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1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call  
2 the February 7th meeting to order. I appreciate  
3 all of y'all being here and staying with us through  
4 the work session. As always, before we pray --  
5 start the meeting, we do pray, have a prayer and  
6 Pledge of Allegiance to do that. Allan, I think you  
7 had --

8 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah. I would like to  
9 say that we lost a really good friend in West Brow,  
10 Phillip Bell. I don't know how many of you knew  
11 him, but he was a great person in our community,  
12 done a lot of things for our community and every  
13 time there was something done in our community, he  
14 was involved. He was one of Buddy's best friends  
15 back there and a similar person, also, Bill  
16 Marshall, which most of you know about. I just want  
17 you to know we lost a really good person from  
18 District Four.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Also, we lost one of our  
20 old timers that was a county employee for many, many  
21 years here. He actually was an employee through our  
22 three sole commissioners. He actually was there  
23 when Dan Hall, came right on in to Doug Miller and  
24 then into Larry Moore and that's Dune Stevens. He  
25 was a friend of mine and his whole family is. Of

1 course, he's Scottie's kinfolk there. He'll be  
2 missed in the county. He was a familiar face for  
3 many years here in Dade County. I know I'll  
4 miss him. Robert, if you would, lead us in prayer.

5 MR. GOFF: Let's do keep these families  
6 in mind. Of course, in our county, we lose a lot of  
7 dear friends and relatives and what have you every  
8 month, but this seems to be a month for that, but  
9 keep those families in our prayer. Also, as you  
10 pray, remember the people of Adairsville and  
11 Calhoun, Gordon County and Bartow County. We kind  
12 of know what some of them is going through tonight.

13 The phone call that I missed, remember  
14 the people that are working there. It was the  
15 Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief calling me earlier  
16 to go down Saturday to work in Calhoun. So I'll be  
17 going down there, Lord willing. So keep those  
18 people in your prayers. As I say, we know exactly  
19 what they're going through tonight. Some of them  
20 lost every single thing they had, every stick of  
21 anything they had in their homes and some  
22 businesses.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Also, Roy Gass. I don't  
24 want to forget Roy. He was an old familiar face  
25 here in Dade County, too, for many years. His

1 daughter works down at our health department. Keep  
2 that family in your prayers, too.

3 MR. ROGERS: Yes. I got mentioned in  
4 that funeral today myself because I told them, I  
5 said, if you know anything about Roy Gass, I said, I  
6 know he's the only man who ever brought me chocolate  
7 pies and blew kisses at me. He will be missed. He  
8 will be missed. But remember all of them. There's  
9 others that you know that we haven't mentioned and  
10 that's not anything intentional. These people are  
11 no better or worse. It's just I know as Allan said,  
12 some of you may not Phillip, if you look back where  
13 Billy Massengale is now standing, that's where  
14 Phillip is almost every month. That's the one  
15 that's been Buddy's friend and close --

16 MR. RUMLEY: Vice mayor.

17 MR. GOFF: He's the vice mayor to take  
18 over in Buddy's absence. But I know Buddy will  
19 miss him. The community will miss him and we'll  
20 miss him here because were so akin to seeing his  
21 face here almost every month he would be here and  
22 always having a good time being here it seemed. So  
23 let's remember all these.

24 (Thereupon, the invocation and  
25 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

1 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regularly  
2 scheduled meeting of the Dade County Board of  
3 Commission which takes place at the same time on the  
4 first Thursday of every month. Proper notice of  
5 this meeting was given to the legal organ, the Dade  
6 County Sentinel and has been posted in the hallway  
7 of the Administrative Building. At this time, I do  
8 need a roll call. Mr. Smith?

9 MR. SMITH: Here.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

11 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

13 MR. GOFF: Here.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

15 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

16 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.  
17 Mitchell, I'll start with you on the district  
18 commissioner's report.

19 MR. SMITH: Back during May of last  
20 year after Memorial Day, we had mentioned making  
21 sure we had flags on the servicemen's graves this  
22 come next Memorial Day here in may. It's not that  
23 far off to be honest with you, so we need  
24 everybody's help. If you know of someone that's in  
25 the cemetery throughout the county, let us know that

1 servicemen, that military person is. I've got some  
2 forms that I've made out. We're going to have them  
3 in the commission's office, put as much or as little  
4 information as you want on it, name, location,  
5 branch of service possibly. We don't want to  
6 miss anyone. We're going to ask the Legion to help  
7 us out in this. They may have records, talk to  
8 them, let us know where they are. Most of the  
9 servicemen, if not got a record started and we'll  
10 have some idea where they are. We need to make sure  
11 we honor them this coming Memorial Day.

12 We checked on the flags. It depends on  
13 the flag, whatever you get, roughly a dollar apiece.  
14 It's a little more, little less. Like I said, it  
15 depends on the size of the flag you put there.

16 Those folks around Sarah's Chapel Road,  
17 the solution is being worked on. Apparently, Billy  
18 has been feeding a cave or a sink hole with dirt, so  
19 they're trying to find a solution to keep the road  
20 from falling again. Ted may touch on it a little  
21 more. I don't know, but it's in the works. That's  
22 all I have.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Scottie?

24 MR. PITTMAN: I just wanted to let  
25 everybody know in District Two that we have started

1 working -- or we've been working about the last  
2 eight years, but we have made progress toward  
3 getting out community center or walking track. I  
4 need to get some meetings scheduled with some  
5 community leaders, anybody that's interested in  
6 being a part of this needs to give me a call.  
7 Hopefully, it will be in the next three months,  
8 you'll see some sort of progress. Hopefully, first  
9 there will be a walking track at Davis. We should  
10 be able to get that done before summertime and,  
11 again, any help will be appreciated.

12           It's stuff like this that brings  
13 communities together. Every community in the county  
14 has a center except for Davis and there's many  
15 functions that can be done at a community center. I  
16 know New Home uses their community center for the  
17 banjo players, the guitar pickers. They meet once a  
18 month or once a week. A bunch of guys get together  
19 and play banjo, play guitar. That's something you  
20 don't really think about. You could use them for  
21 birthdays, weddings, family reunions. It's just a  
22 good place to get together and fellowship and look  
23 out for each other. So anybody in the Davis or New  
24 Home area that's interested in being a part of this,  
25 give me a call. I'll add your name and we'll start

1 having some meetings later on.

2 I've actually got Donna Street looking  
3 at writing a few grants for us, grant applications  
4 and hopefully we'll be able to get some federal  
5 money that's out there floating around, hopefully.  
6 So if you can, just give me a call if anybody is  
7 interested in that.

8 MR. RUMLEY: That is right. Donna,  
9 she's actually kind our grant writer, call it want  
10 you want, kind of a person that we've actually sent  
11 to a couple of seminars and courses. She's smart.  
12 She's going to be good. It takes that concentration  
13 to actually make these things work, not just grants  
14 for your community, but all communities. We're  
15 going to be on -- hopefully, in the next year or so,  
16 she can really produce, you know. Of course, we  
17 just pay her as she works. She's not a full-time  
18 employee. She's kind of proved herself. We pay  
19 her. That's working out good for us. Go ahead.  
20 I'm sorry, Robert.

21 MR. GOFF: No problem. I'm not going  
22 to spend a lot of time going over the budget that  
23 Don is going to talk about some of the things later,  
24 but I will mention our S.P.L.O.S.T. Our L.O.S.T.  
25 and our S.P.L.O.S.T report for the month. The local

1 option sales tax or L.O.S.T. is 156,667 and that is  
2 about 4,000 more than last month, but if you look  
3 back a year ago, it's about 17,000 less than the  
4 same month a year ago. But overall, there is a  
5 trend. It seems like that we're going up.

6           The special purpose or S.P.L.O.S.T is  
7 195,833 for the month of January and that's about  
8 5,000 more than the month of December. But again,  
9 going back to last January was 217,000, so it's  
10 about 22,000 off of the same month a year ago. But  
11 there are some trends.

12           We were in Atlanta this week and  
13 listening to the governor. It seems that in the  
14 state there's a little better trend, but nobody is  
15 saying we're out of the woods yet and going home and  
16 everything is peachy king. As a matter of fact,  
17 they're still talking about cutting the budget there  
18 another three percent, doing an amendment and  
19 cutting three percent kind of across the state and  
20 we heard some of those cuts. I know the chairman  
21 will elaborate on that a little bit more in a  
22 minute, why we were there and some of the things  
23 that we're hoping to get out of that trip.

24           But things are looking better.  
25 Remember, the legislation -- legislators are in

1 session. They've been in now about two weeks and  
2 they worked on basically the budget right now. One  
3 thing I would like for people to be reminded of, in  
4 about three weeks, when you got into the tag office  
5 to get a title or get a tag for a vehicle,  
6 everything is going to change on new vehicles and  
7 any vehicles that are purchased from anywhere like  
8 in front of Ingle's. You go buy one of those cars  
9 that sits there, you've always just gone in, got a  
10 title change, bought a tag and paid a little bit of  
11 ad valorem tax. That will change. In three weeks,  
12 you will pay a six and a half percent tag ad valorem  
13 tax on that one time only, but it's going to catch a  
14 lot of people by surprise because it's something  
15 that's new. Year after year then you won't be  
16 paying the ad valorem tax when you go buy a tag, so  
17 it's going to work out for everybody, but that first  
18 hit and on a new car, it's really not going to  
19 change anything because we've always paid taxes on  
20 new vehicles anyway. Actually, it will be a little  
21 better off the first year. It will be six and a  
22 half percent instead of seven percent.

23                   So some things are going to change  
24 there and all over the state, we hear about tax  
25 commissioners who are dreading that day and dreading

1 the month to come until people get used to the idea  
2 of what's taking place. So keep it in mind and  
3 remember if you go there that they're only doing  
4 what the legislators approved last year as a law to  
5 take effect oddly in March instead of at the first  
6 of the year or whatever like many of them do.

7           Then coming back to the county a little  
8 bit. We have a couple of issues we had at the four  
9 fields at our parks. Just so people will know, they  
10 went down and when it rains, you know that those  
11 fields drain very good, but we have Stacy Stephens  
12 here. I don't know how many know who he is. He  
13 comes every once in a while and you may or may not  
14 know him, but I think if my wife will look at him,  
15 that's that middle-aged guy she talked to today  
16 that's over our parks and recreation. But we have  
17 issues like the gates being locked to the fields  
18 after heavy rains. Of course, that's for a reason.  
19 That is because they don't want footprints about  
20 that deep in the end field in places. So we've had  
21 people coming and jumping the fence and doing things  
22 to get in there. So we're just asking the people of  
23 Dade County to take care of it. It's about that  
24 time. If you notice the rec league sign-ups are  
25 taking place right now and there's going to be

1 crawling with hundreds of young people in just a  
2 matter of a few weeks now. They're going to be in  
3 there. We have a facility there to be very proud  
4 of, but it is all due to the taxpayer that affords  
5 it to be done and also to Stacy and the people that  
6 work with him that keep it in tiptop shape every day  
7 throughout the year. So just help them take care of  
8 that. So that's all I've got.

9           There's a lot more going on. Just keep  
10 your eye on the legislation because if you get a  
11 little drip of something, let's talk about it and  
12 get ahold of our Senator Jeff Mullis, our newly  
13 elected Representative John Deffenbaugh, we met with  
14 both of them and just tell them how you feel and how  
15 you expect them to, you know, keep our wishes.  
16 That's why they're here, to do in the state what  
17 we're here to do in the county for you, the citizens  
18 and thank you very much.

19           MR. RUMLEY: Allan Bradford.

20           MR. BRADFORD: Well, I didn't know I  
21 was going to be on the transfer station committee  
22 until yesterday, but they always put me in the  
23 garbage area. But anyway, before that, I would like  
24 to commend our road crew, Billy and them. They're  
25 done a great job. We got a light out there today on

1 157 and Old State Line Road. I don't know how many  
2 people drive out there, but that's the worst road in  
3 the world when it's foggy. You can't see anything.  
4 It's one of the most dangerous areas. I'm surprised  
5 there haven't been a lot more accidents there than  
6 what's been there.

7           Also, I could run for president and get  
8 it with the Cherokee Road being opened up with the  
9 repair that Billy has done there. They've done a  
10 really good job on that. I mean, it's not finished,  
11 but it took a while to get it done because every  
12 time they would get ready to do it, it would come a  
13 big rain, you know. So there was no need to go out  
14 there and do that and just let it wash away. So  
15 Billy and I discussed it and we waited until the  
16 right time. People are really happy about that. I  
17 didn't realize how many people use that, but a lot  
18 of people use Cherokee Road and they're really  
19 excited about that.

20           The only thing I have on the transfer  
21 station at this time is people are wondering why we  
22 don't take glass and recycle it. The reason for it  
23 is it's beginning to cost more to take it than it is  
24 to go ahead and put it in the landfill. It costs  
25 around \$60 for us to get rid of -- is it a canister,

1 Billy?

2 MR. MASSENGALE: About one ton.

3 MR. BRADFORD: About one ton of glass  
4 whereas we can get rid of it at the station for \$27  
5 at the landfill. So right now, I just now started  
6 calling some people today, but as of right now, we  
7 don't have anybody that can take that. It's just  
8 too much of an expense for the County right at the  
9 moment and we will work on that and see what we come  
10 up with. That's the only thing I have.

11 MR. RUMLEY: They want us to pay them.

12 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah. We're paying  
13 them.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Talking about getting rid  
15 of tires. That's something that, you know, you  
16 can't put in the landfill. It costs us -- we charge  
17 you exactly what it costs us to actually get rid of  
18 tires when you bring them down there. And  
19 hopefully -- you know, you mentioned this, too.  
20 Allan sponsored one time, it's been years ago when  
21 he was commissioner, and it was a good day. We had  
22 actually a tire day.

23 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah, amnesty day.

24 MR. RUMLEY: You know, if you had  
25 tires. We had an open day on a Saturday, I believe.

1 If you had tires laying around and you would bring  
2 them and put them in a trailer. It was mainly just  
3 to clean up Dade County. He's working on that right  
4 now, trying to work it out with a company to come in  
5 and give us a break on it. That's not something  
6 that's going to happen tomorrow, but hopefully by  
7 summer, mid summer, you'll be able to -- Allan is  
8 working pretty hard.

9 MR. BRADFORD: I've already worked with  
10 the same company, which is Green Man, which is the  
11 one that sponsored it that time, got us a grant to  
12 do that. We took thousands of tires out of here.  
13 At that time, it was a West Nile problem that we had  
14 with the mosquitos and we used all the trustees. We  
15 liked to have worked them to death. Anyway, we got  
16 thousands of tires. A lot of people went into the  
17 creeks, took them out of the creeks. Like I say,  
18 Green Man is a company that done that and I've  
19 already called them, talking to them. And I've  
20 called a company about the glass. I don't know that  
21 it worked, but it's not worth it for our county to  
22 go pay to have this hauled off. We're spending  
23 money that we shouldn't be spending of taxpayers  
24 money. You know, that's how I feel. I want to be  
25 as close as well possibly can. If it's a little bit

1 cheaper, it wouldn't be so bad, but we're spending  
2 40 something dollars above what we can put it in the  
3 landfill for.

4           One other thing I would like to mention  
5 is on March 21st at the West Brow Community  
6 Center, they're going to have a memorial for Phillip  
7 Bell, anyone else that would like to go. I'm sure  
8 they'll have food out there to eat. You don't ever  
9 go to West Brow that they don't have something to  
10 eat. I know that's kind of a time off, but we'll  
11 try to keep everybody reminded about that because  
12 Phillip did do a lot for our community center out  
13 there and I'm sure they'll put it in the paper.

14           MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Allan. I've  
15 got a few things to touch on tonight. One of them  
16 I'll start with is really important. I've had a lot  
17 of comments on it to Dade County and that's our  
18 driver's license being brought back. The GSP people  
19 that would come in and actually do our driver's  
20 license here in Dade County.

21           Now, Robert and I, we were in Atlanta  
22 Monday and Tuesday. That was one of the meetings,  
23 one of the main meetings we had. We had a really  
24 good meeting with -- Jeff Mullis was there.  
25 Representative Deffenbaugh was there. Keith Ware

1 was the actual commissioner of the -- over driver's  
2 license and his assistant or -- well, he would be  
3 second in command. Deputy chief. But anyway, we've  
4 tentatively come up with hopefully a solution. They  
5 are coming next week. We're trying to find a place  
6 to locate them. We thought we could actually have  
7 them come here and do that as a satellite unit and  
8 maybe once a month, you know. But the way they work  
9 now, they don't do any kind of temporary stuff like  
10 that anymore. We've got to find a permanent place  
11 where they can put their computers, maybe four or  
12 five workstations and be able to lock it up and that  
13 way they won't be moving in and out. We've got two  
14 or three places now that we're looking at to show  
15 them in the next week, which is a good thing. If  
16 they do that, there's a good possibility that they  
17 will be here twice a month. It will probably be two  
18 Mondays. I don't know what Mondays that they'll be  
19 here, but the reason they're choosing Monday is  
20 because that the day that they're closed in Rock  
21 Springs.

22                   So, you know, it's not 100 percent yet,  
23 but I really feel good about it. I think it's --  
24 Robert, I think you'll agree it was a positive  
25 meeting. We are also -- you know, we're going to

1 have some expense to it. We've got to actually  
2 furnish the lights and the power and the internet  
3 service, which is not a great cost, but the lineman  
4 school, which George Nelson also met us down there,  
5 which owns the Lineman Training Center and they've  
6 been having a lot of issues there as far as the  
7 permitting for their CDL license in Dalton as far as  
8 the travel time, you know, taking a van down there,  
9 bringing it back and all that.

10           So we're working. We're going to kind  
11 of partner with those people there and George is  
12 actually -- he's actually going to share quite a bit  
13 of the cost that it's going to cost us because it's  
14 going to save them money in the long run. So it's  
15 going to be really a good joint effort between the  
16 Lineman Training Center and the County to actually  
17 make this happen. So hopefully in the next -- I  
18 don't think it's going to happen in the next week,  
19 but in the next couple of months, you'll see that  
20 we're going to try to bring the licensing people  
21 back in the county and that's -- to me that's big.  
22 We've had a lot of calls. Every commissioner has.  
23 So that was one good thing that came out of the  
24 meeting.

25           Also, the week before, Robert and I had

1 went down one day. We met the sheriff and his chief  
2 deputy Nash there, Nash Phillips, pertaining to the  
3 training center in Dalton and that was also a  
4 positive meeting. I think we've be able to come up  
5 with an agreement there to keep at least partially  
6 that facility open and hopefully by the end of the  
7 summer, maybe go back into a full training session.  
8 So that was a really good meeting. Also, we had the  
9 sheriff from Dalton. We had the sheriff there in  
10 Walker County, Steve Wilson and the chief of police  
11 there in Rome. It was a fairly lengthy meeting, but  
12 it was good.

13 I just got an e-mail just a minute ago  
14 in between the two sessions here that -- I've  
15 mentioned this off and on, you know, for I guess a  
16 year, maybe two, about the possibility of a water,  
17 you know, being able to tap the Tennessee River and  
18 bring water to Atlanta, you know. I keep getting --  
19 I've spent a lot of time over there meeting people,  
20 with different political people and engineers, you  
21 know, this is at the extreme northwest corner of  
22 Georgia closest to the Tennessee River. I just got  
23 this -- actually they just passed this house  
24 resolution four. It just says it was unanimously  
25 approved by the House Judiciary Committee this

1 afternoon. Next, it will enter the House Committee,  
2 and that's really the start of the beginning of  
3 this. And what this means is they're working on a  
4 trade off. It says this resolution offers to trade  
5 Georgia's ratification of the flawed  
6 Georgia/Tennessee border survey for everywhere  
7 except in its western end, which would be Dade  
8 County. So this is just a real positive step here  
9 in that direction. There's been a lot of work  
10 that's been put in by the State that -- it's just  
11 not been publicized, but they have put a lot of work  
12 into this. I think in the next year or so, you're  
13 going to see this come to a head, I feel, because  
14 they can't -- they've got to quit talking sometime  
15 and do something because Atlanta, you know, they  
16 keep building and building and building and just  
17 because Lake Altoona and all that's got water in it  
18 now, that don't mean -- they're not making rain.  
19 They can't make it rain. So the answer hopefully  
20 will be this water system here and it will greatly  
21 benefit Dade County.

22 I've said many times, you know,  
23 hopefully if this happens -- you know, if this  
24 crosses, it's going to be in Dade County and  
25 hopefully we can actually -- whether we operate the

1 pump station, the lift station or whatever, you  
2 know, we can benefit, you know, through maybe a  
3 penny, half a penny or whatever per gallon and it  
4 could really drastically affect our tax base. So  
5 anyway, I'll keep you up on this. This is just  
6 something that came through a minute ago. To me  
7 it's good news.

8 MR. GOFF: What a great time for you  
9 know who to be chairman of the Rules Committee.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Well, I didn't say that,  
11 but the Rules Committee --

12 MR. GOFF: I didn't said who.

13 MR. RUMLEY: -- happens to be chaired  
14 by Jeff Mullis now and that's good. That's a good  
15 thing because the Rules Committee, what it does, it  
16 will go to them and they can -- no matter what, the  
17 bill -- whether you like it or I like it, if they  
18 say no, it will not go any further.

19 MR. GOFF: They've got to bless it.

20 MR. RUMLEY: It can go and just keep in  
21 a cycle. People are pushing it to the floor. So  
22 we'll keep you informed on that. Something will  
23 probably happen while Robin is on her week's  
24 vacation, so she's going to miss it.

25 MR. GOFF: She'll dial that red phone.

1                   MR. RUMLEY: That's right. This is  
2 just the beginning. It's small. It's not really  
3 big, but it's just the beginning of this.  
4 Hopefully, we'll have some positive on it.

5                   We've been working with the IDA. Peter  
6 Cervelli now is working with the IDA pertaining to  
7 Accellent. We've had several different discussions  
8 with them, those people. Of course, they're wanting  
9 to -- they're going to expand and increase, you  
10 know, the employment. So for all you people that  
11 work there with Accellent, you know, with the county  
12 and IDA, we're doing everything we possibly can to  
13 accommodate the group. Robert has been deeply  
14 involved in it. Hopefully, in the next few weeks,  
15 months, we can have a good report for that, too.  
16 Although, we've got a lot of people that are pulling  
17 on it. They're wanting them in Tennessee, Alabama.  
18 I know they're soliciting them off. Hopefully, we  
19 can convince them that Dade County is where they  
20 need to be.

21                   Allan, he did mention that Cherokee  
22 Trail was actually opened back up. That's a good  
23 thing. We've got the Creek Road up there that  
24 Mitchell touched on. That's our next kind of big  
25 project and there is a cave there that's going to be

1 hard to ever stop it from collapsing there in the  
2 traffic. So what we're probably going to have to do  
3 is actually move the road over probably 10 or  
4 12 feet. I'm working on that right now trying to  
5 get together with landowners. We'll actually shift  
6 it over and it will make it a safer road. Where  
7 it's at is right there where the -- there's a curve  
8 in the road where the old Wright swimming hole is  
9 at. It's been there forever. Hopefully, we can  
10 give you a good report on that next month.

11           The only other thing I've got, I have  
12 met a couple of times. We're trying to get the land  
13 trade between the State Forestry and Dade County  
14 where they're building that now, trading property  
15 there beside Moore Funeral Home where they had the  
16 Forestry building and it's taken a long time. This  
17 all went -- actually started during the storm and  
18 we're bringing that to a head.

19           Actually, while we were in Atlanta, we  
20 went over to the land department for the State of  
21 Georgia and I left actually the final drawing there  
22 that the county has. So we're coming to an  
23 agreement. We've already reached an agreement.  
24 It's just red tape that we're taking care of. So it  
25 will be finalized hopefully in the next week.

1 Anyone got anything they want to add?

2 Don, we'll move down to you. I tell  
3 you what. Wait a minute, Don. I'm jumping to  
4 number three here. The mayor, is he here tonight or  
5 anyone from the City of Trenton? I didn't see him  
6 here. We do have someone from the library, someone.

7 MS. SHARP: I'm Marshana Sharp. I'm  
8 the youth education coordinator and the manager of  
9 the Dade County Public Library and I've been there  
10 for ten years now. I just wanted to give y'all a  
11 report on our statistics. We're halfway through our  
12 fiscal year and, of course, we knew this would be --  
13 we would have an increase going from 1,000 square  
14 foot to where we are now. I'm sorry it cut the top  
15 off, but this is July through December. It shows  
16 our statistics and you should have them in front of  
17 you.

18 Since that time, we've checked out over  
19 16,834 items. So people are still reading and  
20 they're checking out books. We do have 143 people  
21 who access our downloads now and we have 265 new  
22 people that registered since July. So that's  
23 between July and December. I guess you'll notice  
24 that we have 100 percent drop in teen and tween  
25 programs. Because of the hours and the staffing, we

1 haven't been able to, you know, do in those areas,  
2 which I hope with volunteers that we'll be able to  
3 go back up on those. And of course, our meeting  
4 room has increased. We had 27 meetings in there  
5 between that time and every week now, I think  
6 there's someone in there and different groups have  
7 started using it.

8 MR. RUMLEY: How do you do that? Do  
9 you actually -- if a group wants to have their  
10 meeting, do you charge a small fee or how do you  
11 handle that?

12 MS. SHARP: We don't. You're not  
13 allowed to exchange money, so you can't have like  
14 Tupperware parties or anything like that. It's a  
15 community room. So if you are an organization,  
16 nonprofit in the community or the sheriff's  
17 department, anybody that wants to use it, they just  
18 call and register. If no one is using it, we allow  
19 them to use it because we have to look into that,  
20 you know, because we're state funded and tax dollars  
21 and they're just allowed to use it. But no money or  
22 no business is allowed to exchange hands in it. We  
23 just got our projector for that room, so -- but it  
24 is being used quite a bit.

25 And of course, do y'all have any

1 questions about the things? I was really proud of  
2 them, the ones that were down and the -- our  
3 percentages is just from what we came up with 2013.  
4 That's just for six months. We used to be open 45  
5 hours and now we're open 30. That's a big thing.

6 I just want to tell you about some  
7 programs that we still have at the library. Of  
8 course, on Thursdays we still have our ready to  
9 read. They're doing taxes. Anyone that wants their  
10 taxes done, they do them for free, the AARP.  
11 They're going to be over there on Tuesdays and  
12 Thursdays from 10:00 to 5:00. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt,  
13 you know, they've done them every year for a while,  
14 but you do need to call and make an appointment with  
15 them and I have the phone number at the library.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Now, last year we had them  
17 here, didn't we? They were actually here.

18 MS. SHARP: Yeah. They have come to  
19 the 1,000 square feet and they were like, oh, we  
20 can't do this, but they're back at the library now.

21 Tax forms, they're trickling in. We  
22 don't know why they're coming in like they are, but  
23 we have most of the forms, not the instruction  
24 books. We have 1040 EZs, but we're getting them in.  
25 So everybody has been calling and asking. If you do

1 need tax forms, call me and we'll tell you which  
2 ones we have. Hopefully, they -- we got a notice  
3 that said they -- they all should be in at least by  
4 three or four weeks. We should have them in by the  
5 end of February, first of March. I do have a few  
6 Georgia forms. I had to borrow them from someone  
7 else because ours still aren't in, but I do have  
8 some Georgia forms.

9           Tuesday we're doing a movie. Krystal  
10 is sponsoring a movie night for the family. It  
11 starts at 5:15. We'll have free popcorn, water.  
12 They're paying for everything and they have got  
13 coupons and stuff for people. So we invite  
14 everybody over to see the movie. We're going to do  
15 Hotel Transylvania, the new one that just came out.

16           I'm partnering with Melissa Blevins on  
17 the GED. They're going to start using the training  
18 room. And if any of y'all haven't seen the training  
19 room, y'all need to see the training room. We have  
20 six computers in there and they're going to start --  
21 a lot of the GED is going to online and they're  
22 going to start having the classes come over there  
23 and do things over there. She's still going to be  
24 in her area, but she's going to be sending people  
25 over there. We've been working with them and we're

1 going to be doing a lot of that over there.

2           There's some stuff that -- if you have  
3 a library card, a lot of people don't know we have.  
4 It's Cypress resume. If you need help doing your  
5 resume, it does it actually for you. You put a few  
6 key things in. Learning Express, Galileo, E books  
7 and audio books, Kindels, iPods, all that, we have  
8 that and if everybody is interested, come to the  
9 library. I'll show them how to get on and do that.  
10 Just because you have your library card, the State  
11 pays for those things and you can use them. We do  
12 have them at the library.

13           The friends of the library just changed  
14 and Linda is no longer the chair. Donna Street is  
15 and she'll be here for two years. She couldn't be  
16 here tonight, but she wanted me to tell y'all to  
17 save the date, Friday March 22nd at 7:00. She  
18 wants -- and you'll get a formal invitation. She  
19 wants to invite all the local leaders and they're  
20 going to sit down locally just with the friends and  
21 do some brainstorming on the future of the library,  
22 where we're going, what we need to do and all that.  
23 So they want you to mark the calendar and she'll be  
24 letting y'all know more about that.

25           MR. RUMLEY: What time?

1 MS. SHARP: At 7:00. She said she  
2 would feed y'all.

3 MR. RUMLEY: In the morning?

4 MS. SHARP: She's wanting to invite  
5 everybody and the Commission. So do y'all have any  
6 questions?

7 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate it.

8 MS. SHARP: Thank y'all for y'all's  
9 support.

10 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Don?

11 MR. TOWNSEND: I had to verify that  
12 with the county attorney. You're talking about  
13 Donna Street, the retired Donna Street is going to  
14 have a meeting at 7:00 a.m., not 7:00 p.m?

15 MR. RUMLEY: That's what I was going to  
16 tell her. I get here about 6:30.

17 MS. SHARP: No. It's 7:00 p.m.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: Oh, 7:00 p.m. Okay. I  
19 wrote 7:00 a.m.

20 This account balance as of January  
21 31st, 2013. General fund, 695,589; Federal Asset  
22 Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288; Sheriff's Special Fund,  
23 \$17,694; Drug Abuse Education Fund, \$111,994;  
24 Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund, \$21,283; Victim  
25 Assistance Fund, \$16,526; Jail Fund, \$18,936.

1 Federal Asset Fund, Department of Justice, \$3,162.  
2 Payroll account, \$27,306. 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T funds  
3 for the construction account, \$14,526. Projects  
4 Account, \$177,123. Proceeds account, \$257,443.

5 And then y'all see the bottom of the  
6 fire departments with moneys remaining in the  
7 construction fund, which were bonded moneys of  
8 Davis, \$4,847 and West Brow, \$9,431.

9 For the month of December -- for the  
10 month ending December 31st, 2012, our actual  
11 revenues collected county wide were \$2,178,470.50  
12 Budgeted was 2,055,00. So we were up about 122,000.  
13 That's good. For the first time in a while we had  
14 access. For year-to-date for that period July 1st  
15 through December 31st, we collected \$5,330,067 and  
16 year-to-date budgeted was 5,314,000. So again, a  
17 surplus, an excess of 16,000. Not much, but it's a  
18 surplus and that's good. That's the first time  
19 we've had that in a while.

20 Expenses, actual was \$1,469,590 and  
21 monthly budgeted was \$1,416,564. Unfortunately,  
22 that was over budget by \$53,026 year-to-date.  
23 4,707,000 year-to-date in expenses, but budgeted was  
24 4,770,000. So we are, again, under budget for the  
25 year-to-date \$63,829 for the whole year. Budget

1 attained for the first six months, of course, should  
2 be 50 percent. Revenues attained stand at  
3 59.76 percent and expenses attained stand at  
4 52.78 percent.

5 Actual revenue less expenses for  
6 December, \$708,826.89. Again, budgeted for that  
7 same revenue less expenses for December was  
8 \$639,411, which was under budget \$69,415 -- I'm  
9 sorry, over budget 69,415 as far as revenues and  
10 revenues less expenses year-to-date, \$623,019.  
11 Budgeted \$543,143, which is \$79,876.

12 So we already heard the report from  
13 Commissioner Goff, but I'm going to go through that  
14 for the record one more time here shortly.  
15 Year-to-date tax collections for 2013, real property  
16 tax since we're past that period, we budgeted for  
17 that line item 2.4 million. We've collected a  
18 little over 2 million. We're at 64 percent  
19 collection. For the total of the tax commissioners,  
20 Jane Moreland's office year-to-date was 3.36 million  
21 and we're at 2.61 million. So that's 57.81 percent  
22 and we're right at six months. That's excellent for  
23 the period July 1st through December 31st.

24 S.P.L.O.S.T, again, for the period of  
25 January is \$195,833.97 and Local Option Sales Tax

1 came in \$156,667.44.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Don.  
3 Any questions for Mr. Townsend? Any corrections  
4 or -- okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion to  
5 approve the financial report as submitted by Don  
6 Townsend, our financial officer. Do I hear a  
7 motion?

8 MR. GOFF: I make a motion we approve  
9 the financial statement as read.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

11 MR. PITTMAN: I'll second.

12 MR. RUMLEY: All right. I'll call a  
13 vote. Mr. Bradford?

14 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

16 MR. GOFF: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

18 MR. PITTMAN: Yesterday.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

20 MR. SMITH: Yesterday.

21 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

22 Thank you.

23 Robin, do you have anything you want to  
24 go over as far as legal matters, reports, anything  
25 to do with the tax sale or were you involved in any

1 of that?

2 MR. ROGERS: I was not. Our tax sales  
3 are handled by a contractor that comes and does  
4 those. So I was not involved in that. I understand  
5 there were a lot of people there participating  
6 though. There was a big crowd for that.

7 The only thing to add is our claim that  
8 we have in bankruptcy court against TAS and Southern  
9 Group, we have updated our claim to include our 2012  
10 taxes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. It just keeps  
12 building. It's not getting any smaller. Okay.

13 No unfinished business. Okay. New  
14 business. Okay. The reading of the minutes of last  
15 month's regular meeting and any special-called  
16 meetings will not be required since all  
17 commissioners have been furnished copies in advance.  
18 The minutes are public record, available for review  
19 in the county commission office. The minutes are  
20 included in the consent agenda. Don, if you'll go  
21 over the consent agenda, I'll entertain a motion to  
22 approve it.

23 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. We have the  
24 approval of the previous meeting minutes, the review  
25 of employee head count report, approval of a

1 proclamation designating the month of February as  
2 American Heart Month, proclamation for Georgia --  
3 recognizing February 15th as Georgia Arbor Day,  
4 Resolution R-18-13, reappointment for the Water  
5 Board, which is Eddie Cantrell, district three  
6 beginning January 1st, 2013, expires 12/31/2016.

7           Resolution, R-19-13, lease purchase  
8 agreement to refinance Green Campus who financed the  
9 Chevron agreement for a lower interest rate and that  
10 is to be done with Green World Finance at a rate of  
11 3.04 percent for a total of \$793 and also approval  
12 of three-year equipment cost at \$170,000 for  
13 2.29 percent with the annual beginning this year  
14 \$57,954.

15           Resolution R-20-13, final FY12 budget  
16 amendment; Resolution R-21-13, fiscal 2014 DOT  
17 Section 5311, grant application for public  
18 transportation. Resolution R-22-13, section 5311  
19 grant amendment, approval of Resolution R-23-13,  
20 lease purchase agreement for sheriff's patrol  
21 vehicles and purchase public works truck.

22           And also I believe under S.P.L.O.S.T,  
23 we approved the estimate being awarded to GS  
24 Electrical, LLC, for a total of \$12,189.51 and also,  
25 a purchase of Hartline Excavating and Grading, LLC,

1 for \$800 for the installment of four score board --  
2 running wire and hooking up three new score boards  
3 at the parks and recreation area.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or  
5 corrections?

6 MR. GOFF: No.

7 MR. RUMLEY: If not, I'll entertain a  
8 motion to approve the consent agenda. Do I hear a  
9 motion?

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

12 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

13 MR. GOFF: Second.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call a vote.  
15 Mr. Bradford?

16 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

18 MR. GOFF: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

20 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

22 MR. SMITH: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

24 Anyone want to come up and talk to us tonight? It's  
25 always open. I guess you call it open mic night.

1 We have five minutes or if you need ten or whatever,  
2 you're welcome to come up and talk to us, any  
3 concerns. I appreciate all of you being here  
4 tonight. I hope before you leave, you actually take  
5 care of the donuts that are left. If there's not, I  
6 need to entertain a motion to go into executive  
7 session.

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

10 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion. I'll  
11 call a vote. Mr. Bradford?

12 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

14 MR. GOFF: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

16 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

18 MR. SMITH: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: And chair, we are in  
20 executive session.

21 (Thereupon, the Commission went  
22 into Executive Session.)

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll entertain to  
24 motion to come out of executive session.

25 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

1 MR. SMITH: Second.

2 MR. RUMLEY: I have a second. Thank  
3 you, Mitchell. I'll call a vote. Mr. Bradford?

4 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

6 MR. GOFF: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

8 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

10 MR. SMITH: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: All right. We are out of  
12 executive session, executive session with no  
13 decisions made. Any comment on our previous  
14 meeting?

15 MR. TOWNSEND: Who made the second?

16 MR. RUMLEY: Mitchell made the second.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: Who made the motion?

18 MR. RUMLEY: Allan. If not, any other  
19 comments pertaining to our meeting tonight? If not,  
20 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

21 MR. GOFF: I make a motion we adjourn.

22 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion. Do I  
23 hear a second?

24 MR. PITTMAN: I'll second.

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

1 Mr. Bradford.

2 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

4 MR. GOFF: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

6 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

8 MR. SMITH: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: And the chair votes yes.

10 I appreciate all of you being here. Everybody left  
11 us.

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