feel, making some headway with the
8 railroad. I'm trying to schedule another meeting
9 with them hopefully this next week. The City has
10 passed their ordinance pertaining to the blocking of
11 the tracks and we're definitely between the two of
12 us, we're going to enforce that. So you'll be
13 hearing more about that. You'll probably be reading
14 more about it in the newspapers because we are going
15 to take action if it actually persists to happen
16 because we've got a couple of our people in the
17 Industrial Park that are really concerned, some of
18 our employers down there. One of them has even
19 mentioned that if it don't stop, they'll pull out of
20 the Industrial Park, so that could really cost us
21 some jobs and we can't let that happen, railroad or
22 no railroad. I've got a railroad man sitting beside
23 me, but he's all on our side, Scottie. It's just
24 becoming a serious problem. So we will report back
25 to you on that and, you know, we can work it out

1 with the railroad. We could at least break the
2 train at one of the other crossings and let us in
3 and out. But let's see, what else.

4 We did have -- Peter, I'm surprised you
5 didn't touch on this. We had a meeting the other
6 night that was actually put together by Commissioner
7 Cervelli pertaining to the old courthouse. We're
8 hoping to actually start some work on it with some
9 money we have in an old S.P.L.O.S.T in the next few
10 weeks, month or so and we had a really good turn out
11 of the people that's concerned for the future of
12 that courthouse. And hopefully, you know, by spring
13 we're going to be up and running and hopefully have
14 the elevator in the building and maybe being able to
15 have regular meetings to -- I had to leave that
16 night when y'all actually came to the --

17 MR. CERVELLI: No. There will be
18 another meeting shortly and we'll advertise it in
19 the papers, too.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. It's not just for
21 certain group of people. It's for all Dade
22 Countians. What we're looking for is to preserve
23 the courthouse. We've got to get it handicap
24 accessible. The big thing is to have it to where it
25 can actually pay its way and not be a burden on our

1 taxpayers. That's -- I know that's the way it's --
2 with these five people here and so hopefully we can
3 get to make that happen. It will be at least
4 probably a year's project and we do have some money,
5 like I said, in an old S.P.L.O.S.T that will almost
6 afford that and hopefully we've got -- we've got
7 some people that's already mentioned some private
8 donations. But, you know, the courthouse is Dade
9 County. I mean, it is a symbol of --

10 MR. CERVELLI: And that S.P.L.O.S.T
11 money is specifically --

12 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. It's earmarked.
13 It's one of the old -- second S.P.L.O.S.T we had and
14 it's earmarked for that. It can't be spent on
15 anything else.

16 But anyway, it's been -- other than
17 that, we've had a really good December. It's
18 been -- you know, the holiday season and people, you
19 know, seems like we've had -- even though they went
20 through such turmoil, you know, with the tornadoes
21 and all, spirits seem to be really high. We had a
22 really good event over on the -- our square there in
23 the park, parade that was sponsored by the Downtown
24 Development and Chamber.

25 MR. CERVELLI: Chamber's parade.

1 MR. RUMLEY: The Chamber, you know, and
2 all. If you missed that event over there, that was
3 really -- you missed a lot because we had a lot of
4 people come to that and they just -- we had some
5 55-gallon drums, fire barrels out there that people
6 just kept staying and staying and staying. They
7 enjoyed it so much. Hopefully if you missed it this
8 year, you can come next year.

9 Other than that, does anyone have
10 anything else? I've been talking. Sometimes I know
11 you think about.

12 MR. SMITH: Sort of echo what Peter
13 said, Puckett is here. They're in at the -- they're
14 stationed at the Trenton/Dade Fire Hall. I'm not
15 sure exactly what it's called, the fire hall down
16 behind City Hall. They've got the rooms and the
17 fire departments and volunteers helped get the
18 bedrooms and stuff painted and fixed up and the
19 portion out back to house the fire trucks where they
20 can move in, the concrete is down, the red iron is
21 up.

22 MR. RUMLEY: I don't know if they
23 started panels today or not.

24 MR. CERVELLI: Yes, they did. The
25 walls are gone up.

1 MR. SMITH: Progress to get it closed
2 in where they can get some of the engines back and
3 they can spread out, get stuff in and out easier as
4 it is needed.

5 MR. RUMLEY: But also to touch on what
6 you're saying there, everyone in the county needs to
7 know because they do a lot of walk-in patients and
8 they're not across from Citizen's anymore. So you
9 just need to remember, you know, if you go as a
10 walk-in patient, it's right behind City Hall. Turn
11 right at City Hall and they're right there on the
12 left. Keep that in mind because that's -- Evan, I
13 didn't know this this morning when you were talking
14 on the radio, but the first patient that they
15 actually had when they actually began their tour was
16 a walk-in. He came in and took them -- they did
17 transport him to the hospital, so keep that in mind.

18 Do you have anything you want to add?
19 One other thing I did want to say, we did have -- I
20 know you've probably seen this in the paper. Ms.
21 Moreland, our tax commissioner, they did have a tax
22 sale day before yesterday and the property that was
23 sold was property of the Southern Group in the
24 Johnson's Crook area and there was 69 parcels sold,
25 brought a total of \$210,000, which was a good sale.

1 These -- of course, they still -- actually the total
2 amount owed was around 350,000. So the parcels that
3 did not sell, I think there was like another 35,
4 maybe 40 parcels that didn't sell, they'll be lumped
5 back together and she said there would be another
6 sale in May, sometime in May. That will be
7 announced. So we have recouped some of that tax
8 money that was owed to the County, and we're glad of
9 that.

10 So if y'all don't have anything else to
11 say, we'll move right on down the line. Is Anthony
12 Emmanuel, is he here tonight?

13 MR. CERVELLI: He told me he might be
14 here, but he's committed that he'll be at all of our
15 meetings going forward.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. I was just asking
17 if he was here. Debbie, Debbie Tinker with our
18 Chamber of Commerce.

19 MS. TINKER: Happy New Year to
20 everyone. In the fourth quarter, actually we had
21 our biggest highlight of the year, I felt, was the
22 announcement of Dade County becoming certified work
23 ready. We've been working for over two years to get
24 this certification. The Chamber will stay as the
25 team leader because even though we have the

1 certification, we have to work to stay recertified.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Tell them what that means.
3 Tell them what work ready -- a lot of people here, I
4 guarantee you, doesn't know. Just explain to them
5 what --

6 MS. TINKER: Well, the governor
7 launched this program and in conjunction, they work
8 with the Chambers of Commerce in Georgia to improve
9 the job training and marketability of Georgia's work
10 force and drive future economic growth to the state.
11 This designation communicates that our county has
12 the educated skilled work force needed to meet
13 business demands for economic growth. This was a --
14 the effort to get certified was by the Chamber, the
15 school system, Dade County Commission, Trenton City
16 Commission, Georgia Northwestern Technical and
17 everybody that took that test and quite a few people
18 from the Commission, even one of our commissioners
19 here took that test and a lot of our workers that
20 are working under the grant system took it and so we
21 do appreciate that because you can't imagine how
22 hard it is to get people to take. How long was that
23 test?

24 MR. CERVELLI: Over two hours.

25 MS. TINKER: About three for me. I'm

1 slow. But it will help bring jobs in and it works
2 to -- there's a profiling system where an employer
3 can look and say, okay, this person has a gold
4 certificate. They're able to learn this job because
5 the job has been profiled and they have to have
6 certain qualifications from bronze, silver, gold,
7 platinum and so depending on how they test, a
8 certain percentage of jobs they would be -- it
9 doesn't mean they have the knowledge now, but they
10 would be able to be trained to do that job. So it
11 makes an employer easier for them to look at
12 applications and sort through them.

13 Also, we've got another designation
14 this month from the Keep Dade Beautiful program. We
15 received it from Keep America Beautiful. We
16 received the 2011 President Circle Recognition Award
17 for our work this year in the Great American Cleanup
18 and Rivers of Life this fall and we have to do at
19 least four activities a year, planting, cleaning to
20 keep this.

21 Okay. We are working with IDA at one
22 of their meetings. They have decided to purchase
23 flash drives so that all of the information that we
24 use, we usually put it in a booklet to recruit new
25 businesses.

1 MR. CERVELLI: Tell them what IDA is.

2 MS. TINKER: Oh, it's Industrial
3 Development Authority of Dade County. Okay. I'm
4 sorry. Anyway, we will be compiling information
5 with them and putting those on those drives to
6 recruit new businesses. It will be easier to mail
7 out and also we can change it much easier rather
8 than printing up books about this thick and then
9 having to mail them to people.

10 And then our annual Christmas luncheon,
11 business luncheon, the Chamber elected four
12 additional members to the Chamber board to replace
13 those whose term has ended. Those elected for the
14 2012-14 term are William Back, individual members;
15 Deana Brandon, Engraving Solutions; Will Garrett,
16 Guthrie's Chicken; and Jay Mitchell, ServPro of
17 Chattanooga, Dade and West Walker. Those selected
18 in addition to the Chamber's ambassador program are
19 Tracy Trivette, Courtesy Finance; Fran Randolph,
20 Home Harvest Retreat and Judy Stanfield, Bank of
21 Dade. Butch Raper will continue to be the president
22 of the Chamber of Commerce this year.

23 State of Dade Heritage Festival
24 Committee has started meeting again and Lionel
25 Austin and Brenda Gass will serve as this year's

1 Chamber's representative to the board of that
2 festival and I will serve as the festival treasurer
3 and things are already getting underway. We hope to
4 increase the Native American encampment and then the
5 American Legion and all the board is working very
6 hard to put together a battle of the bands. So --

7 MR. RUMLEY: Put together what?

8 MR. CERVELLI: Battle of the bands.

9 MS. TINKER: Battle of the bands. That
10 will be a lot of the entertainment for this year.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Robert, we need to get our
12 band together.

13 MR. CERVELLI: You could win a
14 substantial amount of money.

15 MS. TINKER: I think it will do good.
16 And then just a lot of end-of-the-year reporting to
17 everybody, so we hope to work more with business
18 this year and I hope to see a lot more businesses
19 coming to Dade County this year. Thank you.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for our
21 Chamber?

22 MR. GOFF: Well, you didn't mention,
23 but you might mention the certified camera ready,
24 too. I know they told us at one thing I went to,
25 Georgia has become -- the State of Georgia has

1 become one of the most sought after states for movie
2 making.

3 MS. TINKER: I gave y'all a plaque on
4 that, remember?

5 MR. GOFF: Yeah, you did, but you've
6 got it in this right here. I think they're looking
7 for an old sawmill right now if anybody has one.

8 MS. TINKER: Yes. Well, I contacted
9 Lionel, Butch and I believe I sent you the email,
10 Ted, because I thought y'all might be familiar in
11 here and there's not that anyone has let me know and
12 before that, they were hunting ball fields, a school
13 with ball fields that had mountains in the
14 background that could pass for North Carolina.

15 MR. CERVELLI: We've got that.

16 MS. TINKER: Well, I know and I took
17 about fifty pictures and sent them to them. That's
18 our part. Whenever they want something, the
19 Chamber, we go out, we take the pictures and we send
20 them to Randall Franks and then he submits them to
21 the State. So we do the basic work here in the
22 county. Thank you.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Okay. Move
24 down to Brother Don Townsend over there. He'll read
25 us our monthly financial report.

1 MR. TOWNSEND: As of December 31st,
2 2011, the general fund had a balance of \$985,513;
3 Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$277; Sheriff's
4 Special Fund, \$1,483; Drug Abuse Education Fund,
5 \$92,913; Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund,
6 \$20,434; Victim Assistance Fund, \$2,474; Jail Fund,
7 \$19,964. Federal Asset Fund, Department of Justice,
8 \$3,652; payroll account, \$136,470. Principal and
9 interest account in the old S.P.L.O.S.T, \$133,417.

10 Projects account for the new 2009
11 S.P.L.O.S.T. funds total \$156,605. Proceeds
12 account, \$506,625 and the construction account
13 \$19,103. Revenues less expenses for November equal
14 \$407,508 and revenues less expenses year-to-date was
15 short \$121,802. As Commissioner Cervelli noted
16 earlier, budget attained for November 30th was
17 41.67 percent. Revenues attained totaled
18 42.73 percent and expenses attained were 42.16.
19 We've passed a couple of budget amendments that will
20 take effect probably next time because those budget
21 amendments I believe were done in November, so --
22 I'm sorry, December. So the next fiscal reporting
23 will include those.

24 So without that, without FEMA-related
25 expenses, the budget revenues would have been

1 attained at 42.73 percent, but expenses would have
2 only been 34.64 percent, which would probably be
3 different. Without FEMA-related expenses, and I'm
4 talking about disaster-related expenses. Revenues
5 less expenses for November was 407,508. Revenues
6 less expenses with them and we were short 121,000,
7 but it's at -- revenues less expenses year-to-date
8 691,607, which is good. So that definitely makes a
9 big difference.

10 MR. CERVELLI: Don, I think you said
11 earlier you expect about \$80,000 still in FEMA
12 reimbursements we expect to get.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: Most expenses have
14 settled. We're looking at probably 40-plus thousand
15 possibly in expenses, but up to 80 -- 80 to \$100,000
16 in reimbursements after they -- that's at the
17 75 percent for FEMA and ten percent for GEMA, so it
18 wouldn't be at 100 percent.

19 As noted, the L.O.S.T. revenue for the
20 month came in at \$169,325. We only budgeted
21 150,000, so that is a good thing that it's still
22 positive. And it was noted earlier December 2010
23 the L.O.S.T. revenue was 145,340. S.P.L.O.S.T
24 revenue in December 2010 was 181,673 and this month,
25 prior month was 211,655. So that is 30,000 more

1 than we received last year in the same time frame.
2 I believe that concludes the financial report.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for
4 Mr. Townsend? Any comments, questions? If not,
5 I'll entertain a motion to approve our financial
6 report as presented by Don Townsend.

7 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I hear a motion. Do I
9 hear a second?

10 MR. GOFF: Second.

11 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
12 Cervelli?

13 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

15 MR. GOFF: Yes.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

17 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

19 MR. SMITH: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

21 Robin, have you got anything you want
22 to go over as far as any legal matters?

23 MR. ROGERS: I do not.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Unfinished business,
25 there's none. New business. The reading of the

1 minutes of the previous month's regular meeting will
2 not be required since all commissioners have been
3 furnished copies in advance. The minutes are public
4 record and available for review in the county
5 executive's office. The minutes are included in the
6 consent agenda.

7 At this time I would like for
8 Mr. Townsend to go through the consent agenda that
9 we discussed at the work session. After that, I
10 will entertain a motion to approve them.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: I have approval of the
12 agenda, the approval of previous meeting minutes,
13 review of employee head count report, Industrial
14 Development Authority to an unexpired term of
15 Mr. Dennis Watson with Mr. Larry Case. Board of
16 Health reappointment of Dr. Alicia Weksler for a
17 six-year term. Resolution R-05-12, resolution
18 amending the Dade County financial policy to approve
19 GASB State fund balance. Resolution R-01-02, a
20 resolution to set qualifying fees for general
21 primary and general election. Resolution R-06-12, a
22 resolution designating a legal name of county
23 governing authority and constitutional officers that
24 the official legal name of Dade County shall be Dade
25 County, Georgia and the official and legal name of

1 the county governing shall be the Board of
2 Commissioners of Dade County and that the official
3 title and legal name of constitutional officers of
4 Dade County, Georgia shall be as follows: Dade
5 County Sheriff, Dade County Clerk of Superior Court,
6 Dade County Judge of Probate Court and Dade County
7 Tax Commissioner.

8 Resolution to obtain a line of credit
9 through Tax Anticipation Note for up to \$750,000
10 through Resolution R-02-12 receiving two bids from
11 local financial institutions. First being Bank of
12 Dade at 1.99 percent and a loan fee of \$75. Second
13 being from Citizen's Bank and Trust at a fixed rate
14 of 2.75 percent with a loan fee of zero. Bank of
15 Dade submitted the lowest bid and most affordable
16 bid for said loan. The Board of Commissioners of
17 Dade County, Georgia, approved a line of credit for
18 the tax anticipation note not to exceed 750,000 at
19 1.99 percent interest with a 75 loan fee to be
20 repaid from the anticipated tax revenue on or before
21 December 31st, 2012.

22 Resolution R-07-12, resolution
23 approving the purchase of a bucket truck from
24 Trenton Telephone Company in the amount of \$8,000.
25 A first reading only of Ordinance 01-05-12 amending

1 the ordinance to provide for the establishment of
2 Alcohol Beverage Control Board whereas the Alcohol
3 Beverage Control Board members shall be appointed
4 for terms of four years. The Board of Commissioners
5 initially may appoint members for terms of one, two
6 and three years as may be needed to appoint board
7 members for staggered terms. Thereafter, the
8 appointments shall be for terms of four years.
9 Again, that's the first reading only and the second
10 reading will be at an upcoming commission meeting.

11 And finally, memorandum of
12 understanding for the County Extension personnel
13 contract between the Board of Regents of University
14 System of Georgia on behalf of the University of
15 Georgia Cooperative Extension and the Dade County
16 Board of Commissioners to be approved and placed on
17 the consent agenda.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. TOWNSEND: That was a long one.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions?

21 MR. CERVELLI: No.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. If not, I'll
23 entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda as
24 presented.

25 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we

1 approve the consent agenda as read.

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

3 MR. CERVELLI: I'll second.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Call a vote. Mr.
5 Cervelli?

6 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

8 MR. GOFF: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

10 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

12 MR. SMITH: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

14 Okay. Thank you. Okay. Number eight, does anyone
15 want to come up and talk to us tonight? I want to
16 give you a chance to come up and voice and say
17 whatever you want to. Anyone? I know we've got
18 some politicians. I see one back here. Y'all are
19 welcome to come up and talk. Okay. Come on. I can
20 tell. He's about to fall out of his chair.

21 MR. PAINTER: I appreciate it, Mr.
22 Chairman. My name is Alan Painter and I am running
23 for State Representative and I hope everyone had a
24 blessed Christmas and a safe New Year.

25 I understand the ambulance and the EMS

1 service changed and from what I understand, that
2 went smoothly, so I would like to congratulate y'all
3 on that activity. On the state side, the State
4 General Assembly is going to start next week and one
5 of the biggest things that's been brought to my
6 attention is judicial reform. One of the things
7 that we have been facing as a state is the growing
8 cost of, you know, handling the inmates and
9 prisoners and one of the things that I see and I'm
10 tending to support is for crimes that involve drug
11 related, nonviolent cases using technology, the GPS
12 ankle bracelets to provide a prisoner or, I guess,
13 an inmate to stay home, kind of homebound sort of
14 setting. That's going to reduce the cost almost in
15 half from what I'm being told.

16 I think the trial over in Hall County
17 went very well and I do expect the General Assembly
18 to expand that statewide where, you know, that has
19 an effect in our little slice of heaven --

20 MR. RUMLEY: Who did they try in Hall
21 County? Bring us up to --

22 MR. PAINTER: I'm sorry. Say that
23 again.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Who did they try in Hall
25 County? Who was that, just real quickly.

1 MR. PAINTER: It was kind of a
2 laboratory setting from what I understand. It's a
3 good question about how many people they attempted.
4 I don't know. I didn't get that data. It was kind
5 of more of a summary. It's a situation where they
6 had a day center to where, if my understanding is
7 right, that people went in on a daily basis and
8 checked in.

9 One of the things that's a benefit to
10 the counties is the fact since the person is not
11 incarcerated, the medical care expense is not bound
12 on the county and that can be quite costly at times.
13 So anyway, it's going to be a busy political season.
14 I'll hush. I'm always open to discuss anything with
15 anybody, so if anybody would like to chat with me
16 after the meeting, I would encourage that. I
17 appreciate the time.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Thanks for coming. Stand
19 up just a minute. We're glad -- not you, the young
20 man in front of you. Proud to see him here. Tell
21 us who you are.

22 MR. JOEL HUNT: I'm Joel Hunt.

23 MR. RUMLEY: And you're here to
24 observe? Is that what you're doing tonight?

25 MR. JOEL HUNT: Yes, sir.

1 MR. RUMLEY: It's good to see people.
2 Good to see the young people. Good to see your
3 momma, glad you brought him. You come anytime.
4 Come some day when we're actually working and we'll
5 take you through, if you've not already been, and
6 show you the whole building, show you a little bit
7 about what goes on. Be glad to have you.

8 MR. JOEL HUNT: Thank you.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Bring your friends.
10 Anyone else want to talk to us tonight? John, you
11 stand back there like you're just dying to come up.
12 Do you have anything you want to say tonight?

13 MR. DEFFENBAUGH: I'll just say that
14 things are going so smooth, I'm kind of bored being
15 here and I can't sit that long, so I have to come in
16 back and stand, but it is remarkable and I do
17 appreciate the working of the Commission. I can
18 tell that they are working a lot and behind the
19 scenes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: We appreciate it. We
21 appreciate you coming.

22 MR. DEFFENBAUGH: And very effective.
23 I appreciate that.

24 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate all of y'all
25 being here tonight. Appreciate the mayor of West

1 Brow and his vice mayor being here, our regulars.

2 MR. GOFF: He thought we were going to
3 call the county Simpsonville.

4 MR. RUMLEY: That's what they said on
5 the radio this morning. There's a rumor out.
6 That's why he came tonight. We appreciate it.
7 Anyone else before I adjourn? Okay. I'll entertain
8 a motion. Do y'all have anything else y'all want to
9 say? I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

10 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

12 MR. GOFF: Second.

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

14 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Meeting adjourned.

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17 END OF MEETING
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