

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 7, 2013

1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call
2 the meeting of March 7th, 2013. That kind of
3 sounds kind of scary. We'll call it to order and as
4 always, I would like to ask Brother Goff, Robert
5 Goff to lead us in prayer and also Pledge of
6 Allegiance to the flag, if everyone would stand.

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

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

17 MR. SMITH: Here.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

19 MR. GOFF: Here.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

21 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie is working
23 tonight. He's actually in Roanoke, Virginia. The
24 chair is present. Thank you.

25 Mitchell, do you want to start with

1 your committee report?

2 MR. SMITH: I actually don't have
3 anything tonight, other than pray for the people in
4 Romania, if you don't mind. Robert is fixing to
5 head that way. Pray for Robert and the others over
6 there working.

7 One other thing, you know, back in the
8 day, mine and Ted's day, we were sort of rivals with
9 Gordon Lee High School. Congratulate Gordon Lee
10 High School girls that won their state championship
11 this afternoon, probably about an hour ago. That's
12 all I've got.

13 MR. RUMLEY: It's always Gordon Lee.
14 It was just kind of a rival game. Robert?

15 MR. GOFF: Well, I thank Mitchell for
16 wanting you to pray for the good people of Romania.
17 I will be missing next month's meeting. I'll be
18 leaving with one other citizen from the county here
19 that's going with me. He'll be there for two weeks
20 and I'll be there for about five weeks working with
21 some disabled children over there. I'll be building
22 greenhouses if everything goes as planned because
23 they grow a lot of what they eat and that will get
24 them started early. But do keep us in your thoughts
25 as well as them.

1 Our S.P.L.O.S.T. this month is about
2 all I'll go over because Don will cover it a little
3 later on. S.P.L.O.S.T and L.O.S.T. were down
4 drastically this month not only from last month, but
5 you've got to go back, I think back to about
6 October 9th of 2009 on our S.P.L.O.S.T to find
7 when it's been as low as it is now. It's at 162,299
8 this month and that's down about 24,000 from the
9 same month a year ago. Of course, down from last
10 month.

11 L.O.S.T. is at 129,842 for the month,
12 down about 19,000 from the same month and you go
13 back to July of 2009 before you find how low that's
14 been. Maybe it's just the month. Maybe it's just
15 the wintertime. I don't know, but as you always
16 hear, shop at home.

17 On the recreation front, we've put --
18 in the process of putting up some new score boards
19 and things down at the rec fields and getting ready
20 for the summertime there. Soccer is already going
21 on and we've been talking to some of the school
22 board members as well as Mr. Tobin about maybe
23 working on the field at the end of this street here
24 in front of the old -- it's the old baseball field
25 for the old high school and getting it back in shape

1 to add maybe another one for the school, another
2 field to kind of alleviate some of the crowding
3 because it just hard to believe, but I would rather
4 see those kids out there doing that than 1,000 other
5 places they could be, out there playing ball and
6 learning teamwork and all that goes along with it.
7 So that's just some things we're looking at.

8 And then the playground down at the
9 four fields, we've got some work to do down there on
10 it because of some of the old equipment that is in
11 there. You know, somebody comes around and finds a
12 rusted bolt now and they tell you you've got to
13 replace a bunch of stuff because of that, what we
14 might call nitpicking, but we really don't have a
15 choice. We're going to have to do it.

16 So just thank you for all that you do
17 as citizens and all those that will hear this on TV
18 and read it in the papers. It's a great place to
19 live and it does cost us to do that, to have all
20 these things, but I think in the long run, it's well
21 worth it.

22 As Mitchell -- one more thing, Mitchell
23 mentioned Gordon Lee. We did have another state
24 championship won in Dade County just a few days ago
25 down at -- I don't know which college it was, but a

1 weightlifting championship. Damien Pickering,
2 little boy from Lookout Mountain that won his weight
3 class, won state championship, I think, 962 pounds
4 in the three events that they have. And our school,
5 our team finished sixth out of 18 schools, so hats
6 off to them as well. Thank you.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. Allan?

8 MR. BRADFORD: After Robert, there's
9 not anything to talk about. There's not anything
10 going on at the transfer station. Everything is
11 working really well. I've made several calls trying
12 to get rid of our glass and most of the things that
13 are coming back are people having to pay to get rid
14 of their glass. Right now it's costing the county
15 too much to haul it. I haven't given up. I'm still
16 trying to work on it. I've called several counties
17 to try to get a better idea. That's the only thing
18 that's really going on as far as the transfer
19 station is concerned.

20 One thing I would like everybody to
21 remember is Mr. Phillip Bell is having a memorial
22 March 21st at West Brow Community Center at 6:00.
23 You know, they always have good food there to eat.
24 I know that's one thing. Buddy is going to be in
25 charge of it. He's not here tonight. That's

1 unusual for him. But don't forget that. That's on
2 the 21st of March at 6:00.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it's been a busy
4 month. It's went by real fast, I know that. Last
5 night -- I'll start by saying thank you to Georgia
6 Power. We had a power outage in Rising Fawn.
7 Actually, from Glass Farm Nursery, that whole end of
8 the county there. They came, you know, very quickly
9 and got the power back on. It took them a couple of
10 three hours, but the truck stop was real dark and,
11 of course, there were people that were really
12 worried about heat, but everything went smooth and I
13 just want to tell those people we really appreciate
14 them. They do a good job. We've got some really
15 good local people here. Thank goodness they get on
16 the ball.

17 But we have got the driver's license
18 people coming back next week. We've got three more
19 locations that we're going to show them and
20 hopefully we will let them decide for sure where
21 they want to locate. When they do that, we'll begin
22 to prepare the site for them. I've had a lot of
23 comments on the driver's license people coming back
24 here and they've all been good. Trust me, they've
25 been good. People really are tired of driving to

1 Rock Springs.

2 The forestry, that's one of the places
3 that we actually are visiting with them to show --
4 to actually maybe entertain them going to this spot
5 is where the old forestry property was at. That was
6 a land swap that we did or that we've been working
7 on since the tornadoes and the State of Georgia, we
8 just now actually today, I signed off on the plat to
9 agree with the surveyor, you know, that that was
10 actually where the property is at yesterday and I
11 got confirmation today that everything looked good
12 because it's took them a month now to go back and
13 resurvey what we had surveyed.

14 Actually, it was surveyed back when Ben
15 was in here. Anyway, hopefully we'll get that and
16 if that's where they want to go, that would be
17 great. It would be right there in the center part
18 of Trenton.

19 Actually, our kitchen is doing real
20 good. We're at 37 head count over there, that
21 that's men and women. We just actually cut a check
22 today. It was 1,647.98. And as you remember, about
23 this time last year, we -- about this time last
24 year, we were way over double that basically for the
25 same people, same head count. So it's just really

1 working good. I've had not myself any complaints
2 from any of the prisoners and I've not had Duvall
3 actually come and give us any complaints, so
4 evidently the food is good. I have eaten over there
5 a few times. I try to eat a salad or something. It
6 really look good and we're saving the county quite a
7 bit of money. I feel it was a good move.

8 We went out to Davis last week and
9 actually all the elected officials, Ms. Moreland, we
10 had the sheriff and we had -- they had a mock
11 election out there. It's been a couple of weeks ago
12 and you had people running for county executive,
13 sheriff, tax commissioner and so we got to go out
14 and eat lunch with the winners and you're talking
15 about a bright group of kids. Let me tell you
16 something. They really amazed me, you know, the
17 questions that they asked because we got to speak,
18 assigned ten minutes and it was really some --
19 really students out there that's amazing.

20 MR. GOFF: What school was that,
21 Mr. Rumley?

22 MR. RUMLEY: Hey, I said Davis. And
23 Robert --

24 MR. GOFF: I just wanted to make sure I
25 heard you.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Robert's picture really is
2 on the wall. I mean, it really is. If you're out
3 there, go down the hall.

4 MR. GOFF: It's in blue crayon.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Thank goodness, y'all
6 salvaged a lot of your older pictures, you know, the
7 real old ones. We lost a lot of ours. Donna, I
8 don't know if you remember, but we lost a lot of
9 ours in the basement of the --

10 MS. STREET: During the flood in '83.

11 MR. RUMLEY: The flood wiped them out.
12 All those that were hanging on the wall, they're
13 gone. It brought back memories to me even at Davis.
14 It was really a good time and the sheriff, you know,
15 he spoke as did Jane and everyone and it was just a
16 special, special time. So I really want to thank
17 the teachers that made that possible because it's
18 something they need to do every year really.

19 The landfill -- the chert pit that we
20 actually had purchased several months ago, it's
21 really coming to a head. We -- a permit through the
22 State of Georgia. It's been a whole winter process
23 practically. We got all the topos finished on it
24 and the actual engineer, which is Bobby Nolan,
25 should finish it up by the end of -- by the middle

1 of next month and we'll be able to start actually
2 legally hauling out of that chert pit. That will be
3 a plus for us, too.

4 I've got -- our 4H leader is with us
5 tonight and she can comment on this, too. I want
6 you to talk a little bit about our skeet. We're
7 going to really be honored in Dade County. It's a
8 district meet, right? And it's something -- it's
9 many, many years. I think we might have had one
10 back when my youngest son -- my oldest son was in
11 skeets, you know, and it's a big thing. It will
12 bring a lot of people to the county and we're
13 getting all fired up over it. She'll come up in a
14 minute and we'll talk about that. Any of the
15 commissioners got anything else?

16 MR. GOFF: I mentioned the clearing
17 that's taking place on the IDA property down there.

18 MR. RUMLEY: That's true. We've
19 started that. Billy, we were helping the IDA with
20 actually some road building down at the new property
21 there, where the old Jotty Farm is at. Hopefully,
22 we're going to get a road there, just a base road
23 where we can actually bring people in and show the
24 property without having to get in a four-wheel drive
25 vehicle.

1 I do have -- SM&E, which does our
2 testing at the old landfill, I actually went down to
3 down below Cartersville the other day and met with
4 some people that's supposed to be giving us a price.
5 Robert and I, we were talking to this guy that
6 actually came up and gave us a report, our yearly
7 report. We've been trying to close this thing for
8 years because it cost us over 20,000 a year just to
9 maintain the testing of it. And there is a
10 possibility that if we can actually do a -- it will
11 probably take six or eight months, maybe a year to
12 do this study. If we do a study of the actual
13 drinking water that is being used around, possibly
14 within a mile, mile and a half radius, maybe even a
15 two-mile that we might be able within a year or so
16 to close it. Right now it's just a very small trace
17 of cobalt in one of the test wells. All of the rest
18 of them test good. The level has been so many parts
19 per million for a long time. It's not really
20 changed, not got any worse, not got any better.

21 So hopefully, maybe in the next few
22 months, maybe by mid summer we'll be able to bring
23 some good news for that. That will save us quite a
24 bit of money, not to mention the wells that we've
25 spent and possibly may have to drill in the future.

1 So hopefully we can do that. Anyone got anything
2 else?

3 Do we have the mayor or anyone
4 representing the mayor here tonight? Buddy Sampson
5 is not here from the mountain. I guess both mayors
6 are not here.

7 Let me go ahead and get the public
8 library. Marshana, I know you're here. You're
9 right in front of me.

10 MS. SHARP: Well, I'm actually going to
11 let Donna talk, but I want to go ahead and --
12 usually at the end I tell you some things we have
13 this month. Tuesday, March 19th, we're going to
14 be doing the family movie night that we sponsor by
15 Krystals. Free popcorn and water and we're going to
16 show Hop for Easter and we're going to start hand
17 quilting classes and so if anybody is interested in
18 learning how to hand quilt, they start March 26th
19 and they hope to do this monthly.

20 And also, Excel, anybody needs to learn
21 how to do -- we're going to do a beginner's class in
22 Excel starting the 26th at 6:00. I'm going to go
23 ahead and let Donna -- she's got some invitations.
24 We talked about March 22nd and we're going through
25 with that and she's got the invitations for you.

1 MS. STREET: Good evening, everyone and
2 to everyone in the audience. We are looking forward
3 to hosting a dinner for the commissioners and these
4 two gentlemen and the elected --

5 MR. RUMLEY: She can't hear you.

6 MS. STREET: One more time. The
7 friends of the library have decided to try different
8 tact with our public officials and we are really
9 going to try to get them to give us some ideas about
10 how we can make some changes in the funding for our
11 library. The invitations are here. I have one for
12 each of you and the lawyer and the clerk and we will
13 deliver ours to the City. We're going to invite all
14 of the elected officials in Dade County and selected
15 members of friends of the library and our library
16 board members, our local board members. The room
17 will only hold 35 of us, so do not feel that you
18 will be mobbed by 100 people. We really want to
19 have a work session. We're working on -- Tuesday
20 afternoon we're going to have a work session on what
21 we're going to do, so it's going to be two hours of
22 your time. We're going to feed you well and spend
23 some time picking your brains as well as sharing our
24 ideas.

25 There are so many possibilities for

1 what we need to do that we really need to all be in
2 a room together at the same time and just move
3 through a little process and see what we can come up
4 with, some planning.

5 Thanks to the Sentinel for the article
6 this last week. You did a good job. You pretty
7 much laid out our side and we don't want to be a
8 thorn in the flesh of the community. We want that
9 library to be used as it is every day that it's open
10 and --

11 MR. RUMLEY: I don't think nobody looks
12 at it as a thorn.

13 MS. STREET: No, us. We, the girls,
14 the, quote, library ladies as we've become known.
15 We don't want to be -- you know, have you go here
16 she is again. Well, she's going to be around
17 because there's lots and lots of things. I'm kind
18 of like Manny Rico last night when he lost his
19 election. He said just because he lost didn't mean
20 he was going away.

21 So the library is busy, busy, busy.
22 Some of you haven't even had time to visit over
23 there much. So we thought we would use the library
24 for a dinner and some time together and then
25 hopefully we can come up with a solution that is

1 legal, expedient and easy. And if not, we'll have a
2 referendum, you know. That is what it may take, but
3 there's other options, I think, and I think you all
4 have some ideas and I know the attorney and I have
5 talked about some and I'm going to hand deliver
6 these invitations so you all don't -- Robert, if
7 you're in Romania, we'll save you --

8 MR. GOFF: No. I'll be leaving two
9 days after that.

10 MS. STREET: Well, you'll have a good
11 meal before you go then.

12 MR. GOFF: I need one.

13 MS. STREET: Just as I do. Thank you
14 for your time. Can I go ahead and do another thing
15 while I'm up so you don't have to listen to me
16 again?

17 The Historical Society, which I managed
18 not to become president of since I'm president of
19 the Friends. The Historical Society is trying
20 really hard to engage our community in our past and
21 we have made plans. We had a meeting Sunday and
22 there were twenty people there. At meetings where
23 we have a program, we're having good participation.
24 It's never the same people. Ted was our speaker a
25 couple of months ago. We've done the history of the

1 Coal Plantation in this room a few months ago. Ted
2 did -- what did you talk about?

3 MR. RUMLEY: What did I talk about?

4 MS. STREET: Growing up in a zoo in
5 Rising Fawn and then last month I did one on some
6 really old papers that I had that I thought I lost,
7 some 1858 letters from Dade County to Cobb County
8 that are my family's. And then this month, William
9 Back, which owns part of Coal Company. There are
10 four owners of what used to be the Dade County Coal
11 Company and he and I are working on -- the
12 Historical Society is working on a trip, a field
13 trip and our tentative date for those of you who are
14 going to be available, March 30th, the day before
15 Easter, he owns a part that we go into from top if
16 he builds us some trails and he's working on that.
17 So I'm going to leave Robin and Summer -- it just
18 went away, some information for articles in the
19 newspaper and if somebody wants to go, they need to
20 get in touch with me and sign up. Marshana has been
21 erroneously telling people we're charging \$10 a
22 head, but --

23 MS. SHARP: I thought that's what they
24 told me.

25 MS. STREET: But we're not. If they

1 want to become a member, that's what --

2 MR. SMITH: Suggested donations.

3 MS. STREET: \$10 is what it cost to be
4 a member. And I know that Robert grew up out there
5 and he knows what the Coal Company is. When I first
6 went to work at Davis in 1975, the kids started
7 telling me about this place and I thought they were
8 lying to me. I thought they were making it up, but
9 as time went on and I did research, I realized that
10 that -- that place was netting a million dollars a
11 year between 1875 and 1893 and at one time we had
12 every convict in the state of Georgia, at least with
13 the Dade County Coal Company working in the coke
14 ovens.

15 This let me know how odd it was.
16 Murphy Hollow had between 14 and 16 saloons during
17 that time period. Now, there had to be a lot of
18 people living there, not the prisoners, but a lot of
19 people living there to keep that prison going, that
20 going to be able to have that many folks, that many
21 saloons unless they only had one or two people and
22 you know that wasn't true and most women didn't go
23 to saloons then, so it had to be men. Well, thank
24 you for your time. If you're free on the 30th,
25 let's take a field trip.

1 MR. RUMLEY: The reason the convicts --
2 we had all the convicts in the State of Georgia had
3 a little bit to do with the governor at that time.

4 MS. STREET: The governor, it had to do
5 with the fact that he had been the governor. Joseph
6 E. Brown was the governor of Georgia from 1857 to
7 1865 and because he knew a lot about things, when he
8 stopped being the governor and became your United
9 States senator and legislator, he was also the
10 president of Western and Atlantic Railroad and he
11 needed coal to run his trains, so he found the coal
12 mines.

13 And, you know, my thing was always
14 about the ovens and I forgot the mines. William
15 talked about all the mines that there were. The
16 Coal Company was first -- Dade County Coal Company,
17 I'll quote you the facts, February 1873. In
18 February of 1874 they chartered the Walker County
19 Iron Company at Durham and the Rising Fawn Iron
20 Works at Rising Fawn and those three places were
21 working alive with people and there were murders and
22 there were trials and there were hangings and all
23 kinds of things associated with having all those
24 people here. So it's very interesting.

25 I found in -- years ago in '89 or so, I

1 found a document in the archives that was paying
2 Dade County back in 1904 for a hanging and it was a
3 hanging of a convict from the ovens and he -- I'm
4 not sure why they hanged him, but they paid them
5 \$175 reimbursement for that hanging and it's a
6 resolution in there in the papers. I have an
7 amended version of what I gave -- what I got all
8 this information for each of you. Thank you very
9 much.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Next, come on up Ms. 4H of
11 Dade County. This is our new extension agent. You
12 need to introduce yourself and tell us a little bit
13 about what's going on.

14 MS. HAMMOND: I'm Katie Hammond. I'm
15 the Ag and 4H agent here in Dade County and as you
16 have heard, we are holding the district shotgun meet
17 here in Dade County on April 20th. So we look to
18 have at least 40 to 50 shooters here from five other
19 counties that includes Chattooga, Bartow, Floyd,
20 Walker and ourselves. They say normally we'll have
21 a hundred people. We're trying to get everything
22 together, get enough throwers so we're not here
23 until dark and parking. We had one county request
24 to bring their mule to transport people if the
25 parking -- if they have to park way out.

1 MR. RUMLEY: A shuttle.

2 MS. HAMMOND: A shuttle. There's a
3 lady from, I think, Chattooga County who is blind
4 and she wants to come and hear her grandson shoot.
5 So if that's okay with y'all. We're getting very
6 excited about it and the kids are thrilled to death
7 that we're having it. I think we may have at least
8 fifty people there just volunteer wise.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Keep us up on it. We'll
10 be seeing a lot. Hopefully, Evan will be running it
11 and Robin at the paper. Maybe we'll have a good
12 turnout. Any questions? Thank you for coming. I
13 appreciate it.

14 Chamber, Ms. Chamber, do you have
15 anything to say to us tonight?

16 MS. TINKER: Just a little bit.

17 MR. RUMLEY: I could tell you were just
18 ready.

19 MS. TINKER: Well, I'm following a lady
20 that knows everything about the county and I mean
21 that truthfully and then y'all kind of threw me on
22 your date, April 20th, for your shotgun match.
23 We're having our banquet that day, Dade Dynasty, but
24 everybody will be dressed appropriate. So as soon
25 as that's over, they can come on over to the banquet

1 and it's going to be at New Salem Community Center
2 and we have quite a few people in the county that
3 will be recognized, a lot that have been nominated.
4 Of course, everyone won't get the award, but it was
5 a very hard decision this year, very hard.

6 Also, Project Synergy, I'm glad you're
7 not going out of town until the 24th.
8 March 20th is Project Synergy at the middle
9 school and I need twenty judges to help judge the
10 projects from 9:00 to 12:00 and so anyone that can,
11 please let me know and the Project Synergy is based
12 around business, education, government and community
13 working together to help teach the children business
14 while they're learning also. And this Project
15 Synergy is focusing on them creating a business that
16 would teach math in a better way. So we hope
17 everybody will come out and help us with those.

18 And we are working to try to get a
19 couple of small businesses in and I've been working
20 with Allan some on that. And so I'm trying to
21 compile a list of all the open office space in Dade
22 County or in the Trenton, especially, area. It's
23 harder out in the county unless you ride the roads.
24 So if anyone does have office space, if they'll
25 contact us, we will help promote it and it would be

1 very much appreciated. Thank you.

2 MR. BRADFORD: I would like to comment
3 on that. She -- Deborah went in on Tuesday and
4 Tuesday night, it was on my e-mail. She already had
5 all the stuff. I have a real small business that
6 wants to move in the county. When I got home, it
7 was already on my email. That's how fast she
8 worked. So I compliment her for that. Good job.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Nathan -- we've got
10 him on here. Audrey, Lionel, would y'all give us an
11 update on our cable? We've had some calls and I
12 know we talked about Slygo and that's a year out
13 maybe hopefully. Just kind of tell us where you're
14 at right now as far as running fiber. You know, if
15 you want to give us just a little report.

16 MR. AUSTIN: We're still putting out
17 our main cables. We are working in a few
18 neighborhoods right now. We've had real good
19 success with people being interested. So we're real
20 tickled to death. It's just a matter of time and
21 money.

22 MR. RUMLEY: And money. I know it's
23 expensive. For those out there, they do have RFD.
24 My brother has asked me that. They have signed an
25 RFD. They do have that and have had really good

1 selection of channels. I appreciate y'all being
2 here. Lionel and Audrey is at about every one of
3 our meetings and we appreciate you coming.

4 Butch, do you have anything to say to
5 us tonight?

6 MR. RAPER: Everybody has kind of spoke
7 on everything. I was going to speak on the banquet
8 as far as the theme. We were talking about it
9 before the meeting here. About it being based
10 around the show on A&E, Duck Dynasty. Most of
11 their, you know, family does come dressed and, you
12 know, especially at their meetings and things.
13 They've got camouflage, long hair, long board and
14 it's kind of funny and comical. A lot of people
15 don't get the significance of it, but they will.
16 But we just hope everybody comes out and
17 participates because we hope it will be a lot of
18 fun. We enjoyed last year and hope --

19 MR. AUSTIN: Ted?

20 MR. RUMLEY: Yes, sir.

21 MR. AUSTIN: Audrey.

22 MS. CLARK: Our next big launch site
23 for fiber will be Piney. We're working on that
24 right now and it should be up and going soon and it
25 should cover most of -- well, all of the Piney area.

1 We hope to have that ready in a few months. Let's
2 say sometime this summer.

3 MR. RUMLEY: That's good. Don, I'll go
4 ahead and turn it over to you.

5 MS. CLARK: Lionel --

6 MR. RUMLEY: Give her an inch and she
7 takes a while.

8 MS. CLARK: Well, you asked. Two
9 things. One is our photo contest that we're doing
10 this year and the winner of that contest will be on
11 the front cover of our 2013 telephone book and
12 they'll also win a flat screen TV, 13 inch.

13 MR. RUMLEY: When does that start?

14 MS. CLARK: It's now.

15 MR. RUMLEY: And when do you award it?

16 MS. CLARK: April 1st.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. So everyone out
18 there, the photo contest, Trenton Telephone Company
19 is going on right now and it ends April 1st.

20 MS. CLARK: They can bring an 8x10 by
21 the office or mail them or digital. We have an
22 e-mail site and the paper has been covering all
23 that. So they can send in digital. And what else?
24 The release forms and everything are there on that
25 e-mail site. When you send something in, then it

1 comes back and have it printed. And when anyone
2 comes by and pays their phone bill this month, we're
3 giving away a big Easter basket. It's sitting
4 there. I forgot the date of it. It's the Tuesday
5 before Easter itself. It's just pretty decoration
6 and for boys and girls.

7 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate that report.
8 As she said, the winner of the photo contest,
9 April 1st, you'll actually have your photo --
10 photograph on the front page of our telephone book.
11 I always wondered who actually made the -- I didn't
12 know you had a contest.

13 MS. CLARK: Well, we haven't had all
14 the time. It's just something we wanted to do. The
15 Chamber has done them previously and so they just
16 pick different things. So the reason that the
17 cut-off date is April 1st is we have to have
18 everything turned in by mid April for these books to
19 come out in August. The pictures have to be made in
20 Dade County. Whatever it is, within Dade County.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Now Don.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: That was good
23 information. And I can tell Audrey, she's there at
24 the Trenton Telephone because she's got -- I think
25 the Commission would be interested in publishing

1 those pictures, if we could, on our website because
2 we have a site that rotates pictures and since
3 they're all about Dade County.

4 MS. CLARK: We're going to use all the
5 photos on our website as well. We'll share them
6 with you.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: That will be wonderful.

8 As of February 28, 2013, the General
9 Fund had a balance of \$525,834; Federal Asset Fund
10 U.S. Treasury, \$288; Sheriff's Special Fund,
11 \$16,304; Drug Abuse Education Fund, \$111,948;
12 Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund, \$21,060; Victim
13 Assistance Fund, \$265; Jail Fund, \$15,800; Federal
14 Asset Fund, Department of Justice, \$3,162. Payroll
15 account, \$23,327.

16 Construction account, 14,354. That's
17 S.P.L.O.S.T. Project account for S.P.L.O.S.T is
18 \$25,430 and proceeds account is \$419,843. The
19 lease -- the chairman may update us on West Brow
20 fire truck. I believe that's what we were trying to
21 remember earlier. Talk about that West Brow fire
22 truck, repaired and --

23 MR. RUMLEY: That's what I told you
24 this morning. I could not remember. We discussed
25 that and let you know that they have got it back,

1 the ladder truck. Go ahead, Don. I'm sorry.

2 MR. TOWNSEND: The actual
3 January 31st balance -- I'm sorry, for
4 departmental revenues, actuals was \$599,652.
5 Budgeted was 527,000. So we did fairly well this
6 past January, 72,607 in the black versus the red,
7 which is a good thing. And year-to-date, we've
8 collected \$5,929,719. Budgeted was \$5,586,065. We
9 were over \$334,653. Actual expenses was 885,798 and
10 budgeted was \$721,060. So we overspent the budget
11 by \$164,737.

12 For the year-to-date \$5,592,846,
13 budgeted was \$5,491,937. So year-to-date we
14 overspent \$100,908. Budget attained so far for the
15 year should be at 58.33 percent. Revenues attained
16 so far is 66.49 percent. Expenses attained is 62.71
17 percent.

18 Revenues less expenses for January was
19 underbudget though by 286,000. So in other words,
20 we spent more -- we spent 286 more than we brought
21 in for that month. We had some really big deals and
22 I can cover those if you're interested, but -- and
23 some journal entries for public works that were
24 posted and 194,000 for year-to-date was the revenue
25 plus expenses for January.

1 Revenues less expenses year-to-date was
2 336,873 and budgeted was 94,128. So that, again,
3 we've actually done well off because we collected
4 most of our property tax revenue and that is the
5 next page that you see there. We've collected right
6 at 77.81 percent of revenues through the Tax
7 Commissioner's office and about 85 percent of that
8 is property tax that we've already collected for the
9 year. You can see the different percentages down
10 through there for timber and mobile home. Mobile
11 home bills, I understand, just went out. Those will
12 be several -- several of those will be collected
13 this month and next month as well.

14 Local option sales tax as noted earlier
15 by Commissioner Goff was down, again, like he said.
16 It was the lowest since October 2009. October 2009
17 we collected 120,748. February was 129,842. I wish
18 I knew why it went down so significantly, but that's
19 about a \$20,000 drop from what the average has been
20 lately and that's really, really big.

21 S.P.L.O.S.T is the same pattern, of
22 course. It was \$162,299. And to give you an idea,
23 last February it was 156,000. The prior year, it
24 was 174,000 and in 2010, it was 184,000. So those
25 revenues for this past month that we collected from

1 the Department of Revenue on February 8th are a
2 result of January. It was collected in January. So
3 I don't know. I don't know if heating -- I don't
4 know if it was heating bills or who knows. It's
5 such a hodgepodge. It's really hard to determine.
6 And I believe that's it.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Does anybody have any
8 questions? Allan?

9 MR. BRADFORD: No, I don't have any.

10 MR. RUMLEY: If there's no corrections
11 or questions, I'll entertain a motion to approve the
12 financial statement made by Mr. Townsend. Do I hear
13 a motion?

14 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

15 MR. GOFF: I second.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call a vote.
17 Mr. Bradford?

18 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

20 MR. GOFF: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

22 MR. SMITH: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

24 Thank you.

25 Don, if you would, go over the

1 actual -- Robin, do you have anything you want to go
2 over?

3 MR. ROGERS: No, I don't. I haven't
4 received any new pleadings in the TAS bankruptcy
5 matter. I don't really have anything new to report
6 on that.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Really we don't know when
8 the next hearing is going to be. They haven't
9 scheduled anything?

10 MR. ROGERS: That's correct.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Unfinished business, okay.
12 The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings
13 will not be required since all commissioners have
14 been furnished copies in advance. The minutes are
15 public record and available in the county executive
16 office. The minutes are included in our consent
17 agenda. Don, will you please go over our consent
18 agenda and we'll entertain a motion to approve?

19 MR. TOWNSEND: We have the approval of
20 previous meeting minutes, approval of the employee
21 head count report, approval of proclamation for Save
22 Your Vision month March 1st through the 21st
23 sponsored by the Dade County Lion's Club, Dade
24 County Emergency Management Association proclamation
25 for the hazard mitigation plan submitted by Mr. Alex

1 Case and we have, I guess, two approvals for the
2 library for S.P.L.O.S.T and that is the purchase of
3 technology upgrades, purchase of a laptop for the
4 management room of \$640.05 and also a projector for
5 the -- no, the management room at \$728.08.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or
7 corrections? Okay. I'll entertain a motion to
8 approve the consent agenda.

9 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I have a second?

11 MR. GOFF: Second.

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

13 Mr. Bradford?

14 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

16 MR. GOFF: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

18 MR. SMITH: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

20 Okay. Anyone else want to come up and
21 talk to us tonight? Come on.

22 MR. BLACK: I think most of you know
23 me, but some of you may not. I'm Tom Black. I'm
24 the regional one representative for the Mental
25 Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Control

1 Disabilities Act. We have been experiencing some
2 problems in this county that we well know of and
3 that is the closing of the regional hospital. The
4 bad news is, guys, it ain't coming back. We're
5 going to have to work a whole different way than we
6 have been able to work before with our mental health
7 problems, our addictive disease problems and our
8 developmental disability problems.

9 What -- we are -- we have just
10 submitted the paperwork for -- to go to the
11 legislature for the 2014 year. Starting next month
12 we will start working on the 2015 material that
13 needs to go to budget, down to be budgeted to find
14 out what we get.

15 But the main thing is, gentlemen, we
16 are -- Betty Brady of Chattooga County, myself and a
17 couple of more have been able to get the State for
18 the first time to commit to come to Northwest
19 Georgia counties of Catoosa, Walker, Dade and
20 Whitfield to do some training for sheriff's
21 department or the magistrate judge office for the
22 probate judge office and this is going to be a first
23 and we are -- it will be open to the public also if
24 you want to come and find out what's going on.

25 Also, for input from the commissioners

1 and everyone else, we will be having some more of
2 the open house meetings. But, please, please,
3 please if you know of any problems where services
4 are not being given to someone, let me know. I
5 can't do anything about it if you don't know about
6 it.

7 So if you're having problems in any of
8 those areas, get in touch with me. I will get you
9 in touch with the right people. Things are getting
10 slim and very hard to get because we've got so many
11 people on the waiting list that's been approved for
12 services. There's just no money. We've got over
13 7,000 in the state that's been approved and nothing.

14 And so I am working very hard on that.
15 We have some veterans who have some problems and
16 we're working hard on that, too. So that's where
17 I'm at and if you've got a problem, please, please,
18 please call me because I will be glad to work with
19 anyone on it. And my phone number is -- you can get
20 me anytime except for tonight and I left my phone at
21 home because I knew it would ring. 718-1725, the
22 area code is 423. I'm available 24 hours a day
23 seven days a week. If I'm in the county, I'll get
24 back with you. If you don't talk with me, I'll get
25 back with you very shortly. Thank you, gentlemen.

1 MR. RUMLEY: We appreciate all you do.
2 He's a loyal board member. I tell you, he makes all
3 the meetings and he's done a good job for us.
4 You -- as you know, we just have reappointed you.

5 MR. BLACK: Thanks a lot.

6 MR. RUMLEY: So anyway, we do
7 appreciate you. We appreciate all the people who
8 serve on our boards. We appreciate you so much.

9 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Tom, do you know
10 where we stand with the VOA apartments down here by
11 the four fields? Do we still have seven empty
12 apartments?

13 MR. BLACK: Yes, ma'am. I am very well
14 aware of that. They're aware of that at the State
15 level and, folks, until the federal government gets
16 off their keister, for lack of a better term, and
17 starts communicating one department to another,
18 which we know ain't going to happen, they're going
19 to sit empty.

20 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Who can we as
21 citizens that are interested and have been
22 interested from before the beginning, who could we
23 contact to voice our opinion or whatever; do you
24 know?

25 MR. BLACK: Trust me, that has been

1 addressed every meeting we have. I have done that
2 every meeting.

3 MS. KELLEY: Your state officials.

4 MR. BLACK: Lookout Mountain Community
5 Services' hands are tied. I understand that. It's
6 not county level. We've got the federal government
7 telling us what to do in our community.

8 MS. STREET: Can anybody rent those,
9 Tom? I know what the holdup is is there has to be a
10 certain percentage of people that are not -- that
11 are not handicapped.

12 MR. BLACK: Quote, normal.

13 MS. STREET: Handicapped as opposed
14 to -- can they be rented to an average guy or --

15 MR. RUMLEY: No. Summer, go ahead and
16 tell us.

17 MS. STREET: That is so stupid.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Summer, go ahead and tell
19 us.

20 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: I want it open.

21 MS. KELLEY: The way it was explained
22 to us is that -- I mean, we're talking about
23 actually going to State level officials and
24 everybody. The way it was explained to us was
25 that -- the State officials told us that it was poor

1 planning and it was built at the wrong time. What
2 the reality is that it was built and it was good
3 planning, but the State interpreted federal laws to
4 be a certain way and so they set it up. So now if
5 anybody moves into it over a certain percentage,
6 it's considered a home or an institution and you
7 cannot have them there, but because those buildings
8 were built by an organization specifically for
9 special disabilities, it can't be used for anything
10 else, so it just has to sit there.

11 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Was it not
12 started by and for the VOA and they were supposed to
13 operate it and then --

14 MR. BLACK: That is true. That was the
15 way it was set up. If it had went the way it should
16 be, everything would be fine and dandy, but Uncle
17 Sam came down and said huh-uh. It's the same thing
18 to have -- the State of Georgia did not close the
19 hospital. The Department of Justice did to keep the
20 State from having to pay multitudes of dollars. So
21 now we're having -- we've got a hospital down there
22 or a hospital that's sitting empty that they just
23 spent \$8 million on renovating while they were
24 closing it. You figure it out, folks. I can't.
25 And the board is having -- we're having nightmares

1 over things that are happening and we are so spread
2 out.

3 Region one covers from here all the way
4 to the other side of the state. If you don't think
5 we don't have -- and we have no hospital. We have
6 no facilities. We're the largest region in Georgia
7 that does not have a facility.

8 MR. RUMLEY: All right. I appreciate
9 it. Appreciate the information, you know. We'll
10 just have to bear with it.

11 MR. BLACK: We just do the best we can.

12 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Anyone else
13 want to come up? You've got five minutes or ten,
14 whatever you need.

15 MS. YORK: I'm going to need a few.
16 Would I be correct in assuming that that is Robin
17 Rogers?

18 MR. RUMLEY: What now?

19 MS. YORK: Is that Robin?

20 MR. RUMLEY: That's our attorney, yeah.

21 MS. YORK: Hi. I just never met you in
22 person before, so I wanted to know who I was looking
23 at. I spoke with Ted earlier today when I was in
24 the commission office picking up some open records.

25 MR. SMITH: Not being impolite, but

1 would you mind introducing yourself?

2 MS. YORK: My name is Joy York.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Go ahead.

4 MS. YORK: Robin, I'm assuming that you
5 know what is in here because you reviewed them
6 before I was allowed to pick them up, which is fine.
7 I don't have a problem with that. That's been the
8 case in the past.

9 I am not, to put it mildly, happy with
10 the situation regarding the payroll clerk and the
11 misappropriated funds in this county. I am not
12 happy with the fact that she's still in that
13 position and still handling funds for this county.

14 Ted came in and talked to me today
15 while I was sitting in Don's office waiting on all
16 of this information to be given to me and Ted told
17 me that he had discussed her continued employment or
18 her dismissal with you and that it was your
19 recommendation that she be kept on as county
20 employee.

21 MR. RUMLEY: It was actually more
22 people than him in the room. There was Robert and,
23 you know, it was a meeting.

24 MS. YORK: Right. But ultimately --

25 MR. RUMLEY: It was actually a meeting.

1 MS. YORK: But ultimately that decision
2 was put in his lap to advise you whether or not to
3 keep her.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Legally, yes.

5 MS. YORK: So I would like to know how
6 it is that somebody who has as much training and
7 certification as she does, because I've got copies
8 of all of her certifications that the taxpayers have
9 paid for for training and school. She should be the
10 most educated person in this building. How is it
11 that she can account for other people's time
12 accurately, but she can't account for her own and
13 that's a mistake?

14 MR. ROGERS: Are you asking my opinion
15 or what are you asking?

16 MS. YORK: Well, I was told that, you
17 know, she was not let go basically because there
18 might be some liability on the County's part if she
19 decided to sue the County for dismissing her and I
20 don't understand how someone can steal money from
21 the County because stealing time is stealing money.
22 I don't understand how someone can steal money from
23 the County and go to court and sue us for firing her
24 for stealing.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Robin, I mean, comment as

1 much as you -- these meetings were closed and you're
2 a legal person.

3 MR. ROGERS: Right. And let me just
4 say we looked at all the information and took the
5 actions that we thought was appropriate based upon
6 the information we had. If there's additional
7 information, we'll be happy to take a look at that.

8 MS. YORK: Okay. Well, have you looked
9 at anything beyond what you had? Did you do any
10 further research after the transgressions were
11 brought to your attention?

12 MR. ROGERS: Let me say to you that
13 you're asking me about a personnel issue regarding
14 an employee of the County and I really do not want
15 to get into detail with you about any investigation
16 that the County has done or may have done or may
17 will do in a public forum until all that is
18 completed.

19 MS. YORK: And it's not completed?

20 MR. ROGERS: Well, if you have any new
21 information, we'll be happy to take a look at that
22 and we'll continue to monitor the situation.

23 MS. YORK: Who in the County is
24 responsible for issuing 1099s to contractors?

25 MR. RUMLEY: It would be the payroll

1 clerk.

2 MS. YORK: The payroll clerk, the same
3 person that handles checks. Okay. She, as some of
4 you know and some of you don't, was a contractor for
5 the County for a number of years. She cleaned the
6 courthouse. There's another county employee that
7 also helped her in doing that.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I think they started in
9 '07, I think, '06.

10 MS. YORK: It started, to the best of
11 what I can gather, in '07. And any contractor that
12 provides work for this County is supposed to be
13 issued a 1099 over a certain dollar amount. She has
14 never issued those 1099s. There was one in 2007.
15 It was corrected and the amount was adjusted down.
16 There was another one issued in a separate year for
17 \$800. They're paid, depending on how many days are
18 in a month and how many days they clean or how many
19 times they clean, somewhere between three and \$600 a
20 month to clean. That has IRS implications for this
21 County because those 1099s were not issued.

22 MR. RUMLEY: That's something -- when
23 you said it ended. We're looking into that and some
24 other things. So that's what Robin is saying. It's
25 not over.

1 MS. YORK: Well, until it is over, as a
2 taxpayer whose money she's handling and
3 misappropriating clearly, I think she should be
4 suspended. If it's not over and she's not
5 determined to be fit for employment or determined to
6 not be one way or the other, then she needs to be
7 suspended until it's finished, not continuing to
8 play with the checkbook.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we appreciate you,
10 you know. You've got a lot to look at. We do, too.
11 You've got a lot of stuff to pick up. I assure you,
12 you know, we'll be reporting back to the people and
13 we appreciate you coming tonight. Thank you.

14 Okay. Anyone else want to talk to us?
15 Have you got anything? You just reminded me of your
16 daddy sitting there. He always talked. He would
17 always have something to say. When you walked in,
18 it just reminded me of him. I'm talking about Wes
19 Hixon. His dad used to be a regular for years. Sat
20 right over here, had his own special place. He
21 didn't miss a meeting for years and years. We
22 really appreciated him. I hope he's doing good.

23 Okay. If there's no further, I'll
24 entertain a motion to go in executive session for
25 the following purposes.

1 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Wait a minute now. We're
3 going to discuss purchase and sale or lease of
4 property, personnel issues. We're going to discuss
5 records exempt from open records law. Is that
6 right? That's what you've got down here.

7 MR. ROGERS: Open records law, right.

8 MR. RUMLEY: To discuss records --
9 okay, from open records law. All right. Do I hear
10 a motion?

11 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

12 MR. SMITH: Second.

13 MR. RUMLEY: We've got a second. Call
14 a vote. Mr. Bradford?

15 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

17 MR. GOFF: Yes.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

19 MR. SMITH: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

21 (Thereupon, the Commissioners
22 retired to Executive Session.)

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

25 MR. SMITH: I'll make a motion.

1 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

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

3 Mr. Bradford?

4 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff had to leave
6 unexpectedly. Mr. Smith?

7 MR. SMITH: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. We
9 are out of executive session. At this time no
10 one -- no decision was made in our executive session
11 and anyone --

12 MR. BRADFORD: I don't have anything.

13 MR. RUMLEY: All right. If not, I'll
14 entertain a motion to adjourn.

15 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

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

17 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

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19 END OF MEETING

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