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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 1, 2012

1 MR. RUMLEY: At the time we'll go ahead
2 and call this meeting to order here on this
3 March 1st. Good to see all of you here. I wish
4 we had it full. I guess everybody is working in
5 their garden this evening.

6 As always, before we get started, I
7 would like to ask Robert to lead us in the Pledge
8 and prayer tonight.

9 (Thereupon, the invocation and
10 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

11 Thank you, Robert. This is the
12 regularly scheduled meeting of the Dade County
13 Commission which takes place at the same time on the
14 first Thursday of every month. Proper notice of the
15 meeting was given in the legal organ of the Dade
16 County Sentinel and has been posted in the hallway
17 of the Administrative Building. At this time I do
18 need a roll call. Mr. Cervelli?

19 MR. CERVELLI: Here.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

21 MR. GOFF: Here.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

23 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

25 MR. SMITH: Here.

1 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.
2 Okay. Mitchell, we'll move down to our commissioner
3 report, committee report. We'll start with yours,
4 please.

5 MR. SMITH: During the month of
6 February, the 911 office communications had 1,883
7 calls, 1,393 were for law, 101 for fire, 217 EMS and
8 172 rescue. Those folks who live up around Grant
9 Road, Saddle Club Creek, the Creek Road from S&L
10 Body Shop to Pope Creek Road, weather permitting,
11 they'll start paving those three roads come Monday.

12 MR. RUMLEY: And that is LARP money
13 that actually is coming from the State I might add.
14 That's not coming out of your property taxes. Each
15 year we are allocated a certain amount of money and
16 the State chooses these roads. We submit a list and
17 they will actually go through the budget and they
18 choose the roads. So I want to make that clear.
19 That's not something -- we all turn the roads in and
20 it's out of our hands. Anything else? Okay.
21 Scottie?

22 MR. PITTMAN: No, I don't have
23 anything.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Robert?

25 MR. GOFF: I've got a couple of things,

1 just unscripted. First of all, no one in this room
2 is affected by it or in the county is affected by
3 it. If you don't know, voting is going on in this
4 room right now, early voting, but there's one day
5 left. That will be tomorrow. And then the
6 presidential preference primary will by Tuesday all
7 over the county at the precincts and I would just
8 urge people to get in a habit of getting out to vote
9 because we do have some important elections coming
10 up this year. It is an election year.

11 Secondly, the legislature is about
12 halfway through in Atlanta and I was able to go last
13 week and sit in one of the looggiest meetings, some
14 of the things going on and they're too numerous to
15 really mention, but, again, I would urge you if you
16 want to see what is before the legislature and some
17 of the bills that are up, you wonder where in the
18 world they're coming from, who thought this up, but
19 it's really -- you couldn't write some of the
20 comical stuff that's in there. But there are some
21 very important -- and probably the most important to
22 counties right now is the rewriting of the Juvenile
23 Court Code, total rewrite of it. It's about 22
24 pages long, but it would be probably expensive to
25 every county and ours included if this goes through

1 as it's done. ACCG is negotiating with them on some
2 points in it, but if you go to the ACCG web site,
3 you're able to bring that up for yourself and see
4 anything that was enacted on this past week gone by
5 or the whole thing.

6 They're moving right along down there
7 and it won't be long until they'll really get in and
8 start passing a lot of things and then a lot will
9 die. A lot will just sit there until next year and
10 maybe be brought back or not. A lot on nonpartisan
11 elections and retirement for the tax commissioners,
12 a lot of important stuff in it.

13 I'll let Ted say a little bit more
14 about this if he wants to. We have been in contact
15 with Greg Price who is at the University of Georgia,
16 the Agricultural Extension Service, about our
17 someone here in the county, county agent with, I
18 guess, what we call 4H Club, us old timers. It's
19 far beyond that, but they've -- we have been in
20 contact with them and Ted had another conversation,
21 I think, yesterday with Mr. Price that I wasn't
22 there when it took place, but things are beginning
23 to turn around a little bit at UGA and they're the
24 ones that fund that for the most part. So that's
25 good news at least for our 4H, kids in 4H and all

1 the things that goes along in that.

2 And the last thing I'll mention, I had
3 a couple of people this week or this month within
4 the last couple of weeks, again, mentioning trash
5 dumps and one of them happened to be in the steps of
6 a cemetery and I'm not talking about a garbage bag
7 full of garbage. It was a truckload and I went
8 over. I had two people to call me about it. I went
9 over. Before I got there, some citizen had cleaned
10 it up. They didn't leave a note tacked to a tree
11 that this is John Doe and I cleaned it up. I don't
12 know who it was, but if they read the paper, I want
13 you to put in there that I do thank them because I
14 can't imagine somebody -- it was carpet and
15 household, the things you would dump if you were
16 remodeling a house, that kind of thing. So it
17 wasn't anything simple. But we're doing our best to
18 clean our roads up. We've had people out this week
19 actually cleaning up some of the trash off our
20 roads, making it look a little better. Some of the
21 houses are beginning to come back.

22 I would like to welcome the Counts back
23 in our community. The Tolberts are building in our
24 community. The Pages will start soon. Chachi
25 Page's house is probably -- it's already dried in.

1 So, again, you think, well, what does that mean.
2 Buddy, it's a welcome sight to go in. The
3 apartments that are going back in to where we live
4 over here across from the high school in Glenbrook,
5 they're working on them pretty much seven days a
6 week getting those back and I'm sure that will be
7 good news to people who need that as a place to
8 live. So things are coming back together almost a
9 year after, so we've learned -- and my heart and my
10 prayers go out to those people yesterday in Branson,
11 Missouri because I'll never see those pictures again
12 and I don't think anyone in this community will ever
13 see those TV -- televised pictures again and your
14 heart not go out because now we know what that means
15 to see those people totally lose everything. I
16 mean, the Wal-Mart was gone and everything in one of
17 those cities and towns. So our prayers and thoughts
18 should be with them. Thank you very much.

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

20 MR. CERVELLI: I think that was an F3
21 out there.

22 MR. GOFF: It was a biggie.

23 MR. CERVELLI: Financial report for
24 S.P.L.O.S.T and L.O.S.T. for the month of February.
25 We collected \$148,940 in L.O.S.T. for February.

1 That's more than we collected in February of last
2 year, about six percent more. However, February was
3 significantly down from our previous several months
4 of collections. We collected, as I said, 148,940.
5 Last month it was \$179,000 and it's been in that
6 ball park for several months actually and so it
7 changed so much that we called the tax
8 commissioner's office yesterday in Atlanta to
9 understand a few things about the report that we got
10 and they did explain some things, but I asked them
11 if they had seen -- was this unique to Dade County
12 or was this a statewide phenomenon and they said,
13 no, it was actually across the state and I said, do
14 you know why. They said, we believe it was because
15 winter has been so mild, people have not spent the
16 money that they would normally spend as they would
17 in wintertime, fuel, oil, clothes, whatever the case
18 may be. That's actually a good answer because that
19 says if the weather becomes normal, maybe sales will
20 level out again to where they were. So that was the
21 kind of explanation on why our tax collections went
22 down 14 percent. We've collected about \$323,000 for
23 the first two months of this year.

24 Our S.P.L.O.S.T collections were
25 \$186,176. That also is equally low, but we've

1 budgeted for around that number, so that doesn't
2 bother me so much because we didn't expect that kind
3 of number every month. So that's where we are with
4 tax collections and hopefully the winter anomaly
5 will go away and people will spend some money.

6 In terms of our budget, the expense
7 budget for the County, we're 58 percent through the
8 year. Our revenues attained are 66 percent.
9 Expenses at 65 percent. All tornado and revenue
10 expenses are in the budget this time. All the
11 amendments have been made and our year-to-date
12 revenue less expenses were negative about \$25,000.

13 One thing that I started today with Don
14 is to do a projection of expenses and revenue for
15 the rest of the fiscal year because we're going to
16 be coming up on having to negotiate budgets for next
17 fiscal year, which starts in July. So we need to
18 get a fairly accurate view as well as we can in
19 terms of what we think we're actually going to spend
20 based on what we've seen for the last six, seven
21 months. So there's more to be done on that, but
22 it's hard to believe we'll be coming up to budget
23 time again and we need to do a little more homework
24 to make sure we know what the right numbers are for
25 next year.

1 The only other thing is we're still
2 waiting for GDOT to show up, I think, on Lookout
3 Mountain to actually fix the lights up there.

4 MR. RUMLEY: That's right. I hoped
5 they would take care of it this week, but they have
6 not. I called them last Friday. I'll call them
7 again.

8 MR. CERVELLI: That's all I have.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Peter.
10 It's been a short month, but it's been a pretty busy
11 month. Actually, on the 3rd, Peter and I and Larry
12 Moore met with the Safe Dams people out on Lookout
13 Mountain pertaining to Lookout Lake. It's kind of
14 been in the background for several years. We had a
15 good meeting with them. They did an inspection,
16 which had not been inspected officially in a year,
17 due to their cuts in workforce and I think they feel
18 real good about it. We've not gotten a report back
19 yet, but we will and they'll advise us after that
20 how to proceed.

21 We had a -- on the 7th, Robert and I,
22 we went to Chattanooga with Robin. Actually, we all
23 went together to a bankruptcy hearing pertaining to
24 the Crook property down there and that's pertaining
25 to the taxes owed to us, which is approximately

1 \$500,000 and it was pretty interesting. I had never
2 been to one, but it was interesting to hear. We've
3 also got another one coming up that we will actually
4 be able to voice our concerns. We didn't really get
5 to say anything at that one. It was more of a
6 hearing, but -- and I've got it on my calendar. Do
7 you remember what day? It's March --

8 MR. GOFF: 15th.

9 MR. RUMLEY: -- 15th. We'll have quite
10 a bit to report back after that one. They've
11 actually -- from what I understand, they've made an
12 offer to the overseer of the courts to actually make
13 payments per month, but it was a very minimal --
14 when you're owing \$500,000, we would only receive
15 just a few hundred dollars a month for years and
16 years. Anyway, we'll brief you on that when we get
17 back at our next meeting.

18 I attended a meeting February 8th in
19 Dalton that I go to every other month. It's
20 Northwest Georgia. Robert, you went with me this
21 time, didn't you? Yeah. At the Northwest Georgia
22 Community Action. That has to do with our people,
23 our elderly people that gets assistance for heating
24 and for power bills and insulation and they're --
25 like a lot of people, they say they're still really

1 running short on funds federally. That's where
2 that's funded, but there is a light at the end of
3 the tunnel. They've got some other things going on,
4 so hopefully we can -- they'll have some money to
5 actually come back into our counties for cooling.
6 There's very little money that came back into the
7 counties for the heat, heat costs to the elderly,
8 but thank goodness, like Peter said, it's been a
9 mild winter for Dade County.

10 February 9th we actually had a meeting
11 with the forestry here and we planted trees in the
12 park. I think we had 22 trees -- 19 and we've got
13 some new trees we put out in our park, the County
14 Road Department put those out and also down in front
15 of the courthouse and Peter was very instrumental in
16 that and Ms. Eloise Gass, you know, Tree City people
17 and Georgia Forestry, they donated --

18 MR. CERVELLI: They didn't actually
19 donate it, but they made it happen.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Those are nice trees.
21 They're larger trees than I thought.

22 MR. CERVELLI: We also have bags that
23 we can use to keep them watered, which I've got.
24 I'll give your share to you. So we've got the trees
25 and the watering, irrigation gear.

1 MR. RUMLEY: And on the 21st we had a
2 meeting here in my office with David Howell with the
3 Regional Commission. Every ten years or so we have
4 to update our comprehensive plan. That's a plan
5 that was put in -- enacted back years ago and every
6 ten years they'll evaluate what have you done,
7 what's not going to happen, you know, what's going
8 on. So we went through that, Peter and Don and
9 myself.

10 MR. CERVELLI: The mayor was there,
11 too.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mayor Emanuel was there
13 because it consists of the City, too. It's a joint
14 effort. It amazes me the things that we
15 accomplished. There's some things like -- what was
16 that, Tour --

17 MR. CERVELLI: Tour de Georgia.

18 MR. RUMLEY: You know, that don't exist
19 anymore. That was one of the things on there that
20 actually improved routes for that, but that was
21 gone. But other than that, you know, the major
22 things we actually did pretty well on.

23 February 24th we had our first
24 meeting -- speaking of bicycles. We had our first
25 meeting with the bike association, Chattanooga

1 Biking Association and we had -- the representative
2 from the Sheriff's Department this year is going to
3 be David Hughes and he's going to be the man with
4 the answers. That's what I understand. He's taking
5 charge of it and we got the initial layout, the map,
6 which will be printed in the paper later on and
7 we've got that -- actually had some residents from
8 West Brow in the meeting. We had a good meeting.
9 Peter was late, as usual, but he got the biggest
10 part of it. He came in and he straightened us all
11 out after we got started.

12 MR. GOFF: You did good when you got
13 there.

14 MR. RUMLEY: It was a really good
15 meeting. I felt good about it. It was one of the
16 better meetings we've had in the years we've dealt
17 with them. Of course, this year, there will be an
18 escort up the mountain for cars, you know. You'll
19 have a deputy, actually a follow car like you would
20 a construction site taking you up the mountain and
21 turning around and bringing cars down and they'll
22 give the right lane there to the bikers. I guess it
23 will be the left lane.

24 MR. CERVELLI: It depends. Going up
25 the mountain, it will be the left lane.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Anyway, we feel it's going
2 to work. The sheriff, he's been really involved in
3 it. This is his plan and I think it's going to
4 work. I think it will work real well.

5 February 29th we had a meeting, as
6 Robert said, with our -- Mr. Edwards, which has been
7 filling in. He's the county agent over in Walker
8 County and he's been helping us keep this thing
9 going as far as our county agent is concerned and
10 the University of Georgia has been cut like a lot of
11 people in the past few years from the State of
12 Georgia on their funds. That's how we -- why we're
13 in the shape we're in. We don't have a county
14 agent. We've got an interim agent, which is doing a
15 great job. We're tickled to death to have Rich over
16 there. He does a great job. But as of today,
17 they've agreed to actually -- they're going to
18 advertise, which we'll advertise in all of our local
19 papers, but within the UGA system for a full-time
20 county agent for Dade County and our share of that
21 will be around \$15,000 with what we've got to put in
22 it. And actually, we're losing one position. We're
23 taking that money and putting it with -- putting
24 some money with it, which is only going to -- it
25 came out, wasn't it, about \$3,800 beyond what this

1 position was paying and then they're going to take
2 care of the rest of it with benefits, plus we're
3 going to keep Rich. He'll be the assistant,
4 director's assistant. It's going to work out real
5 good. We'll see -- we don't have to take it. In
6 other words, if they advertise it and there's 50
7 applicants and they just won't work, you know, then
8 we'll go back to plan two, which they will help us
9 fund Rich. If we don't do that, it may be years
10 before we get a full-time agent. I feel we're going
11 in the right direction.

12 So -- but also I have a copy of the --
13 some of the latest unemployment statistics in
14 northwest Georgia. I meant to hand these out at the
15 work session. Pick you up a copy. We are the
16 lowest ranking county in our 17 counties in
17 northwest Georgia. Somebody said today, well, we're
18 the smallest, too, but that's not how they figure
19 it. They figure it per capita. So you figure it
20 equally so, percentage wise we're at 6.3 right now
21 as of this map and the next -- the closest one to us
22 would be Catoosa at 6.7. I feel good about that
23 even though there's a lot of people still out of
24 work.

25 MR. CERVELLI: What's Chattooga's

1 number?

2 MR. RUMLEY: Chattooga is 10.6. You're
3 welcome to have a copy of this. It's pretty
4 interesting, you know, to read.

5 MR. CERVELLI: This doesn't in any way
6 indicate the poverty we have in our county because
7 even the State recognizes the percentage of poverty
8 we have here, so these numbers are good, but they're
9 not the whole story.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. I think at the
11 regional meeting the other day, I've got some notes
12 I made in the back. I think, you know, we've got
13 statistics because we also have a meeting before
14 that pertaining to our indigent people, but we're
15 at -- I think at our elementary school, it was like
16 44 percent or 47 percent are on free lunches -- I
17 mean, free breakfast and free lunches and that's not
18 something you just go in and say I want free
19 lunches. You've got to sign up, qualify for that.
20 That's not -- even though we're showing, you know,
21 we're ranking pretty good in unemployment, we're
22 still -- you know, we've got a long way to go.

23 MR. CERVELLI: Yeah. Let's not forget
24 Food Lion.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. And that's coming

1 along with Food Lion. Hopefully -- they're kind of
2 back and forth, but hopefully we'll have some good
3 news by our next meeting. I don't know. I'm not
4 making any promises, but in the next month or two
5 we've got some things that are kind of working on
6 that. Bear with us and bear with the Chamber and
7 bear with IDA and all. We're not going to let that
8 building set, even if we have to put Peter's office
9 over there.

10 MR. CERVELLI: Well, we've got a
11 meeting with the State over in the mayor's office on
12 Monday to look at how we can bring the best job tax
13 credits to that piece of property to make it look
14 attractive for a business to come in. We're going
15 to work as if we need to do something.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Any of y'all got anything
17 you want to add? Mitchell, Scottie? Okay.

18 Is Anthony coming tonight, the mayor?

19 MR. CERVELLI: Apparently not.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Anthony, if you're
21 watching, we held the meeting up for one hour
22 waiting on you. Remember that. I'm going to put a
23 mark by your name.

24 Okay. Don, Don Townsend, our finance,
25 our clerk, if you would, go over our monthly

1 financial report.

2 MR. TOWNSEND: As of February 29th,
3 General Fund had a balance of \$407,500; Federal
4 Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288; Sheriff's Special
5 Fund, \$1,483; Drug Abuse Education Fund, \$97,163;
6 supplemental Juvenile Services Fund, \$19,439; Victim
7 Assistance Fund, \$2,707; Jail Fund, \$27,641; Federal
8 Asset Fund, Department of Justice, \$3,162; Payroll
9 account, \$33,141.

10 Principal and interest account for the
11 2004 S.P.L.O.S.T remaining \$124,109. We have seen
12 some activity in that lately because we're starting
13 to move on the jail kitchen as well as -- well,
14 primarily the jail kitchen. And the project account
15 for 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T is 25,908 and proceeds account
16 is \$190,644. Construction fund, \$167,218. You see
17 the fire departments listed there below.

18 The -- as Commissioner Cervelli noted,
19 the revenues less expenses year-to-date was short by
20 \$24,882 and revenues less expenses for January was
21 short \$336,000. Budget attained through
22 January 31st would have been 58.38 percent.
23 Revenues attained was 66.04 percent and expenses
24 attained was 65 percent.

25 If you'll flip over, you'll see the

1 next page in your financial statement there is
2 project variance report and it's about six pages
3 long. We'll go through that. Then the next page
4 that's in color, year-to-year budget comparisons.
5 That's just information compiled this month to 2008,
6 2009, '10, '11 and '12, comparing the regional
7 budgets for your information. And also the next
8 page is Dade County Tax Commissioner's office. This
9 is just more or less how far along we are collective
10 through the year. There is a budget variance, but
11 you've got to remember we still have five months of
12 reporting to do. So even though it's short half a
13 million dollars, she still has five months to
14 collect quite a bit. But the purpose of this was to
15 determine how collections are going and as of
16 February 3rd, 2012, we were collected at
17 83.22 percent, which I think is pretty average. I
18 mean, that's not up or down. That's about right.
19 So we're hoping to collect that final 536,000
20 between now and June 30th.

21 And then the final report listed here
22 is the 2004 S.P.L.O.S.T -- I'm sorry, the 2009
23 S.P.L.O.S.T collection and it's showing
24 1.283 million -- well, since September, we've gotten
25 this broken out according to when the S.P.L.O.S.T in

1 Dade County began and that was September 2009 and
2 you can see it kind of gives you an idea on what we
3 collected on a year-to-year basis. So at this
4 point, 2009 to 2010 was 2.25 million. 2010 to 2011
5 was 2.35 million and so far this year, 2011 to 2012
6 is 2.2 million, which actually looks more like the
7 2008, 2009 year, so that's a good sign considering
8 we collected 2.3 million. So hopefully those will
9 continue to go up.

10 And then the last two pages is just
11 information on the local option sales tax, the
12 history since 2003 and also the S.P.L.O.S.T, special
13 purpose local option sales tax. Again, the history
14 since 2003 just for your information.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Don. Any
16 questions, corrections or anything? Okay. If not,
17 I'll entertain a motion to approve our monthly
18 financial statement presented by Mr. Townsend.

19 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I have a motion.
21 Do I have a second?

22 MR. GOFF: Second.

23 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
24 Cervelli?

25 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

2 MR. GOFF: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

4 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

6 MR. SMITH: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

8 Robin, do you have anything you want to go over with
9 us as far as any legal matters that we might need to
10 bring to the table tonight?

11 MR. ROGERS: I don't. You've already
12 touched on the bankruptcy involving TS Properties
13 and that's really --

14 MR. RUMLEY: Right now that's a big
15 issue. Thank you.

16 No unfinished business. Don, do you
17 want to go over our consent agenda and then I'll
18 entertain a motion to approve?

19 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. On the consent
20 agenda for March 1st, 2012, is approval of previous
21 meeting minutes, review and approval of the employee
22 head count report, the Save Your Vision Week
23 March 4th through the 10th and recognizing that for
24 a proclamation for the Dade County Lion's Club.
25 That's it.

1 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. The
2 reading of the minutes, our previous month's minutes
3 of the regular meeting will not be required since
4 all Commissioners have been furnished copies in
5 advance. The minutes are public record and
6 available for review in my office, in the county
7 executive's office. The minutes are included in the
8 consent agenda. At this time I'll entertain a
9 motion to approve our consent agenda. Do I hear a
10 motion?

11 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
12 approve the consent agenda as read.

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

14 MR. CERVELLI: Second.

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

16 Mr. Cervelli?

17 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

19 MR. GOFF: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

23 MR. SMITH: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

25 Thank you very much. Number eight, anyone want to

1 come up and talk to us tonight? I know we've got
2 someone from the library. Do you have anything on
3 your mind you want to share with us, maybe how close
4 you are to maybe having --

5 MS. SHARP: Well, they're actually
6 putting paint on the wall. They had sheetrock up
7 and we got to go over last week. We're really
8 excited because we're seeing a lot of work. I do
9 want to -- if y'all know anyone, we have a gentleman
10 available on Thursdays. It's appointments only.
11 He's doing resumes, any like, you know, tablets,
12 computers, anybody in the community that needs help
13 on anything like that, he'll be there on Thursdays.
14 He'll work one on one with you, an hour to two
15 hours, but anything tech wise and resumes, how to
16 present yourself, how to dress for a job, anything
17 helping get jobs, but he will be there on Thursdays.

18 MR. RUMLEY: That's good. Just call
19 you -- you've still got the same number?

20 MS. SHARP: Yes. Just call us. He's
21 available. He's booked for like the next two
22 Thursdays. It was in the paper, so a lot of people
23 are calling. We're glad to have him.

24 MR. RUMLEY: That number is 657 --

25 MS. SHARP: 7857.

1 MR. RUMLEY: 78?

2 MS. SHARP: Yeah. (706) 657-7857.

3 MR. RUMLEY: So remember that. That's
4 really a good service. It's free.

5 MS. SHARP: A lot of people are taking
6 advantage of it.

7 MR. CERVELLI: Is May still your target
8 opening day?

9 MS. SHARP: Yes, yes. Maybe we can do
10 something with the State of Dade as our grand
11 opening, grand opening that weekend.

12 MR. CERVELLI: You should do that for
13 the State of Dade Heritage Festival.

14 MS. SHARP: We just talked to them and
15 they're on target. They expect to be done. If
16 y'all want to see it, just let me know.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Beverly, have you got
18 anything you want to say? We've got Beverly Floyd
19 tonight. She's running for superior court clerk.
20 Good to see you. She's the only politician here.
21 I'm surprised. She comes to our meetings though.
22 She's been to all of them. We appreciate you being
23 here. We appreciate Butch Raper and his wife.
24 They're really big in our community. I don't know
25 what we would do without them many times.

1 MRS. RAPER: You don't know what you're
2 going to do with us most of the time, do you?

3 MR. RUMLEY: Well now, I didn't say
4 that. You said that. We also have Puckett
5 Ambulance tonight. If you missed our work session,
6 we're proud to have them here. They're doing a good
7 job in the county, good working relationship. Hope
8 we keep that going. Anybody else now? Speak now.

9 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Could you in a
10 short amount of time explain the deal about the
11 gambling? I didn't understand the thing in the
12 paper. I thought it was a big urgent thing when it
13 was brought up and now it's just like --

14 MR. RUMLEY: I think they're kind of
15 leaving it in the State's hands right now. They
16 found that the State -- the legislation is passing
17 some laws right now, I mean, like in the next week
18 or so that would probably override anything that we
19 did right now and they're going to wait and see
20 because they're cracking down on this stuff at a
21 state level. We're going to kind of wait and see
22 what they do. If we need to fill a void there and
23 we need to maybe beef it up a little bit, we'll take
24 care of it. But if we had actually done anything
25 the other night, it might have -- you know, we would

1 be overridden on it.

2 And speaking, too, I mentioned --
3 someone mentioned the jail kitchen. I meant to
4 touch on that tonight. We're really going full
5 force in that. We've got -- Monday -- we've already
6 met with Billy and the road crew. We're fixing to
7 put the road in where all the deliveries will start
8 coming in, the concrete trucks and all in the back.
9 They'll probably finish up by Tuesday or Wednesday.
10 We've got some power lines and stuff, underground
11 utility we've got to locate first, but that and plus
12 actually we hope next week to actually begin
13 construction, you know. So we'll keep you up on
14 that. Hopefully once we actually start, we're
15 looking at probably 12 to 14 weeks completion.
16 That's what we're looking at.

17 Have you got anything to add to that,
18 Alex? Alex has really been a help on this as far as
19 our plans, the fire marshal, you know, and getting
20 everything. It's been a long road.

21 MR. CASE: We were delayed, you know,
22 the fire marshal and engineering because it's such
23 an older building to get it set up to state
24 standard, dragging our feet, but we were kind of
25 held with new laws and standards and you're actually

1 pushing the correction system, so it's been
2 difficult, but we're getting there.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we've got
4 everything.

5 MR. CASE: We're there now.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Thank goodness for that.
7 I appreciate all of y'all coming. I hope you come
8 back next Thursday and if there's anything we can do
9 for you, you know, don't be bashful, call us. All
10 of us are very accessible. I appreciate my
11 Commission, all our Commissioners here. They really
12 work hard for you and, you know, we appreciate the
13 community.

14 You know, we've actually been -- this
15 is something else I want to touch on with these
16 community meetings. We had one in West Brow and we
17 had one over in Piney just this week and we -- I
18 really feel that we've had a lot of really good
19 questions that we've asked and answered. It's
20 posted in the paper. We'll be meeting like on
21 Lookout or New Salem, Davis. So if you get a
22 chance, you know, whether you live in that community
23 or not, you're welcome to come to these. We would
24 like to fill the house up. It's really an informal
25 thing and you feel comfortable there. We'll stay

1 there two or three hours, whatever it takes.

2 MR. SMITH: I've got a question on
3 that. The next one is March 13th and the
4 location, I don't know where the New Beginnings
5 Bible Church is.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Well, where have you been
7 all your life?

8 MR. CERVELLI: It's Head River.

9 MR. RUMLEY: It's a church that was
10 built out there several years ago. I'll give you
11 some directions.

12 MR. CERVELLI: It's off of Old State
13 Line Road.

14 MR. RUMLEY: If you want to come to
15 that one out at Head River, it's a beautiful drive
16 out there. Call the office and I'll give you
17 directions. It's really a nice church, nice group
18 of people. It's a nice community out there.
19 They're really some good folks, as in all our
20 communities. Anyone else?

21 MR. GOFF: I have one more thing,
22 Mr. Chairman, I meant to mention earlier. I was
23 talking about things coming back. Another business
24 that -- I want to do two things. Larry Moore's
25 Funeral Home is coming along very well. It was hit

1 very hard. He is hoping to have his opening back on
2 April 27th. If you think just a second, you'll
3 know why. But it's coming along real well. And
4 with that, I would like to send out a thank you to
5 all the churches in this area, Dade County and
6 around because Larry has used many churches that
7 have allowed him to come in and hold viewings for
8 families because of the loss of this. He does have
9 another funeral home on the mountain, but people
10 down here have been welcome to use other churches
11 and this is something in itself that -- pastors and
12 congregations, we need to thank them every
13 opportunity we get because it's helped him stay --
14 you know, kind of keep things going for him.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it's helped the
16 community. It's helped everybody. Okay. If
17 there's -- anyone else want to say anything? If
18 not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

19 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

21 MR. GOFF: Second.

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

23 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

24 END OF MEETING
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