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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 2012

1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call
2 this meeting to order. I would like to ask Robert
3 Goff to lead us in prayer and also the Pledge of
4 Allegiance.

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

7 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regularly
8 scheduled meeting of the Dade County Board of
9 Commissioners which takes place on the first
10 Thursday of each month. Proper notice of this
11 meeting was given to the local organ, Dade County
12 Sentinel, and has been posted in the hallway of the
13 administrative building. At this time I do need a
14 roll call. Mr. Cervelli?

15 MR. CERVELLI: Here.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

17 MR. GOFF: Here.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

19 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

21 MR. SMITH: Here.

22 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present. We
23 have a forum.

24 Mitchell, do you want to start with
25 your committee report?

1 MR. SMITH: In the 911 dispatch this
2 past month, they had 1,311 law calls, 202 fire, 187
3 EMS and 70 rescue for a total of 1,770. They
4 have -- in the process still working on transferring
5 systems. They're on the new system, getting it up
6 and running, but the CAD system and stuff that we
7 approved, we've still got some training and stuff.
8 It's up and running and working.

9 The election July 31st, everybody
10 remember that pretty well all the offices but two in
11 Dade County will be settled that day. The sheriff
12 and coroner will go through November because there's
13 two different parties involved, but all the others
14 will be settled that day, but I will make a
15 prediction where there's more than two, in other
16 words three or more, there will probably be run-offs
17 come August 21st on that date, too. So the county
18 elections will be July 31st or August 21st other
19 than the coroner and sheriff. That's all.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Well, it's been a couple
22 of months since -- I just came straight from work
23 today, so I'm not really dressed to be at a meeting.
24 I apologize for that. I've missed the last two
25 meetings. One meeting I was out of town on

1 business. Last month me and my family were on
2 vacation at the beach, so I'm glad to be back. Glad
3 these guys haven't killed each other while I was
4 gone and I did leave my minutes to Robert Goff while
5 I was gone. I hope he got them.

6 MR. RUMLEY: He took every bit of it.

7 MR. PITTMAN: One thing that has been
8 done on Sand Mountain since I've been gone is Saddle
9 Club Road has been resurfaced and it's in really
10 good shape, looks good, haven't had any complaints
11 on it, so that's a good sign. And as Mitchell was
12 talking, the election is coming up July 31st. We've
13 got three of the commissioners running for office.
14 It's -- I know Peter has got out and talked to
15 everybody on Sand Mountain. It's really sad there
16 will be a small amount of people get out and vote
17 since it will be a primary, but everybody needs to
18 take that day, take the time and get out and vote
19 whether it's for Peter, whoever you're getting out
20 for. These guys put a lot of effort into getting
21 out and campaigning. It's a shame that there's not
22 more people who get out and vote and decide who
23 actually represents you in the public office. And
24 that's all I've got.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Robert?

1 MR. GOFF: Thank you, Scottie, for that
2 minute. I used it well by the way.

3 MR. PITTMAN: You're welcome, Robert.

4 MR. GOFF: As far as our parks and
5 recreation department, that's part of my thing that
6 I talk about every time. Football sign-ups are
7 going on right now for the rec league. I would just
8 like to thank Stacy. There's none of them here
9 tonight, but Stacy and the guys that keep that park
10 going year around with all of the work and there's
11 nothing that happens just happened by itself, but
12 that's something that you'll be seeing more. The
13 signs are up all over Trenton now for the sign-ups.

14 I've attended a couple of meetings this
15 month, one of them in Atlanta with the ACCG and in
16 those meetings, there was a lot of discussion about
17 the laws that were passed in the last session of the
18 legislature and many of them became effective on the
19 first day of this month. Some will go on to
20 January 1st of next year and then one big one for
21 our county that we've talked about as far as the
22 titling of cars and that kind of thing will take
23 effect on March 1st. But it's my understanding
24 from one of these meetings that if you buy a car
25 now, you can opt into that. According to what we

1 were told there, you can opt into that and it will
2 deal with whether or not you pay ad valorem tax on
3 that car for all the years that you may own it.

4 But there's a lot of things that -- one
5 we talked about a little bit in our meeting with the
6 re -- metal recycling places. There's a lot of
7 things that have happened, folks, that you're going
8 to be hearing more about since they are new and so
9 many of them taking place at one time.

10 Then also in the regional meeting in
11 Cartersville, there was a meeting that Ted had to go
12 to on the same day, but the Northwest Regional
13 meeting was in Cartersville and they did a lot of
14 the same thing. One of the big things we've been
15 hearing about and we talked about it earlier and had
16 actually two resolutions that we're looking at is
17 the open meetings, open records and then the keeping
18 of minutes in executive sessions and things that are
19 brought under the transparency. I may have said
20 this last month. I'm not sure. Some of the changes
21 that people may see in some counties that did change
22 was things like -- it will take me to my last --
23 probably my last thing, thanking the folks out at
24 New Salem for a beautiful fireworks show this last
25 Saturday, but at that meeting, I was reminded when

1 three or more of us get together at a social event
2 or church or something, we're not breaking any law
3 anymore. So if you see three commissioners or three
4 board members or whatever in a place, they're not
5 necessarily -- that's one of the big changes under
6 the open meetings law. Now, again, you're asked not
7 to be voting and taking votes, which you can't do
8 anyway.

9 MR. RUMLEY: You're not supposed to be
10 talking about business really.

11 MR. GOFF: You can be there without
12 being -- and a lot of people are going to see that
13 and go back to the old thing. And, of course, we've
14 never done that anyway, to my knowledge. But that
15 seems to be -- that and the taxes on cars or the
16 title transfer fee on vehicles is the two things
17 that we're hearing more about everywhere I go. So
18 they're very big issues state wide and also in our
19 county.

20 And then one last issue or one more
21 meeting was the Dade County School Board that had
22 their meeting this week, special-called meeting to
23 talk about their budget and the millage rate, so
24 you're going to see some changes there. So just
25 keep your eyes open. Thank you.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Commissioner Cervelli?

2 MR. CERVELLI: Thank you. I hope
3 everybody had a happy 4th of July with your friends
4 and family. If you did miss the fireworks up at New
5 Salem last Saturday, they were actually pretty
6 spectacular. I thought I had been jaded by
7 fireworks, but they were really good. I enjoyed
8 them a lot. Let's get to more mundane things like
9 finances.

10 Local options sales tax, our collection
11 for June, we collected \$166,125 versus back in 2011
12 June, 172,256. So that was about a three and a half
13 percent decrease since last -- compared to month
14 over month. If we just look back at May, the
15 previous month May 2012, we dropped about
16 four percent. If you take the month to month
17 variability out of this thing, which I try to do
18 because these numbers jump all over the place, we're
19 still up about 8.9 percent over the last year same
20 three months.

21 We've got a slightly negative trend
22 going on though. Last time I was here, I said, you
23 know, things look like they're back to normal.
24 Actually, we've gone down about \$13,000 in
25 collections since April. This might be normal

1 variability now. I don't know what to expect
2 anymore. So I thought we had sort of leveled out,
3 but I'm seeing a slightly negative trend, not much
4 to worry about, but something to keep an eye on.

5 We've collected about \$994,000 this
6 year in local option sales tax and that's about
7 eight and a half percent over what we did the same
8 period last 2011. In terms of S.P.L.O.S.T, we
9 collected \$207,656 in June and, again, the same
10 numbers. That's a little less than June of last
11 year and a little less than May of 2012, but that's
12 still a good collection for us given that we have a
13 fairly conservative S.P.L.O.S.T spending plan.
14 However, I think it's probably time to recast how
15 we're going to spend that money and look at how
16 we're going to spend S.P.L.O.S.T. We do that
17 every -- go back and look at our capital
18 expenditures and see. I think it's time to do that
19 again.

20 In terms of the May budget, we have
21 finished our fiscal year. We're in a new fiscal
22 year as of July 1st, but we always look at our
23 budgets two months in arrears because of making sure
24 all our revenue and expenses come in so we can talk
25 about a month that's closed. So the last closed

1 month we're talking about is May 2012 right now.
2 That is 91.7 percent of our fiscal year. Revenues
3 attained through May is 89 percent of what our
4 expectation was. Expenses attained were
5 approximately 92 percent. That is negative \$466,189
6 through May. That number will get corrected rather
7 dramatically in June. There are a number of fund
8 transfers that are going to be taking place that we
9 are allowed to do by law and that number will
10 probably come down somewhere from a \$466,000 deficit
11 to somewhere less than \$100,000 when June closes.
12 That's our expectation. So that number is going to
13 look better. It's not going to be great. We're
14 still going to be negative, but it's not going to be
15 half a million dollars. I hope that's correct.
16 That's our expectation.

17 In terms of the budget for the new
18 fiscal year, the budget -- if you were here earlier
19 at our budget meeting, there were still some minor
20 variations and corrections going on. Right now we
21 are at \$8,924,120 for fiscal year, FY13, FY12-13.
22 That's about \$14,000 off of having a budget where we
23 don't have to go into our fund balance. Basically
24 saying where our revenue actually meets our
25 expenses. I think we are relatively optimistic that

1 we'll be able to find \$14,000 out of this budget to
2 make this neutral -- expense revenue neutral.

3 There's some things on the table in
4 terms of adjusting how we might do some of our
5 liability such as county holiday issues that we're
6 looking into, some potential early closings of some
7 of our buildings. We're not looking to take any
8 salary out of anybody's pockets. These are numbers
9 that -- these are plans that we'll just be able to
10 adjust some of our liability issues. There are no
11 furloughs in this budget. This fiscal year 2013
12 budget does not assume anybody is being furloughed
13 any salaries or being reduced. The reason being,
14 one is it wasn't county wide. It was very targeted
15 and I saw no point in continuing targeting a small
16 group of people. That's my opinion. And so there
17 are no furloughs in this budget and I think that's a
18 positive sign for us right now. Excuse me.

19 The other thing I would like to just
20 mention, we are looking -- I know we talked about
21 potentially a new paver that we might be able to
22 purchase to help pave some of our roads, but we are
23 looking at road safety right now in the county,
24 looking at how we might improve some safety, not
25 only with signage, but some repaving of some roads

1 that might improve their safety in weather
2 conditions. We'll know more about that as we go
3 forward.

4 The last thing I would like to do is
5 just have you put on your calendar two events. The
6 American Legion, of which I am a member, is going to
7 be holding a dedication event on July 21st at
8 2:00 p.m. here in Veterans Park. We're going to be
9 dedicating Highway 11 from the Alabama line to the
10 Tennessee line, so right through the middle of the
11 county here, in memory of a fallen soldier who died
12 in Afghanistan, one of our own, William Taylor
13 Richards. The family will be present and we ask
14 that all of you who can make the time to be there, I
15 believe that's a Saturday, on July 21st, 2:00 p.m.
16 Veterans Park to come and join in that dedication.

17 There will be another dedication in
18 September, September 15th. I-59 in Alabama is
19 dedicated as a Korean veterans memorial highway.
20 We're going to extend that state dedication from the
21 Alabama line up to -- on I-59 up to I-24. So it
22 will take it right through I-59 all the way up to
23 the intersection of I-24. So that will be another
24 dedication extending the Korean veteran highway,
25 memorial highway. So just put that date on your

1 calendar, 9/15. We don't have all the details
2 worked out yet, but there will be an event to
3 commemorate that as well. That's all I have. Thank
4 you.

5 MR. RUMLEY: We need to go ahead and
6 adjourn, Peter. You've already said everything.
7 I'm going to start giving you three minutes. Good
8 report.

9 Do remember Buddy Sampson. I'm glad
10 that Robert mentioned it in prayer. I had not had a
11 report here today on him, but that's good to know
12 he's doing better. Buddy, we refer to him as the
13 mayor of West Brow. He's missed very few meetings
14 since I became commissioner in 2000, very few
15 meetings that I remember he missed.

16 This month we actually kind of nailed
17 down the county agent position over at the Ag
18 Center. To some people, it's not so important, but
19 to a lot of people it is because we've been without
20 an agent a couple of years now since Ted Dyer left.
21 Robert, you made it there. You already met the
22 lady. And as far as -- you know, when we adjourned
23 the meeting, we'll -- we understood possibly she
24 would probably start August 1st, so look for that.
25 That's good for 4H and for our schools.

1 We did -- I did have a meeting
2 yesterday, a six-month meeting. Peter attended the
3 meeting and Alex Case with the Puckett EMS Group.
4 They are our ambulance provider. They've been here
5 six months and we, you know, had some issues,
6 nothing really, really serious, but some things we
7 went over with them and just kind of compared
8 numbers of actual calls, you know, and they so far
9 are working out real well. We'll do another one
10 probably in sixty days and then follow up with a
11 year, year evaluation. But so far, you know, we've
12 been pleased with these people.

13 Also the lawsuit -- the actual
14 bankruptcy hearings that's been going on pertaining
15 to our collection of the taxes pertaining to the TAS
16 Group in Rising Fawn. We did have another hearing
17 today. Robin and I went to that and actually they
18 gave the people another 30-day extension, so we'll
19 go -- we'll be back and maybe have a report after.
20 It's the 31st, isn't it? Wasn't that the date?

21 MR. ROGERS: It was --

22 MR. RUMLEY: Toward the end of August.

23 MR. ROGERS: It was toward the end of
24 August.

25 MS. WALLACE: It's the 16th.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Our live eye was there,
2 too, our reporter from Dade County. I refer to her
3 as Lois Lane. She was on the front row. I thought
4 she was going to correct the judge a couple of times
5 and I was going to have to pull her down. She does
6 a good job.

7 Also, the cleanup that we've been
8 actually working on the last couple of months, Billy
9 is here tonight, on the Lookout Creek and the
10 streams that we were actually approved to actually
11 clean out. You've pretty much got those finished,
12 haven't you, Billy, except for over in the --

13 MR. MASSENGALE: One spot.

14 MR. RUMLEY: One spot. We'll be
15 getting reimbursement for that. Probably take
16 thirty to sixty days on that from the State.

17 This is kind of a minor thing to some
18 people, but it's a big thing. We have got a lot of
19 lights out down at the park. Always before we've
20 actually -- these are the big lights where the ball
21 fields are at. We've actually had -- in the past
22 Georgia Power would come up and change those out for
23 us, you know. It's not something you do every year,
24 but they were quite expensive. Now they actually --
25 I think it's like 100 something dollars a bulb just

1 to change them out and we've got 39 or 40 bulbs out.
2 Anyway, we're taking bids on that. So any parents
3 out there that's concerned, we hope to have that --
4 maybe have those bulbs changed out maybe before the
5 next meeting hopefully.

6 We've also been working with the IDA.
7 Nathan -- they've got some things going with the new
8 property that's been purchased down at the Old -- I
9 say new. We've had it approximately a year now, but
10 we hope before -- well, before fall anyway we'll
11 have a road that's actually cut in from our
12 industrial park that ties those two pieces of
13 property together. Of course, it will be sooner
14 than that if we actually get a new prospect there
15 for that new property, so we're working with those
16 people. Any of y'all want to comment on anything
17 else that maybe you've forgotten?

18 MR. SMITH: The signs down at the
19 Spinning Mill that's sitting there for jobs, that
20 has nothing to do with Dade County. It's light
21 industrial and clerical work for somebody in
22 Chattanooga.

23 MR. RUMLEY: It has nothing to do with
24 the Spinning Mill.

25 MR. SMITH: It's not reopening.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Have you got anything
2 else, Scottie, you want to add? If not, we'll move
3 on down. We've got our Chamber representative here,
4 Debbie Tinker. She's going to come give us a
5 report.

6 MS. TINKER: Okay. This is my second
7 quarter report and, of course, everyone knows we had
8 the banquet, the festival. We worked with antique
9 alley. That was some of our larger events this past
10 spring. Coming up this fall will be the world's
11 longest yard sale, which we take the phone calls for
12 Georgia for that. It runs across the parkway,
13 Lookout Mountain Parkway so if anybody has any
14 questions, you're more than welcome to call the
15 Chamber. A lot of people will be setting up. Get
16 in your closets, your attics, everywhere. Get your
17 junk out and have a good time.

18 MR. RUMLEY: The date of that is when
19 now?

20 MS. TINKER: That is the first full
21 weekend in August, four days, Thursday, Friday,
22 Saturday and Sunday. This time of year, too, is our
23 time for yearly reports to the State. We are a
24 State Regional Welcome Center also and so we have to
25 do all of the traffic counts. We have to update the

1 website. That's all the points of interest, our
2 different artists, campgrounds, accommodations,
3 anything that would bring people to Dade County. We
4 keep the websites updated for that to try to bring
5 in tourism and so that has to be done on a yearly
6 basis and there's several that have started new that
7 are going to creating brochures that we'll be able
8 to go into for free also.

9 One important thing we did is we had a
10 representative of the Northwest Georgia Regional
11 Commission speak at our June luncheon and he was
12 speaking on the upcoming T.S.P.L.O.S.T referendum
13 vote, is that correct? Okay. And I know that our
14 Commission cannot speak on it, but the Chamber is in
15 support of this. Our board is in support. This
16 would allow moneys, a one cent sales tax to be added
17 that would allow moneys to come directly to Dade
18 County, which we have not had a lot of
19 transportation money come to Dade County in years
20 and I think 25 percent would be able -- of the
21 regional money would be able to come directly to
22 Dade County for our commissioners to choose
23 different roads for it to be worked on and
24 everything. The other 75 percent goes into a
25 regional fund that projects have been -- each county

1 put in projects. There was a committee that sat and
2 chose -- they prioritized the projects and Dade
3 County has a very good one. These would be finished
4 over a ten-year period and ours would be a new exit
5 ramp on I-59 and the good thing about this, too, I
6 think our project is listed to begin, I think, the
7 fourth year in.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Actually, it will be the
9 fifth.

10 MS. TINKER: Will it be the fifth? But
11 still that's better than being the tenth. The
12 Chamber does support this. That would give moneys
13 to fix roads that need to be fixed. It can be used
14 for several other things, I think, sidewalks and
15 numerous things like that in Dade County, but it's
16 money that we have never seen here, I don't believe.

17 MR. RUMLEY: It will be close to
18 \$800,000 that would be coming back to us a year.
19 It's big, really big.

20 MS. TINKER: We hope to have another
21 speaker come and possibly have the people come out
22 so that you can hear and do an educated vote, know
23 what you're voting for either way, but we do support
24 that.

25 And I got to sit in on some of the

1 interviews for the extension office. They invited
2 me and they seem to be getting a very good agent.
3 She has an animal science degree from Berry College.
4 She has also worked in horticulture and most of my
5 questions with her was on volunteers and in that
6 area and -- but I think that she's a really nice
7 lady, will do a good job.

8 But the highlight of my quarter was a
9 news reporter that came to Dade County from WBIR,
10 Knoxville, John Martin, and he wanted to interview
11 several people about the unique history in Dade
12 County for a special that was going to be played on
13 the 4th of July and we called several people. Some
14 were out of town, different things or ill, but Ted
15 Rumley and Ella Marie Moore both spoke to him and I
16 learned a lot about this county I did not know and
17 it was just wonderful. Y'all would both make great
18 story tellers at a story teller convention.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Everything I said was
20 true, too.

21 MS. TINKER: I know. But it was just
22 fascinating.

23 MR. RUMLEY: She sat there and shook
24 her head like that's hard to believe.

25 MS. TINKER: Not really, you know. But

1 I really enjoyed that day and I thank --

2 MR. CERVELLI: Can we get copies of
3 that?

4 MS. TINKER: He said he would get us a
5 copy of that.

6 MR. CERVELLI: I would like to see it.

7 MS. TINKER: I would, too.

8 MR. CERVELLI: I would like to see the
9 truth.

10 MS. TINKER: Hey, you can't imagine.
11 He touched on everything.

12 MR. CERVELLI: Did he talk about his
13 anteater?

14 MS. TINKER: No. I missed that one.

15 MR. RUMLEY: I didn't want to go that
16 far.

17 MR. CERVELLI: About his pet anteater.

18 MS. TINKER: Thank you very much.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for Debbie?

20 All right. Don Townsend, our financial
21 report, please.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: As of June 30th, 2012,
23 the general fund had a balance of \$717,222; Federal
24 Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288; Sheriff's Special
25 Fund, \$1,481; Drug Abuse Education Fund, \$107,173.

1 Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund, \$20,299; Victim
2 Assistance Fund, \$2,294; Jail Fund, \$31,437.
3 Federal Asset Fund, Department of Justice, \$3,162;
4 payroll account, \$47,510.

5 As of June 30th, the 2004
6 S.P.L.O.S.T. funds are completely closed, including
7 principal and interest account, any and all
8 investment, capital bond funds. So those funds are
9 now all closed status.

10 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T fund project account
11 balance is \$14,306; proceeds account, \$146,183;
12 construction account, \$929,520. And you see the
13 fire departments listed below. We still have the
14 three departments on S.P.L.O.S.T leases, New Salem,
15 South Dade and Trenton. Davis has a balance of
16 \$4,847. West Brow has a balance of \$9,431. That
17 makes up the 14,306. I see that on the report. The
18 projects account -- yeah, the projects account
19 above, I just quoted 14. That's actually -- the
20 projects account has a balance of \$929,520 and the
21 construction account has 14,306. Sorry. I need to
22 clarify that. We'll amend that and make sure the
23 final record is correct.

24 The general fund revenue as of May
25 31st, actual revenues for the month is \$547,476.

1 The year-to-date is \$845,208. Actual expenses for
2 the month was \$702,647. And year-to-date was
3 \$918,397. 91 percent -- 91.67 percent of the budget
4 was attained, 89.01 percent expenses attained,
5 92.07.

6 And just to review the local options
7 sales tax was \$166,125.33. S.P.L.O.S.T funds were
8 \$207,653.43 and I believe that is -- well, one more
9 total. At the very back of the section one, you'll
10 see a report of the Dade County Tax Commissioner's
11 office year-to-date tax collections. This is a good
12 one to keep because for the entire year, 12 months
13 ending as of June 30th, 2012. Percent collected
14 overall for everything that Commissioner Moreland
15 collects is 97.34 percent. The current year tax
16 collection is 96.63 percent, but remember that we
17 will probably -- we will continue to collect for
18 this year and future years that will be listed out
19 under prior year, so going forward, but didn't
20 quite -- came in a little short, 85,000 short. Most
21 of that was under real property tax and a lot of
22 that is tied up in The Preserve numbers that we're
23 aware of. I just want to make you aware of those at
24 the very back there. Thank you.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for Don?

1 MR. CERVELLI: No.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I need a motion to
3 approve the financial.

4 MR. CERVELLI: So moved.

5 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion. Do I
6 hear a second?

7 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
9 Cervelli?

10 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

12 MR. GOFF: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

14 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

16 MR. SMITH: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

18 Robin, do you have anything you want to share with
19 us on anything?

20 MR. ROGERS: No. I have nothing new to
21 report. You've already touched on the TAS business.
22 That's really --

23 MR. RUMLEY: Unfinished business.

24 Okay. The reading of the minutes of the previous
25 month will not be required since all Commissioners

1 have been furnished copies in advance. The minutes
2 are public record and available in the county
3 commission office. The minutes are included in the
4 consent agenda. At this time I would like for Don
5 to go over our consent agenda that we had previously
6 and if there's any changes or any corrections, we'll
7 do that.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: Approval of the agenda
9 as amended by adding number 16, DHS Lookout Mountain
10 Community Services, fiscal year 2013 contract,
11 approval of previous meeting minutes, approval of
12 the July 2012 spending resolution for the county
13 maintenance operations expense by resolution,
14 amendment to the ordinance number 0-2-95, 2.10 and
15 2-3-95 81C which is the annual fee by new ordinance
16 number 08-02-12. That's the first reading and will
17 require a second reading at an upcoming meeting.
18 Also approval of -- no. The agreement to invite the
19 top two candidates for future CPA audit firm to the
20 meeting, but no official action was taken,
21 designation of county records officer resolution
22 naming Don Townsend, county clerk, the open records
23 officer and alternate open records officer and for
24 the purposes of the alternate is Jennifer Hodnett.
25 Also, we have the designation by resolution

1 designating Don Townsend, county clerk, to record
2 minutes of executive sessions. I don't know if you
3 wanted this on the consent agenda or not, but you
4 can clarify that. Appointment of Mr. Robert Goff as
5 the HR committee to work on the handbook.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Scottie,
7 Mitchell?

8 MR. SMITH: No.

9 MR. RUMLEY: If not, I'll entertain a
10 motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by
11 Mr. Townsend.

12 MR. PITTMAN: I'll make that motion.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

14 MR. GOFF: Second.

15 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
16 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 Okay. Number eight, anyone want to come up and talk

1 to us tonight? Feel free to come up and say a word
2 or two. State your name and age and occupation and
3 anything else you want to tell us about you.

4 MR. BECK: My name is William Beck.
5 I'm 68, almost 69.

6 MR. RUMLEY: I was just kidding about
7 the age.

8 MR. BECK: Well, I don't care as long
9 as they don't publish it in the newspaper. I've
10 talked to a number of my neighbors and friends on
11 Sand Mountain where I live and there is great
12 concern about the risk that the library may shut
13 down and among the people I have talked to, they are
14 homeowners, taxpayers and there is a genuine
15 concern. And we've read a little bit about it in
16 the newspaper and we're hoping that there may be
17 some arrangement that the voters will have an
18 opportunity to decide about where we can set aside a
19 certain portion of the tax revenues that the County
20 receives that would be dedicated to funding our
21 library. And, again, I think the people at the
22 library can articulate this much better than I can,
23 but the library is much more than books anymore.
24 I've been there quite a few times. There's an awful
25 lot of people who either can't afford internet

1 service or have a need -- maybe they're not home.
2 Maybe they're not on Lookout Mountain or Sand
3 Mountain, but they're in town and the library is
4 extremely convenient and there are vast numbers of
5 people using the computers at the library. That's
6 primarily what I would be there for, but just on
7 behalf of my neighbors, we really would love to see
8 some arrangement by which the voters can look
9 carefully at a set aside for tax revenues to fund
10 the library.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Anyone else?

12 MS. SAMS: I'm Ginny Sams. I live on
13 Lookout Mountain in the New Salem area and I'm not
14 telling my age.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Now, that's --

16 MS. SAMS: I want to speak for the
17 library also and speak about it from a business
18 standpoint as well. This is a -- Debbie Tinker was
19 talking about doing things to attract business and
20 jobs to the community. Well, the presence of a
21 first class library, which we have just built, helps
22 do that. Closing the library would have an adverse
23 effect, which would be very detrimental to us
24 economically. The library is used by people who are
25 looking for jobs, researching companies, researching

1 investments. I've done that myself. And the
2 library also is an extension of the school because
3 when the school closes, the kids go home or they go
4 to the library. The library is available and the
5 staff is available to help them research, help them
6 do papers, help them apply to colleges, help them
7 know how to use the library. Our library is a
8 knowledge center and it also epitomizes the value
9 that this county places on education.

10 So I think that early voting starts as
11 early as this Monday. Am I correct on that? So
12 even if you are -- I think the voter turnout usually
13 is in the 20 percentile, 25 percentile, 29
14 percentile, not 30. If you don't care about the
15 candidates running for office, and I hope you do
16 care, but if you don't, come out and vote for the
17 library anyway. It's a nonpartisan issue. The same
18 question is on the Republican primary and the
19 Democratic primary. Vote yes to set aside funds for
20 the library so we don't have to go through this
21 every year.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you very much.

23 Anyone else?

24 MS. STREET: This is not about the
25 library. I want to tell you thank you for

1 something. I have two things I want to tell you and
2 I'm going to cry for one of them. I would like to
3 thank Puckett EMS and Chris Lowrance for the
4 ambulance call to my dad a little less than a month
5 ago because if they hadn't made it, he wouldn't be
6 alive and he coded three times before they got him
7 to the hospital and we figured out we think we know
8 what's wrong and the pacemaker fixed it. But I've
9 heard that ambulance a dozen times a day sometimes
10 this month and I just want to thank those guys and
11 especially Chris Lowrance from Wildwood as a first
12 responder.

13 And then on some good news, I'm going
14 to announce to them, I've been working for you sort
15 of undercover in a semi-volunteer position and I was
16 doing some work that Don just frankly didn't have
17 time to do and it was relating to the emergency food
18 and shelter money that comes from FEMA and we're a
19 year behind on getting that money, but we got word
20 this week that we got \$4,156 and that all goes to
21 Tri-State food pantry on Sand Mountain.

22 The library has been a big priority for
23 me. I sat through a meeting in Lafayette when my
24 dad was in the hospital and I should have been up
25 there, but that tells you how serious I am about

1 that part. Thanks again for the good ambulance
2 service.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Donna. Anyone
4 else? Okay. Last call. I appreciate all of you
5 being here tonight. I really do. We do -- I am
6 going to entertain a motion to go into executive
7 session pertaining to some real estate.

8 MR. GOFF: I make a motion we go into
9 executive session.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

11 MR. PITTMAN: I'll second.

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

13 Cervelli?

14 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

16 MR. GOFF: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

18 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

20 MR. SMITH: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: We will return shortly.

22 (Thereupon, the Commissioners
23 retired into Executive Session.)

24 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I hear a motion
25 that we come out of executive session?

1 MR. PITTMAN: Motion.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

3 MR. GOFF: Second.

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

5 Mr. 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 all of you for coming to the meeting
15 and showing up. I appreciate all of the people in
16 the audience for showing up. Do I hear a motion
17 that we adjourn the meeting?

18 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

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

20 MR. GOFF: Second.

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

22 Mr. Cervelli?

23 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

25 MR. GOFF: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

2 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

4 MR. SMITH: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

6 Thank you. Meeting adjourned.

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