

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 4, 2013

1 session? If not, we'll go ahead and go into our  
2 regular meeting. If y'all want to get you a drink  
3 of water, whatever, take a break. I think we'll  
4 just go right on into the meeting.

5           We'll go ahead and call the meeting to  
6 order of the Dade County Commission. It's  
7 April 4th. I appreciate all of y'all being here.  
8 This is the regularly-scheduled meeting of the Dade  
9 County Board of Commissioners which takes place at  
10 the same time on the first Thursday of every month.  
11 Proper notice of this meeting was given to the legal  
12 organ of the Dade County Sentinel and has been  
13 posted in the hallway of the Administrative  
14 Building. At this time, I do need a roll call.  
15 Mr. Bradford?

16           MR. BRADFORD: Here.

17           MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff is absent. He is  
18 traveling and he is home sick. I did get an e-mail  
19 from him this morning, yesterday, too, and he does  
20 apologize for not being here, but he is a long way  
21 from home. Mr. Smith?

22           MR. SMITH: Here.

23           MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

24           MR. PITTMAN: Here.

25           MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

1 Before we get started, Mitchell, will you say the  
2 blessing for us, prayer, and also the Pledge of  
3 Allegiance.

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

6 MR. RUMLEY: Allan, do you want to  
7 start with your report or I can start with Mitchell,  
8 either one?

9 MR. BRADFORD: It doesn't matter. I  
10 don't have a whole lot to report. I appreciate the  
11 Sheriff's Department going to Newsome Gap and they  
12 picked up about 25 to 3,000 pounds of garbage. And  
13 if you see someone doing this, if you'll get ahold  
14 of any one of us, we'll see if we can't take care of  
15 that. But I appreciate what they've done down  
16 there.

17 One other thing I would like to mention  
18 is we had another good person died on Lookout  
19 Mountain in West Brow, Claude Wooten, which is  
20 Nathan Wooten's father. He was a great asset to our  
21 community. As far as I know, he never caused any  
22 kind of problems. He helped all kinds of people and  
23 was a great person and I think his visitation is  
24 until 9:00 tonight.

25 MR. RUMLEY: At the church out there.

1 MR. BRADFORD: At the Scenicland  
2 Holiness Church on Lookout Mountain. If you go to  
3 the top of Burkhalter, right there on the right. He  
4 was really a good man to our county, good person.  
5 That's also Nathan Wooten's father, which everybody  
6 knows Nathan and Monda, I'm sure.

7 One other thing. Out on 157, the  
8 state-line road, somebody stole our flashing light  
9 and that's awful. You know, to be able to put  
10 something that nice up and I've had so many comments  
11 about that. People have really appreciated that and  
12 I went out there, I think it was Tuesday night,  
13 wasn't it, Billy? I spent several hours. I met  
14 people that I didn't know that lived in Head River,  
15 but they're upset about it. If anybody knows  
16 anything about that or if you see somebody that  
17 knows anything, if they'll just call me, there won't  
18 be no charges. If they'll just bring it back, but  
19 if they do get caught, it is a federal offense.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it's a felony.

21 MR. BRADFORD: Felony. I'm sorry. But  
22 I mean, people loved it and all of you -- I don't  
23 know how many of you drive on Lookout Mountain, but  
24 when you get into Head River when it's foggy, you  
25 can't see two foot in front of you. I've lived up

1 there all my life and it's awful, but that light  
2 helped a lot of people. They really appreciated it.  
3 One of the best things I think we've done in that  
4 area in a long time.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Our school buses, you  
6 know, they're the first ones to complain about it.  
7 We've got another light coming. We have the -- they  
8 had it bolted down and actually doubled, but I don't  
9 know if they took a saw and cut it off or not. What  
10 we're talking about, it's a solar powered like we've  
11 got at New Salem -- not New Salem.

12 MR. BRADFORD: Top of Burkhalter.

13 MR. RUMLEY: And it blinks continuously  
14 24 hours a day, seven days a week and it's -- it had  
15 been out there, Billy, what, a month?

16 MR. MASSENGALE: Probably close to two  
17 months.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Anyway, but we will  
19 replace it and maybe you can -- Billy, maybe you can  
20 anchor it some way.

21 MR. BRADFORD: We'll have to weld it.  
22 That's what I was telling somebody, we'll have to  
23 weld that thing on there to keep somebody from  
24 cutting it off. They really helped the people in  
25 that neighborhood. They're going to announce at

1 their church this Sunday, Michael Dunwoody is and  
2 maybe some kid or something will say something to  
3 somebody. I went to several places down there.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. The thing about it,  
5 once you start this thing blinking, the only way  
6 you're going to shut it off is to cover the solar  
7 panel up on it and then the battery comes out. It's  
8 pretty bright. If somebody has it in their room --

9 MR. BRADFORD: It's in somebody's  
10 bedroom flashing now.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie?

12 MR. PITTMAN: I'm good. I don't have  
13 anything this month.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Mitchell?

15 MR. SMITH: Robert ain't here, so I'm  
16 going to take up garbage. This past month I gave  
17 Billy a phone call to go up to Morganville Ridge  
18 Road, down Murphys Hollow Road. He spent a couple  
19 of hours down there picking some garbage up. It  
20 would have probably cost -- by the time he was gone  
21 and back to the county. It would cost the people  
22 maybe \$5 at the tops to bring the stuff down here  
23 and dump it. It wound up costing the County, me and  
24 Billy figured, between two to \$300 to pick it up,  
25 counting the time that they lost being able to do

1 what they needed to do county wise. So you're  
2 saving yourself money, but you're costing yourself  
3 money by throwing garbage on the side of the road.  
4 It doesn't help nobody. It costs all of us out of  
5 our tax dollars. So please -- you know, I come down  
6 here every week. I don't like it either having to  
7 drive this far. I wish it was like it was. We all  
8 do, but it's the way it is. It's the way it's going  
9 to have to be to save the county money. Help us,  
10 come to the dump.

11 MR. BRADFORD: If you don't have any  
12 funds, if you'll let us know, we'll make sure you  
13 get it dumped in the right place.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Anything else?

15 MR. SMITH: That's all.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Well, this month has been  
17 a quick month. I mean, it seems like the older you  
18 get, as we say, the day has gone by. There's been a  
19 lot going on. We've got our -- I know I reported on  
20 the driver's license last month and it's really  
21 coming to a head on it. We hope next week toward  
22 the end of the week they'll be putting up some of  
23 the cubicles in the room, so it's becoming a  
24 reality. I just want to let you know that that is  
25 really just around the corner. They're not going to

1 be up and running for another month and a half,  
2 maybe two months possibly, so that's a real good  
3 thing.

4           Also, we've been busy this month, the  
5 last few weeks. We've actually been taking  
6 applications on our HR director, which is a job  
7 we've got to replace. I did get word today.  
8 They've narrowed it down. We're letting our  
9 accountants do all the testing. It's a pretty hard  
10 test. I looked at some of the stuff that they're  
11 giving these people. They've actually narrowed it  
12 down to five people and by Monday we'll have --  
13 well, by tomorrow we'll have it down to possibly two  
14 and so we look to have that person hired and working  
15 next week, by next week.

16           And we're also going through our  
17 budget -- budget process as far as our meeting.  
18 We've had a couple of meetings. This next week, we  
19 actually are going to get into it and Don has been  
20 beating his brains out, running crazy. So that's  
21 something we can maybe report on a little bit more  
22 next month.

23           Also, we met with our insurance  
24 provider or actually insurance broker that we have  
25 our health insurance -- well, all insurance,

1 building and all through and we're looking -- as  
2 always, they come back and they show, you know, we  
3 possibly could have a 12 percent increase,  
4 15 percent increase. We're putting it back to the  
5 table to go out and bid this out through three  
6 other -- actually, four other companies. I think  
7 he's supposed to report back to us next week, right,  
8 Don? Didn't you say about two weeks, second Friday?  
9 And so you may not look at that as a big issue, but  
10 it's a big dollar amount for the County and so -- we  
11 will hopefully work with these people and hopefully  
12 will not have an increase. I mean, we had  
13 two percent last year.

14           Also, we have met -- had one meeting  
15 and we'll have another one next week. We're trying  
16 to work with Accellent. It's been a sore -- talked  
17 about in the last few weeks, last few months and we  
18 are trying to get that nailed down as far as the --  
19 what route we're going in as far as to help the IDA  
20 with the Accellent people. We're talking in the  
21 neighborhood of 350, 400 jobs that we sure don't  
22 want to lose out of Dade County. And the  
23 Commission, we're doing everything we can working  
24 with the IDA to keep these people in Dade County. I  
25 feel better about it now than I have since

1 everything started. We'll keep you updated on that  
2 also.

3           We did have a question. I think it was  
4 in the paper last week or a couple of weeks ago  
5 about the jail kitchen and some of the numbers I  
6 gave at the meeting last week or last month and the  
7 sheriff, his people, which are the people that  
8 really keep up with the head count and all at the  
9 jail. They actually had an article in the Dade  
10 County paper and I think Evan's, too. It's pretty  
11 much self-explanatory. They said that was a good  
12 move, the jail kitchen. It's going to save us a  
13 little over 100,000 at the end of the year -- at the  
14 end of a 12-year cycle and for any of you that wants  
15 real numbers, I didn't read the article, but I think  
16 they put some numbers in there. We have that in our  
17 office and we can show you exactly what's going on  
18 with that.

19           Let's see here, I know Debbie is going  
20 to touch on this, but I did go to D&B Powder  
21 Coating. Robert and I went down to that ribbon  
22 cutting. It's amazing how far they've come as far  
23 as their business. They've opened up a new area  
24 through the powder coating and I've never seen  
25 anything like it. It's a water process that they

1 can actually coat things by just dipping it in.  
2 It's amazing. But anyway, we're really proud of  
3 those people down there. They've got a really good  
4 business. I just wish they would employ about 100  
5 people. What do they have, like six people?

6 MS. TINKER: They're going to be  
7 increasing.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. But Mr. Wooten that  
9 Allan was talking about, Claude Wooten, he was a  
10 good man. I've known him -- I knew him before I  
11 knew Nathan. I do want to keep that family in your  
12 prayers. I think his -- well, his funeral is  
13 tomorrow. I'm not sure what time, but like Allan  
14 said, his visitation is until 9:00 tonight.

15 Let's see if there's anything here.  
16 Billy and I, we've met a couple of times here on the  
17 paving. As soon as the weather lets up, we're ready  
18 to go on the paving. They're getting everything  
19 ready. I'm not sure. I think you've got one small  
20 road on the mountain you're going to do before --

21 MR. MASSENGALE: One dirt road and all  
22 dirt roads.

23 MR. RUMLEY: On Sand Mountain. It's a  
24 short road out there. And so once we do that, we'll  
25 take a day and then we'll drop off and we've got a

1 couple here in the valley and then we'll be on  
2 Lookout. So kind of keep a lookout for the cones,  
3 the red cones and Billy's bald head. Anyone else?  
4 Have you got anything else you want to add?

5 MR. SMITH: The farmer's market,  
6 they're having meetings this Saturday.

7 MS. TINKER: Saturday at 10:00 at the  
8 library.

9 MR. SMITH: At 10:00 at the library.  
10 So if you're a farmer or interested in the farmer's  
11 market, show up.

12 MR. RUMLEY: We did have a visit from  
13 the CBS affiliate out of New York. It's the CBS  
14 morning show. Today when I came back from the  
15 regional commission meeting, they were here and it  
16 seems like I say something about this every  
17 commission meeting, but that is a big issue over  
18 there on the river. They're talking about doing the  
19 draw, withdrawing the water and going to Atlanta and  
20 it's really a big topic. It surprised me that it  
21 would draw that much attention, but they were  
22 waiting on me here when I got back today. I think  
23 that's supposed to air in the morning. They spent a  
24 lot of time over there doing some filming and  
25 interviewing people. If you're up in the morning at

1 7:00, 7:30, turn that on and see what you think  
2 about it. It's something that's -- Tennessee, from  
3 what I understand, they are not for it at all.  
4 Well, just talking to the fellow, I think he talked  
5 to some people there. So we'll just see what  
6 happens in the future. That will sell a lot of  
7 newspapers in the next year probably. Anything  
8 else? Scottie, you got anything?

9 MR. PITTMAN: No.

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

11 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone here from the City  
12 to talk to us? Okay. Library?

13 MS. STREET: Marshana is working.  
14 There's not enough staff, so I'm filling in. We've  
15 been busy, as you know, at the library. Thank you  
16 to the three that were able to attend our dinner.  
17 We had very good progress. If you'll notice at the  
18 bottom of this purple page, it says how can the  
19 library support the community. The numbers are  
20 there and if you'll flip it over, how can you fund  
21 our library results are there. Twenty of us who  
22 were there put stickers on have a referendum for a  
23 line item in the budget. Thirteen put stickers --  
24 for those of you who weren't there, we did a  
25 brainstorming process.

1           We had three groups break out and the  
2 three groups got together and had very positive  
3 conversation about what we could do to fund the  
4 library on a permanent basis. When we completed  
5 that activity, we came back together and we were  
6 each given three little dots and everything that had  
7 been spoken about in any one of the three break-out  
8 sessions was then given -- we gave our own opinions.  
9 Stickers went on various things and in order of  
10 importance or in order of the number of stickers,  
11 it's on this sheet of paper and those are at the  
12 library and I think there might be an extra one for  
13 the news media.

14           MR. RUMLEY: Before you go any further,  
15 I noticed that on -- I think you e-mailed or  
16 something on the referendum for the line item on the  
17 budget, but my question on that is, you know, we  
18 already have you as a line item on the budget.  
19 That's good. So what -- you know, you're already  
20 there. We fund you as a line item. You're actually  
21 part of our budget, so I don't know what that  
22 really --

23           MS. STREET: I think that means as a  
24 fixed item.

25           MR. RUMLEY: A tax --

1 MS. STREET: A tax increase or at least  
2 a dedicated millage is what I would rather call it.

3 MR. SMITH: Well, if you go on down,  
4 the tax increase is there.

5 MS. STREET: Right. The tax increase,  
6 it shows up. And one of the things that I intend to  
7 pursue vigorously because I think this can be done  
8 quickly, Mitchell, one of the things you said was  
9 regional person in Dade Library and I think that's  
10 getting more and more needed at all of the libraries  
11 as we have -- as our Department of Labor people go  
12 away. I'm going to push that one hard. They have a  
13 meeting -- their regional meeting is the 18th of  
14 the month, so that will come up.

15 Good things that have happened to date  
16 at the library, we had 26 children with about 13 or  
17 14 adults for hidden treasures. The Department of  
18 Labor had a class over there today, a job training  
19 class and they had 19 persons there.

20 On the 16th there will be somebody at  
21 the library to teach you how to download E-books.  
22 If you don't know, you can check out books from the  
23 library electronically just as you can other ways.  
24 And if you're a tablet user or an iPad user for  
25 books, that's there. We're looking for somebody to

1 teach a class because Marshana is just about to the  
2 end of her string with finding people. She doesn't  
3 even have time to sit down and make a phone call and  
4 ask somebody.

5 Money Smart Week comes up April 22nd.  
6 If somebody has an expertise in managing money and  
7 would like to teach a class, get in touch with her.  
8 She would like to do that.

9 We have the quilting class going on  
10 every Tuesday morning. It's not too late to get  
11 into it, hand quilting. This week, there were 12  
12 people. We got news this afternoon that we're going  
13 to be the first library in the state of Georgia to  
14 get an exhibit called Witness to the Holocaust and  
15 it will travel around the state and it will be here  
16 from May 16th to May 29th and on the 16th  
17 we'll have a guest speaker and we would love to have  
18 at room full of folks. So if you're interested in  
19 the Holocaust -- it's kind of a different twist  
20 because the gentleman who is coming is a person who  
21 was in the military as a black man. I mean, he's a  
22 black man still. He didn't change just because the  
23 war got over, but I am sure that his perception of  
24 what happened in World War II is vastly different  
25 from even what our Dade County boys saw and did. So

1 there's another person to thank for coming to our  
2 Friday night dinner.

3 Does anybody have a question? We are  
4 very, very willing to help make some of these things  
5 come about that we came up with on these pieces of  
6 paper and thank you for your time. Friday nights  
7 are quite important commodities and we saw your  
8 concern and interest by coming to have dinner with  
9 us. Thank you.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Okay. All  
11 right. Okay. Dade County Development Authority, is  
12 anyone here? I know Nathan, he was going to be  
13 here, but of course, his dad passed away. Debbie,  
14 the Chamber of Commerce executive director.

15 MS. TINKER: Good evening. We've had a  
16 rather busy month, well, quarter and y'all have my  
17 quarterly report. Most of the stuff January and  
18 February, y'all have seen in the newspaper anyway.  
19 So I'm not going to go over a lot of that.

20 Last week we went to a Georgia  
21 Department of Labor job fair over at Walker County  
22 Civic Center and I took information on Roof Curb  
23 Systems, Accellent, Gill Manufacturing, IWG and D&B  
24 Powder Coat, which will all be hiring. And there I  
25 helped the staffing service that was taking

1 applications for some of them and then I took  
2 applications and brought back fifty-plus  
3 applications and quite a few D&B Powder Coat said  
4 they thought they could use.

5           The -- talking about the garbage again.  
6 Right now this is the Great American Cleanup and  
7 this will go on to the end of May. We've got  
8 garbage bags and supplies there. If they'll just  
9 come by and pick them up, let us know how many bags  
10 they picked up and everything and two of our  
11 ambassadors actually picked up Hales Gap, picked up  
12 136 bags of garbage there in the county. The  
13 sheriff's office took them to the weigh station down  
14 here.

15           MR. RUMLEY: Billy, you got thanked for  
16 that, didn't you?

17           MR. MASSENGALE: Yeah. Somebody called  
18 and wanted to thank the road department for picking  
19 up garbage.

20           MR. RUMLEY: I don't think he told them  
21 any different.

22           MS. TINKER: That was a couple from the  
23 Chamber. And then our committees at the Chamber  
24 have been breaking out, meetings, brainstorming over  
25 membership, sponsorship, the upcoming banquet and

1 economic development. So those are really on the  
2 roll.

3           We have hosted Project Synergy at Dade  
4 Middle School and we were able to get 20-plus judges  
5 and that's in your packet, too, and those were  
6 regional state employees from around here, community  
7 members and business leaders and then you also have  
8 your winners there. And Project Synergy, this  
9 year's focus was on math and the children had to  
10 come up with a math company, a new way of teaching  
11 math and some of the projects were just phenomenal.  
12 One of the judges told one of the little girls, she  
13 said, you need to market this game. It was that  
14 good. Robert was there.

15           D&B Powder Coating, Hydrographics is  
16 what that's called now. They're growing very, very  
17 much and that is a phenomenal process if you've  
18 never seen it in there. Okay. Let's go back and  
19 see what else. I've got a lot to tell y'all this  
20 time.

21           Oh, I met with Robert Montero, UGA  
22 small business development and they're hoping to be  
23 able to start coming back over here maybe once a  
24 month or something or at least when people would  
25 want to meet with them. In your packet, also,

1 you'll see I've compiled a list of office space that  
2 I have information on in Trenton right now and at  
3 the last meeting, we were talking about Chris  
4 Christiansen, which is Allan's son-in-law, and this  
5 is when I started reupdating this and he has moved  
6 his office here, he and his partner to Dade County  
7 and filled one of those spots, so this will help  
8 anyone else that might want to --

9 MR. RUMLEY: What does he do?

10 MR. BRADFORD: All I can tell you is  
11 something to do with computers.

12 MS. TINKER: It's S-Y-N-O-L-I-T-E-C.

13 MR. BRADFORD: It's my son-in-law and I  
14 don't even know what he's doing. As long as he pays  
15 the bills and takes care of the kids, that's all --

16 MS. TINKER: We are working with two  
17 other businesses and one they've told us about. And  
18 then our annual banquet, we're about two weeks away  
19 and I think we have thirty tickets left.

20 MR. RUMLEY: I've got a bunch I copied.  
21 It's amazing what you can do on a copier.

22 MS. TINKER: If you want your ticket,  
23 you need to get that in. I'm not sure if it's  
24 thirty right now. I've got some, you know, that I'm  
25 selling for all them, too, and I think that is about

1 it right now unless any of y'all can think of  
2 anything that we might be lacking.

3 Well, the banquet is at the New Salem  
4 Community Center and it's called Dade Dynasty.  
5 We're going to have casual clothes, but the theme is  
6 camo and lace.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Camouflage.

8 MS. TINKER: Yes. So we hope to see  
9 everybody there.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for Debbie?

11 MS. TINKER: Yes. Any questions?

12 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Debbie. All  
13 right. Don, Don Townsend, monthly financial report?

14 MR. TOWNSEND: As of March 31st, 2013,  
15 the general fund had a balance of \$383,309. Federal  
16 Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury balance, \$288; Sheriff's  
17 Special Fund, \$9,459; Drug Abuse Education Fund,  
18 \$115,907; Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund,  
19 \$21,253; Victim Assistance Fund, \$4,257; Jail Fund,  
20 \$19,168. Federal Asset Fund, Department of Justice,  
21 \$3,160. Payroll account, \$16,641.

22 S.P.L.O.S.T. construction account has a  
23 balance of \$14,360. Project account for S.P.L.O.S.T  
24 was 29,680 and proceeds account, \$546,414. If you  
25 turn over to the next page, you'll see the actuals

1 for February 28th -- as of February 28th, actual  
2 revenues collected was \$385,111. Budgeted was  
3 453,262, so we were short 68,151. However,  
4 year-to-date revenues was \$6,314,831. Budgeted  
5 year-to-date 6,039,328, so we actually were ahead of  
6 that number, \$275,000 to the good. So that was --  
7 that's a good thing for year-to-date on revenues.

8 Expenses for -- as of February 28th,  
9 2013, for the month was \$628,811 and the budgeted  
10 amount was 606,508. So we were short 22,303 and  
11 year-to-date expenses was \$6,230,987. Budgeted was  
12 6,098,000 -- I'm sorry \$6,098,446. So we were short  
13 132,540 for the year.

14 Budget attained through February would  
15 have been 66.67 percent. Revenues attained  
16 70.81 percent and expenses attained, 69.87 percent.  
17 Revenue less expenses for February is actual -- was  
18 short \$243,699 compared to a budget of 153,245, so  
19 we're actually over \$90,454, but the revenues less  
20 expenses year-to-date was \$83,844, whereas, budgeted  
21 was \$59,117 short -- I mean, budgeted, but \$142,961  
22 to the good for revenues year-to-date.

23 MR. SMITH: It says --

24 MR. TOWNSEND: I caught that. I'll fix  
25 that. It says January, but it's really February.

1 That was typed about 4:00 today, so -- there's a  
2 sheet in there about midway through that says Dade  
3 County Tax Commissioner's office year-to-date tax  
4 collections for 2013. This was as of 3/6, which she  
5 does have about \$100,000 -- our office, but we  
6 haven't -- haven't got that amount in this figure,  
7 so it's going to be even a little bit better  
8 collection than what's reported here.

9 But overall, the tax commissioner has  
10 collected 82.42 percent of the budgeted amount this  
11 year. She budgeted a total of \$3,360,200 and she's  
12 collected 2.7 million and really that's closer to  
13 2.9 million. So they're doing an excellent job as  
14 far as collections.

15 If you look at the next page, you'll  
16 see this is an older graph that we had. I haven't  
17 updated it in a while, but this data here is  
18 probably about a year old, maybe a year-and-a-half  
19 old, but it's eight years worth of information  
20 collected. It's an eight-year average for monthly  
21 revenues pertaining to S.P.L.O.S.T. So if we see  
22 March there, it says over an eight-year period, our  
23 average was \$182,372. And over a couple of pages,  
24 our current collection for the month -- it's  
25 actually representative of February, but it came in

1 March was \$206,429. So last month, it did go down  
2 and that was representative of January, so I'm glad  
3 to see that it is up again. I have no idea what  
4 happened last month, but it went way down last  
5 month, kind of scary.

6 But L.O.S.T., Local Option Sales Tax,  
7 165,144 and again, S.P.L.O.S.T came in at 206,429.  
8 Last month, in February, that was 162,000. So I  
9 mean, that was down from where we had been receiving  
10 as high at 224,000. You know, when we don't collect  
11 \$80,000, that's money we're not going to ever get.  
12 It's just gone. So it is important to shop in Dade  
13 County. I will say that the rest of my life, I  
14 suppose, and I don't own a store in Trenton or  
15 anything, but let me tell you, shop owners and  
16 mercantile places do appreciate it and it helps the  
17 local coffers. That is it.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?

19 Okay. Got anything, Allan?

20 MR. BRADFORD: No.

21 MR. RUMLEY: If not, I'll entertain a  
22 motion to approve the financial report presented by  
23 Don Townsend. Do I hear a motion to approve?

24 MR. PITTMAN: So moved.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

1 MR. SMITH: Second.

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

3 Mr. Bradford?

4 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman.

6 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

8 MR. SMITH: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

10 Robin, do you have anything, any legal -- I know  
11 Robin Wallace had a good article in there this week  
12 about the federal prosecution of the -- some of the  
13 owners. I had some calls on it. Clarify that.  
14 That does not have anything to do with the  
15 bankruptcy?

16 MR. ROGERS: That's correct. It's some  
17 federal claims that are pending against some of the  
18 owners of the Preserve.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Have you had any  
20 communications lately since our last meeting about  
21 the bankruptcy at all?

22 MR. ROGERS: A few e-mails and  
23 telephone calls regarding -- from -- not directly  
24 with the TriState bankruptcy trustee, regarding  
25 communications. He is working, I think, to dispose

1 of the property one way or the other and try to  
2 decide which way to go with that. That's about all  
3 that is going on. There's been nothing official  
4 done about that.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robin.  
6 Unfinished business, new business.

7 Okay. The reading of the minutes of  
8 the last month's regular meeting and any  
9 special-called meeting will not be required since  
10 all commissioners have been furnished copies in  
11 advance. The minutes are public record and  
12 available for review in the County Commission  
13 office. The minutes are also included in our  
14 consent agenda and will be considered for approval  
15 under our new business. Don, do you want to go over  
16 our consent agenda and I'll entertain a motion to  
17 approve.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: Approval of the agenda,  
19 approval of previous meeting minutes, approval of  
20 the employee head count report, proclamation for the  
21 Trenton/Dade Optimist Club for Respect for Law Week,  
22 May 12th through the 18th, 2013 and agreement  
23 with S&ME, Incorporated, for landfill monitoring and  
24 testing or wells at the site.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions, changes?

1 If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the  
2 consent agenda.

3 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

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

7 Mr. Bradford?

8 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

10 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

12 MR. SMITH: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

14 Thank you.

15 Okay. Move down to citizen  
16 participation. Does anyone want to come up and talk  
17 to us tonight? Okay. Come on.

18 MR. TINKER: I don't think I need this  
19 mic, but I'll use it. What I came to talk about  
20 was -- just happened to be cleanup month and I know  
21 at one time you cleaned up over at the Scratch  
22 Ankle, the bottom of it and you also put something  
23 in the road to stop the traffic, but then you had to  
24 take it back out. I don't remember the whole story  
25 of that, but we've got a problem bad again.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Dumping at the end down  
2 there?

3 MR. TINKER: It's a bad situation. I  
4 think Hales Gap, I thought somebody told people, the  
5 citizens of Dade County that Hales Gap was the new  
6 dumping site. I've never seen such a mess up  
7 through there in my life. It's just thick.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Like Newsome Gap,  
9 refrigerators, couches.

10 MR. TINKER: There's a little bit of  
11 all that. There's everything. But Scratch Ankle  
12 over there, some of the people that live over there  
13 are real unhappy about it. I don't blame them.  
14 It's like somebody -- was it you telling me,  
15 somebody has to see these cars go in and out there  
16 because there ain't but one way in and one way out,  
17 but nobody ever reports anything. And if you find  
18 something on the side of the road with a name on it,  
19 can you turn that in?

20 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah.

21 MR. TINKER: Because, hell, it's gone  
22 now, but we found several different -- one of them  
23 names.

24 MR. RUMLEY: All you need to do is  
25 bring it to the sheriff's department, the

1 investigator there.

2 MR. MASSENGALE: I was out there at  
3 Scratch Ankle six years ago, went out there with the  
4 sheriff and looked through it. We found quite a few  
5 names and they contacted them and I think they  
6 issued one or two citations. That's about when it  
7 stopped. I think if you start back, it might be the  
8 same thing. The detective could get more names,  
9 write more citations. That's what they --

10 MR. TINKER: A lot of it though is not  
11 necessarily household garbage that you can identify  
12 with. There's construction items, a lot of --  
13 anytime they work on a building or something, they  
14 took it down there and dumped it.

15 MR. LaVELLA: Whose property is it  
16 that's being dumped on?

17 MR. TINKER: Well, part of it is  
18 probably --

19 MR. RUMLEY: It would be county  
20 right-of-way if it's at the end. It's been closed  
21 there.

22 MR. TINKER: It's right in there is  
23 where it's all taking place. It's in Dade County,  
24 but I don't know who owns that. Cox Coal Company at  
25 one time, I think, owned a lot of that. I don't

1 know who owns that now.

2 MR. LaVELLA: I hate to clean up  
3 something that's private property.

4 MR. TINKER: I think you had to take  
5 the dirt mounds out because people said they  
6 couldn't get in there to their property. Is that  
7 what happened?

8 MR. RUMLEY: I don't remember.

9 MR. MASSENGALE: That's not the line.  
10 Where they dumped it is actually not in Dade County,  
11 according to the GPS. You know where the drive is,  
12 that's where Dade County ends. It was blocked on  
13 down there another 30, 50 yards from there.

14 MR. TINKER: I thought you'uns put some  
15 dirt up there at the top of the hill where the  
16 Dodsons live at one time and blocked the whole road  
17 and then people complained. Somebody complained  
18 that owned property back there. They said, well, we  
19 can't get into the property. So I guess the County  
20 didn't have a choice but to take it away. I wish  
21 there was some way to figure out how to do something  
22 about it.

23 MR. RUMLEY: We'll get Billy out there  
24 to look at it and get some of the inmates and all to  
25 clean it up. We just need -- like you said, when

1 you see people going in with a load of tires or  
2 something, you know good and well -- and they come  
3 out empty, you know what's happening. It looks  
4 like -- unless they're doing it at 2:00 or 3:00 in  
5 the morning.

6 MR. TINKER: Still though, lights come  
7 through there, there ain't but one place they're  
8 going. But anyway, that's all I wanted to do. Oh,  
9 and I wanted to thank you for our light, your  
10 flashing light.

11 MR. RUMLEY: It helps, don't it?

12 MR. TINKER: Yeah. It scared me the  
13 first time I seen it.

14 MR. RUMLEY: You thought it was a UFO  
15 or something.

16 MR. TINKER: Thank you.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Come on up.

18 MR. BLACK: Good evening, gentlemen.  
19 The Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, I think the  
20 Commissioners -- I put one of these in your box.  
21 We're going to be having a two-hour training class  
22 put on through the Region One Mental Health Board on  
23 Tuesday the 30th. We're going to have training from  
24 10:00 to 12:00 and then from 12:00 to 1:00 we're  
25 going to have lunch. Hopefully, we're going to find

1 enough people to sponsor lunch, but this is free.  
2 The important thing for us, for the Commission and  
3 all the officers in the county is the community  
4 panel on behavior and health recovery that's going  
5 to be done after the meeting. This is problems --  
6 problem areas that we're having and law enforcement  
7 and getting mental health issues, getting addiction  
8 recovery, addiction problems and this is where the  
9 community can really voice their opinion as to  
10 what's going on and -- but if anybody wants a copy  
11 of this, I have some extra copies, but I have  
12 furnished these to everybody else.

13 On the water, guys, somebody needs to  
14 check the laws on interstate, interbasin transfer of  
15 water. You might be surprised what you'll find out.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. That actually --  
17 John Deffenbaugh, I don't think you were down there  
18 then, but that's been actually discussed the last  
19 session and I think there was a house bill that was  
20 actually passed.

21 MR. DEFFENBAUGH: It was a house of --

22 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone else want to talk?

23 MR. TINKER: You heard what Governor  
24 Bredesen said about that, didn't you?

25 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. There was a couple

1 of things today I heard.

2 MR. TINKER: He said give them the  
3 Atlanta Braves and --

4 MR. RUMLEY: It wasn't Bredesen. It  
5 was Haslem. He said he would trade the Braves for  
6 it. John, do you want to come up?

7 MR. DEFFENBAUGH: Yes. I never pass up  
8 an opportunity. I appreciate being able to serve  
9 y'all down there and I appreciate all your votes for  
10 allowing me to do that and I hope I've done an  
11 acceptable job and hopefully that I will continue to  
12 be acceptable to you. With your help, I need input  
13 and that's the lifelihood of everything that goes on  
14 down there is to know what the people want.

15 But in comments Mr. Black said about  
16 the mental health, the drug situation, there was a  
17 law passed this session which will help control the  
18 pill mills, if you will, at least that was the term  
19 they used, in that there is now enforcement people.  
20 They have moved over from the Secretary of State's  
21 office for licensure to a -- the medical side and  
22 with that, they have law enforcement agents that  
23 they're going to use now to go out and try to  
24 intervene and also the pharmacies have to now report  
25 a little differently so that when people start

1 doctor shopping, going from doctor to doctor,  
2 getting the different medications, they'll be able  
3 to catch that easier. If one doctor is doing all  
4 the prescribing in a town or in an area, they'll be  
5 able to track how much each doctor does and there's  
6 allocations and limitations to that because  
7 sometimes certain doctors serve more pain-ridden  
8 people. They'll get cancer, the end of life doctors  
9 and all are going to be prescribing more of that  
10 kind of meds. So there's an allotment for that so  
11 they don't get in trouble.

12 But a lot of things happened. We  
13 passed the balance budget. The gun bill did not  
14 fare as well. It's off the table for this year.  
15 Some would be pleased with that because of how they  
16 had been watering it down and others said, well,  
17 something is better than nothing at this point,  
18 laxing of the restrictions. So we're back at it  
19 again, I'm sure, next year.

20 I'll be glad to answer any questions  
21 you have. I don't think now, but give me a call and  
22 we'll discuss whatever you want, but I would love to  
23 hear from you.

24 MR. BLACK: John, did the pill mill  
25 include the Veteran's Administration?

1 MR. DEFFENBAUGH: It included anybody  
2 that gets a prescription.

3 MR. BLACK: The specific question was  
4 is it going to cover the Veteran's Administration?

5 MR. DEFFENBAUGH: Is it going to cover  
6 it?

7 MR. BLACK: Are they going to have to  
8 report it?

9 MR. DEFFENBAUGH: Yes. If their  
10 doctors prescribe it, it will be reported. They are  
11 not responsible for the enforcement of this. This  
12 is going to be on another unit that they already  
13 have in existence. So it's not a money increase.  
14 Make sense?

15 MR. BLACK: No.

16 MR. DEFFENBAUGH: Well, we'll talk  
17 afterwards.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Anyone else?  
19 Rodney, you got anything you want to say tonight?  
20 Rich, you got anything? Audrey, got anything you  
21 want to update us on in our fiber world?

22 MS. CLARK: We should be ready to  
23 launch and install residentially sometime in summer  
24 from Piney, from Piney up to the railroad tracks.  
25 We'll be that in area when we get the rest of the

1 equipment in. We should be ready to do that by  
2 summer and we can go to the horse barn on Newsome  
3 Gap Road.

4 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you.  
5 Butch, do you have anything?

6 MR. RAPER: Maybe just a comment.  
7 Mitchell had said earlier, you know, as far as the  
8 cost to the taxpayers, you know, as far as county  
9 workers having to take on picking up this trash, if  
10 the campaign, you know, could possibly be put  
11 together as far as the County Commission is  
12 concerned, kind of advertising the loss and the  
13 expense to the taxpayers based on the amount of, you  
14 know, stuff that's being picked up by the county, by  
15 the trustees or community input and brought in, how  
16 much money that is taking out of the budget for  
17 taxpayers. Maybe people would start paying more  
18 attention to somebody driving by and possibly  
19 dropping something off. It's just like shopping at  
20 home. From the Commission, you know, the county  
21 authorities, it's means a lot more to the people  
22 when they hear it. Some advertising from you all  
23 might make a difference.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. That's a good idea.  
25 Okay. Anyone else want --

1 MS. STREET: I want to thank everybody  
2 who went on the Historical Society hike. We had  
3 fifty-plus people.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Beautiful day, too.

5 MS. STREET: It was a great day. It  
6 started raining about a half hour after we got out  
7 of there. We meet on May 5th on Sunday afternoon  
8 and what we're going to do at the meeting, after we  
9 have our business, we're going to kind of debrief  
10 ourselves on where we were and what we saw. I spent  
11 a lot of Monday in the 1880 census looking at just  
12 how many people were there, almost 1,000 living in  
13 Coal City at the time. It was a big deal. I mean,  
14 everything from a doctor to a minister to a grocer,  
15 all kinds of people, occupations. So it's -- it has  
16 become one of my small obsessions. It's very  
17 interesting.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Good. Okay. Anyone got  
19 anything to add?

20 MS. TINKER: I forgot something a while  
21 ago. It's approximately a month until Antique Alley  
22 will be happening and that's Highway 11 all the way  
23 through Dade County. Well, it's actually 500 --

24 MR. RAPER: And 20 miles.

25 MS. TINKER: -- and 20 miles yard sale.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Is that the first weekend  
2 in May?

3 MS. TINKER: It's the weekend after  
4 Mother's Day. Hopefully, we'll get the State out  
5 there to mow that so people coming through, it will  
6 look better. We'll also be having our Chamber  
7 luncheon at R-Haven Family Park.

8 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Okay. Any  
9 Commissioner got anything you want to add? I  
10 appreciate all of y'all being here tonight. If  
11 there's any refreshments, try to eat them up. If  
12 there's nothing further, I'll entertain a motion to  
13 adjourn.

14 MR. PITTMAN: Motion to adjourn.

15 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

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

18 MR. BRADFORD: 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 Meeting adjourned.

25 END OF MEETING

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