

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2013

1 we'll take about a five, ten-minute break. We've  
2 got some refreshments back there tonight. We've got  
3 a nice cake from the American Cancer Society or the  
4 Color Me Purple people and we'll take a break here  
5 and then we'll start with our regular meeting.

6 (Thereupon, a brief recess was  
7 taken before the regular  
8 meeting.)

8 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call  
9 the August 1st, 2013 meeting to order. I  
10 appreciate all of y'all being here. As always,  
11 before we start our meeting, we'll ask Robert Goff  
12 to lead us here in prayer and also the Pledge of  
13 Allegiance.

14 (Thereupon, the invocation and  
15 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

16 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regularly  
17 scheduled meeting of the Dade County Commission  
18 which takes place at the same time on the first  
19 Thursday of every month. Proper notice of this  
20 meeting was given in the legal organ of the Dade  
21 County Sentinel and has been posted in the hallway  
22 of our Administrative Building. At this time I do  
23 need a roll call. Mr. Bradford?

24 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

1 MR. GOFF: Here.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

3 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

5 MR. SMITH: Here.

6 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

7 We're going to move -- change the meeting just a  
8 little bit. Everyone that's with the American  
9 Cancer Society Color Me Purple group, would they  
10 come up front? Please come up front.

11 MS. DIANE RUMLEY: We have people out  
12 at the gazebo that are wanting to register because  
13 after this meeting, we're going to go out there and  
14 turn on the purple lights and we want everybody to  
15 come out and help us to get ready to paint the town  
16 purple for Dade County, as you know, Robert.

17 MR. RUMLEY: I do want to read the  
18 proclamation. The Dade County Board of  
19 Commissioners and the City of Trenton proclaim Paint  
20 the Town Purple Month. Whereas, Paint the Town  
21 Purple is an activity of the American Cancer Society  
22 that promotes cancer awareness, gives individuals  
23 and communities an opportunity to fight back against  
24 the cancer. Whereas, money raised during Paint the  
25 Town Purple of Dade County, Georgia, supports the

1 American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives  
2 and creating a world with less cancer and more  
3 birthdays by helping people stay well, by helping  
4 get well, by finding cures for cancer and by  
5 fighting back. And whereas, the American Cancer  
6 Society funded more than \$150 million in cancer  
7 research last year through money raised in  
8 communities across the United States.

9           Now, therefore, be it resolved that we  
10 the Commissioners of the City of Trenton and the  
11 Commissioners of Dade County, Georgia, hereby  
12 proclaim August 1st, 2013, through  
13 September 7th, 2013 as Paint the Town Purple.

14           MS. DIANE RUMLEY: All right. This is  
15 Cynthia Wilson. She is our community manager for  
16 Dade County and three other counties and she is  
17 wonderful to work with. She's really helped us with  
18 Dade County and we want to share this with you, too.  
19 Do you just want to say anything?

20           MS. WILSON: I would love to. Just  
21 real quickly, the Relay for Life is the biggest  
22 fundraiser in the world. Commission, as you said,  
23 they raised millions and millions of dollars for  
24 cancer research. Relay for Life is strictly run by  
25 volunteers within each community and I think Dade

1 County epitomizes that example. These volunteers  
2 that are here and so many others that are involved  
3 do incredible work and I am proud to be here  
4 tonight. So thank you so much.

5 MS. DIANE RUMLEY: Thank you. And when  
6 you get through, come out there and hang out in the  
7 painted park.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Mitchell,  
9 we'll start with you on the committee report.

10 MR. SMITH: I don't have anything.  
11 Everything seems to be --

12 MR. RUMLEY: It's been a quick month,  
13 hasn't it?

14 MR. SMITH: Yes, with all the meetings  
15 here.

16 MR. RUMLEY: All of us has been  
17 involved in meetings. Scottie, do you have  
18 anything?

19 MR. PITTMAN: I want to thank Billy  
20 Massengale and the road crew for getting the roads  
21 on Sand Mountain passable again. Because of all the  
22 rainfall, we had two places on Hartline. One place  
23 was totally washed out. We had about a ten-foot  
24 crater. We actually had a lady run off in it in her  
25 pickup truck. Billy also was there when that

1 happened and him and one of the other employees  
2 helped the lady get out of her truck.

3 I think Wells Road or Casey Road was  
4 damaged, Lookout Valley Baptist Church Road, again,  
5 it was washed -- it was washed away. So they've  
6 been pretty busy because of just natural disasters  
7 this year. And the county road crew, they do a good  
8 job. I appreciate them.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Robert?

10 MR. GOFF: I don't have any -- I'm just  
11 going to mention L.O.S.T. and S.P.L.O.S.T since  
12 we've kind of talked about these things tonight.  
13 The good news is they were up, both of them over  
14 last month and the second largest in the last ten  
15 months. But then again, they're still -- they're  
16 not where we wish they were. We had 206,000 in our  
17 S.P.L.O.S.T this month, a little over 206,000.  
18 165,000 and a little over in our L.O.S.T., so there  
19 was a little bit of gain on those two things.

20 Of course, the L.O.S.T. is that that we  
21 can keep and the S.P.L.O.S.T is that that goes for  
22 these capital improvements and things that we talk  
23 about a lot, the roads and all that. That's a  
24 little bit of good news. We hope it keeps up.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Allan?

1 MR. BRADFORD: Not a whole lot  
2 happening at the transfer station. Everybody  
3 remember Benny Patten's family that passed away.  
4 We're going to miss him down there at that place. I  
5 used to see him about every morning, but other than  
6 that, everything is going really well.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Benny was a good man. I  
8 can't say enough really good about him. He was just  
9 there every day, very honest.

10 MR. BRADFORD: On time every day.

11 MR. RUMLEY: On time. In that  
12 position, you have to have a very -- a person to  
13 really keep up with dollars and be honest because he  
14 handled a lot of cash from the scales. It's just  
15 almost like a dream or something, you know, because  
16 he was not sick or anything. He just went to sleep  
17 last night and the alarm clock went off this morning  
18 and he was gone. So we'll miss him.

19 Okay. For my report, see what all went  
20 on this month. Of course, meeting after meeting, as  
21 some of you have been to all of our meetings. As  
22 far as our hearings this month and budget, Don, and  
23 all of us has spent a lot of time on this, a lot of  
24 worry went into this, a lot of thought. But as you  
25 know, we have kept taxes, you know, down. We've

1 kept them actually the same as last year. So next  
2 year, as you heard at our work session, that could  
3 be another thing. But we're going on six years now  
4 without a tax increase. So we do appreciate all of  
5 our constitutional officers, all of our elected  
6 officials and all of our employees working with us  
7 and I appreciate our commissioners here that I work  
8 with every day.

9           We met with -- Billy and I actually met  
10 with the -- actually, a group -- well, a lady that  
11 represents USDA and the Regional Commission and we  
12 took -- Billy took her around and showed her several  
13 of our roads. We're trying to get some assistance  
14 there through a grant through these different  
15 groups. It looks pretty good. Hopefully we can get  
16 some money to go back into them.

17           We also met with the State Highway  
18 Department. It's been about two weeks ago, I think.  
19 Where did Billy go? We spent the better part of a  
20 day, took them to all of our roads, the roads that  
21 we completed under the LARP money and also the  
22 money -- the actual roads that we completed through  
23 the assistance that we had gotten from them to help  
24 with the washed out roads. They didn't promise  
25 anything, but there could be a little money there

1 coming, possibly a little more from GDOT. We're not  
2 going to wear our welcome out there. We do  
3 appreciate the money that they did let us have  
4 through the grant.

5           The -- let's see here, there was  
6 something else I wanted to go over here. I can't  
7 even read my own writing. I was scribbling like a  
8 chicken here. Other than the -- other than Billy,  
9 pretty much Scottie covered that, but I did want to  
10 really commend our work force as far as our road  
11 people. We only have eight people that work for our  
12 road department. You know, we actually cut back  
13 several years ago. At one time, Billy, I think we  
14 had about 14 people working?

15           MR. MASSENGALE: Fifteen.

16           MR. RUMLEY: Fifteen. And over the  
17 years we've cut that down and it's really amazing  
18 the people that we have working that -- how they  
19 contribute and how they really do their job. They  
20 get out there and they are public employees and  
21 they're very skilled. We did have to get a little  
22 help on Hartline as Scottie was talking about  
23 because it was really major. We had to hire a  
24 couple of local contractors because we didn't have  
25 equipment big enough to fix it. But I want you to

1 know, I appreciate you, Billy, and the road crew and  
2 also the sheriff's department. They've helped us a  
3 lot as far as keeping traffic off of us. They're  
4 really good to work with when we need something on  
5 the roads. We do appreciate them.

6           You know, tonight, you know, you saw  
7 our employees come before us, you know, and really,  
8 we -- we really are friends and see these -- we work  
9 with these people every day, but I try to remind  
10 them and the people in the county, you know, we're  
11 public servants here. We're here to not only  
12 represent our employees, but to represent all these  
13 taxpayers that pay their money and we just want to  
14 make sure that every dime is accounted for and we  
15 spend the money as it should be appropriated.

16           There's always -- this is not a  
17 prestigious job at all that we do. We have people  
18 that stay mad at us all the time, I guess, Robert.  
19 You know, my ears burn every day, but we try to be  
20 good servants to the people and we're sorry, you  
21 know, that -- for them feeling the way they do.  
22 Although, in the back of their mind, they know their  
23 job and they are public servants, too, and I think,  
24 you know, 100 percent, they're Dade County  
25 employees. It's not that we blame them a bit to

1 come and talk to us. But as I explained a while  
2 ago, it's just not the time for taxes to be  
3 increased by Dade County Commission this year. So  
4 I'm going to leave it at all that. Do you have  
5 anything else you want to say?

6 MR. BRADFORD: I've got one thing I  
7 forgot to say. I want to thank the State for  
8 repairing Highway 136 on the west side. I don't  
9 know how many of you drive up and down that thing,  
10 but it was awful. I called them so many times that  
11 they knew who I was when I got on the phone. I  
12 think they started hiding from me because I would  
13 have to leave a message. They did get repaired and  
14 they did a really good job. I would like to thank a  
15 gentleman by the name of Ken Howard, which works for  
16 the State, which is an engineer down there. He  
17 really helped me immensely when I got ahold of him.  
18 But the road looks great. I don't know how many of  
19 you travel it, but they've done a really good job.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Driver's safety, do you  
21 want to mention that, Ted?

22 MR. RUMLEY: That was my next -- that  
23 was the big one is the driver's license, not  
24 driver's safety. We need to really remember this,  
25 Monday morning, that's August 5th at 9:00, that's

1 the ribbon cutting of our new driver's facility,  
2 driver's license facility here in Dade County. I  
3 just want to tell everyone out there, try to be  
4 here, try to come and show support. Of course,  
5 there's going to be a lot of people because there's  
6 a lot of people that have been putting off getting  
7 their license renewed, but try to show support.  
8 We're going to have, of course, the ribbon cutting.  
9 We'll have some refreshments. We hope to have some  
10 sausage and biscuit and stuff because it is going to  
11 be early in the morning and just have really a good  
12 time and show these people that, hey, we appreciate  
13 you being here and it's a needed thing. It's one of  
14 the few really in the state that they've actually  
15 reached out and actually did this way. So there's a  
16 lot of other counties, especially mountain counties,  
17 up in the Rayburn County area that would really -- I  
18 think this will be kind of a first step and they may  
19 follow, you know. There's several counties like us  
20 that's got mountains between them and it's not real  
21 easy to get to the license.

22           Please try to be here. It's going to  
23 be a good thing. Of course, after the ribbon  
24 cutting, they will be open for business the rest of  
25 the day. As far as I understand, they will be here

1 the first and third Mondays from here on out. So  
2 try and support the people if you can.

3 MR. LAVELLA: Ted, where is this at?

4 MR. RUMLEY: Where?

5 MR. LAVELLA: Yes. Where?

6 MR. RUMLEY: It's just right here.

7 It's actually right here in the -- you'll be parking  
8 right here in our parking lot. It's actually in  
9 where the sheriff's office is at to the left.  
10 There's a little courtroom there that used to be a  
11 court facility and we changed it or they did. They  
12 renovated it. You'll be surprised when you go in  
13 there. It's all the latest high-tech stuff. You  
14 know, it's not like even when I got my license  
15 renewed before. You know, each station has its own  
16 camera and everything is all, you know, just right  
17 there. So it's going to be -- it's good, good for  
18 Dade County. Something to be proud of.

19 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: What time is the  
20 ribbon cutting?

21 MR. RUMLEY: 9:00. They'll probably  
22 get here around 8:30 or so.

23 MR. TOWNSEND: The employee parking?

24 MR. RUMLEY: We did announce this and  
25 we did actually every paycheck had a little reminder

1 that especially on those days, we're trying to get  
2 them in the habit of parking, the employees parking  
3 to the side out here where the employee parking will  
4 be designated because this is going to put a lot  
5 more traffic here in this building or that building,  
6 especially some of the handicap or older people,  
7 it's hard for them to park even out here in the park  
8 and walk across, you know, if it's raining. We're  
9 just asking the employees to try to park out to the  
10 side or out to the end here if you can.

11           Anything else, Don? I don't know what  
12 I would do without Don. Okay. All right. Move  
13 down to appearances. Debbie, do you want to come up  
14 and talk to us? Debbie is our actually Chamber  
15 lady. She's the director of our Chamber of  
16 Commerce.

17           MS. TINKER: And we want to thank y'all  
18 for the support you give us. In your packet, you'll  
19 see a lot of the things that have gone on in April,  
20 May and June, so I won't go over those because most  
21 of that has been in the newspaper also. But right  
22 now we've been working on the world's longest yard  
23 sale, which is this weekend. It's going across  
24 Lookout Mountain through Georgia and then on down to  
25 Gadsden and up to Michigan.

1           We've had two board members assigned to  
2 the Relay to help with that and that's Daniel Case  
3 and Holly Moore and they've been both working hard  
4 and then the staff at the Chamber is trying to help,  
5 too.

6           Upcoming, we're going to be having a  
7 duck race. That's going to be April the --  
8 September 21st and we'll be selling tickets for that  
9 and we'll be giving you more information in  
10 September on that.

11           We're also already starting with our  
12 trick or treat alley and our Christmas on the square  
13 activities, trying to find vendors. For the duck  
14 race, anybody that would like to set up a free  
15 booth, it's a 10x10 or 12x12 space?

16           MS. CLARK: 12x12.

17           MS. TINKER: It's free. And also we're  
18 looking for local entertainment that would like to  
19 perform. In the last couple of months, we have  
20 compiled information for three different businesses.  
21 One that is expanding in the county and possibly two  
22 that might be coming here. We've helped the IDA  
23 gather information. We've done that for Peter and  
24 also the packets that the JDA handed y'all. If  
25 you'll notice in the front, some of the things he

1 let me know came from our website detailing the  
2 beauty and everything of Dade County.

3 Project Synergy, there are two of those  
4 in the plans for next year. One will be to feed a  
5 lot of children. They will be making food packets  
6 and the Chamber does sponsor those. I will be  
7 attending the governor's conference on tourism next  
8 month as part of our requirements for the  
9 designation of having the regional state welcome  
10 center.

11 We're also promoting a fundraiser. If  
12 you would like to go to China, please call me at the  
13 Chamber and I'll give you all the information on  
14 that. I've got two board members here. Can y'all  
15 think of anything else that --

16 MS. CLARK: The price of the duck  
17 tickets.

18 MS. TINKER: The duck tickets are going  
19 to be \$5 apiece or five for \$20. And then Seth  
20 Houts is on our board and he is working on our  
21 website to make some new enhancements and everything  
22 on it and hopefully it can work somewhat with  
23 Peter's, too. And we're here --

24 MR. RUMLEY: Don't we have a new  
25 business that Seth may be involved with? I think we

1 need to announce that because I saw it -- I didn't  
2 know you were up and running, actually open.

3 MS. TINKER: American-owned business  
4 here in Dade County. It's the Red Ace, yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: It's over at the foot of  
6 Sand Mountain where the old -- well, we used to call  
7 it the Sureway, but where the actual Mapco used to  
8 be.

9 MS. TINKER: Buddy, it doesn't even  
10 look like the same place.

11 MR. RUMLEY: No, it don't. And what I  
12 like about it is you've got a drive-through window  
13 that they advertise in the paper because I'm usually  
14 in a hurry when I go home and you can go through and  
15 you can get your milk or whatever. Right, Seth?

16 MR. HOUTS: Milk, bread.

17 MS. CLARK: You mean you don't even  
18 have to get out of the car?

19 MR. RUMLEY: It's a good idea. I know  
20 people on Sand Mountain and 136, man, that was a  
21 handy place.

22 MS. TINKER: Oh, yes. We'll be doing a  
23 ribbon cutting there, too. You'll all be invited.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Gas is what, like 1.99; is  
25 that right? That's out. We wish.

1 MR. HOUTS: I will say that I am a  
2 penny under anybody else in Trenton right now  
3 though. And I have 100 percent gasoline.

4 MR. RUMLEY: I noticed that, too.  
5 That's good. No ethanol.

6 MS. CLARK: He has the Sonic type of  
7 ice for the fountain drinks.

8 MS. TINKER: So y'all don't have any  
9 questions or anything that I can help y'all with?

10 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate it.

11 MS. TINKER: We appreciate y'all very  
12 much. We are trying to do a lot of fundraising to  
13 raise funds this year. Thank you.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Library, Marshanna?

15 MS. SHARP: Well, we have a lot going  
16 on in August. Our new hours begin and we'll be open  
17 every day at 9:00. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and  
18 Fridays we're open at 9:00. We close at 7:00 on  
19 Tuesdays, 6:00 on Thursdays and 5:00 on Fridays and  
20 right now that's the only days we're open, but I'll  
21 let Donna tell you. The friends are working on  
22 something and we're hoping to raise some money to  
23 open back up some more hours.

24 The adult education classes, the GED  
25 classes are at the library now. They've got 18

1 students. So we're proud to have them there now and  
2 we have several -- we have a story teller coming in  
3 August. We have two movies we're showing in August  
4 and we have a game day. And if anybody wants to  
5 know the dates, they can come by the library and get  
6 the calendar, but we have a lot of things. And a  
7 lot of parents say summer reading is already over,  
8 they're not going back to school until September.  
9 So we had some people that come in to do some free  
10 programs, so we're going to have some programs in  
11 August.

12 Thank y'all for y'all's support and I'm  
13 trying to think. Donna is going to tell you about  
14 the Historical Society is doing a kickoff for the  
15 150th for the library, too.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Donna?

17 MS. STREET: Well, I am thrilled to be  
18 able to give you some good news because it hasn't  
19 been a very good -- it's been one of those nights  
20 that people on boards and commissioners and -- it's  
21 just ugly. It's just ugly.

22 Well, 150 years ago, August 31st, we  
23 had some folks visit us, 40,000 of them to be exact  
24 and they were on their way to a place that they  
25 didn't know where they were going then, but we now

1 know where it was. It was Chickamauga. And I have  
2 a hard time believing there were actually 40,000 of  
3 them at one time, but there was 40,000 of them.

4 MR. RUMLEY: In waves.

5 MS. STREET: In very big waves and I  
6 want to tell you about our activities. We have  
7 decided that we need to bring history alive in Dade  
8 County and bringing our history alive is by having  
9 people get involved in -- the things that are  
10 happening today have happened to us before. They  
11 happened in the 1800s and the things that happened  
12 with our economy and our industry and things, 1870,  
13 1970. We're in the same economic situation that  
14 we've been in for the last 200 years, so we need to  
15 learn from our history.

16 We have instituted and every day it  
17 changes. Every day what we're going to do changes,  
18 but I have a rough outline. On August 31st the  
19 library is going to be open and the Historical  
20 Society is going to pay for that. The library will  
21 be open from 10:00 to 12:00 for activities relating  
22 to the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Battle  
23 of Cherokee -- Chickamauga. We're going to have  
24 some geocaching activities during that week for  
25 people who like to do that and younger people do.

1 We're going to have maps and instructions on how to  
2 do the driving tour.

3                   And by the way, the Commission needs to  
4 be thanked for putting up the two new signs. The  
5 maps that I gave you tonight were actually out of  
6 date. There will be new ones in a couple of weeks  
7 and it will add the site at Bethlehem Church and the  
8 site at White Oak Gap.

9                   On that morning, Ted Rumley, our County  
10 Commissioner -- many of you do not realize he is one  
11 of our local experts on the Civil War and especially  
12 on General Negley who came through here August -- he  
13 got here on the 4th of September and was gone by the  
14 8th. Anyway, Ted is going to talk about that. He  
15 told me about Negley about 30 years ago and I still  
16 have the papers that he gave me and have studied  
17 them off and on over the years.

18                   MR. RUMLEY: That's when I was 12 and  
19 you were teaching high school.

20                   MS. STREET: Maybe that's not exactly  
21 the truth, but I was at least 30. Another person --  
22 we hope he'll be able to give us two sessions that  
23 are about 20 minutes long so folks can come and  
24 listen and learn what was going on. From the top of  
25 the mountain at Brown Gap Cemetery down the mountain

1 to Brown Springs and around to Cureton Mill and to  
2 Rising Fawn and up Johnson's Crook and I am amazed  
3 at some of the things I've been reading about the  
4 move up Johnson's Crook.

5 Ken Pennington is another person I  
6 consider to be one of our living experts on the  
7 Civil War and he for years has done searches for  
8 Civil War memorabilia, union and confederate both  
9 and he knows where those camp sites are and many,  
10 many more things and he's going to do a session.

11 We're going to have displays. For  
12 instance, did you know that James Garfield spent a  
13 week in Dade County, the President of the United  
14 States? He was the chief of staff for Rosecrans who  
15 was on his way across and we have his letters and  
16 some things. We're going to have a display about  
17 him. We will be having a continental breakfast, so  
18 please come and join us.

19 I'm going to talk to some kids at the  
20 school. We are working with the school system to  
21 take the fifth graders on a field trip the first  
22 week of school. Now, that's unusual, but we hope  
23 that's going to pan out and I think it will because  
24 I talked to the superintendent this week.

25 The Sons of Confederacy, which there's

1 not many of that particular branch left in Dade  
2 County right now, but on September 7th during our  
3 town market, they're going to be set up. They're  
4 going to have a tent set up. They're going to have  
5 a campsite set up over there. And then on either  
6 the 7th or the 8th, we don't have this nailed down  
7 yet, Jim Ogeden, the Chickamauga National Park,  
8 Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Park historian, he  
9 has cleared his schedule because he really likes the  
10 idea of going to Johnson's Crook and talking about  
11 what was happening on the 7th because the main day  
12 they started across and they kept going across for a  
13 long time.

14           And Ken and I were planning to have a  
15 cannon shot off of White Oak Gap, but we learned --  
16 yes, we can. There's nothing in Dade County law  
17 that says we can't do that, but we want to do it on  
18 the correct day and that's November 18th.

19           When Sherman was headed to Chattanooga,  
20 he sent his brother-in-law to Trenton to cause  
21 trouble. That's exactly what Sherman wrote was he  
22 sent them down to cause trouble and it so happens,  
23 one of our local heroes, James Cooper Nesbit was on  
24 his way home to Cloverdale and he met the man that  
25 was supposed to have said we seceded from Georgia

1 sitting on whatever the square looked like then and  
2 I would love some pictures of it. But he says  
3 what's going on. He said, well, just watch and the  
4 cannon drops onto Trenton, fire, shells drop onto  
5 Trenton and then the union soldiers came and  
6 Colonial Nesbit had to go home to Cloverdale via  
7 Lookout Mountain because by that time, they had  
8 covered all the roads he had.

9 One other thing that I would like for  
10 the Chamber to realize and the County Commission is  
11 that December 25th is Dade County's 176th  
12 birthday. We missed our sesquicentennial, but  
13 Christmas day is our birthday and if the Chamber  
14 would like to incorporate that into their Christmas  
15 celebration, we think it would be a really good  
16 idea.

17 So the library, what Marshana wanted me  
18 to tell you was the Friends of the Library begins  
19 the 13th and 14th a letter writing campaign to  
20 everyone who gave us money last year, donated so  
21 generously and we're going to expand that list at  
22 least 150 folks. We can't send that many letters,  
23 but we're going to expand that and we're going to  
24 see how much money we can collect to fill in the  
25 spaces until our County Commission can -- and City

1 Commission can get where they can support us fully  
2 again and we hope that will be soon, but it may be  
3 later than sooner, but we're not giving up.

4           So thank you for what you have done and  
5 what you will do and continue to support us at both  
6 the historical society and the library and we will  
7 continue to bring you information about what we're  
8 up to and thank you very much.

9           MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Donna, did you  
10 know that those men that came through here, the arm  
11 of the Cumberland, when they went into Chickamauga  
12 and went into battle, they had a little bit over  
13 75 percent casualty rate. It wiped all of them out  
14 just practically and the ones that weren't killed  
15 were wounded. You know, they were really seriously  
16 wounded. It was a bad time.

17           MS. STREET: It was awful. One of the  
18 things I do know, Ken and I went to the park to talk  
19 to Jim Ogden and then we went to Chickamauga to  
20 speak to John Culpepper and some of our signs have  
21 been damaged and he's getting us some more. So I'll  
22 get those to somebody to get them put up, but he  
23 said tell Debbie Tinker to send me a list of all the  
24 hotels, motels, etc., in Dade County because the  
25 ones in Chickamauga are already filling up.

1 MR. RUMLEY: They're full, yeah.

2 MS. STREET: I mean, if you had a  
3 relative that died or was wounded in that, from  
4 Indiana especially, you want to come see. And what  
5 it is, they're expecting tons and tons of people and  
6 by us doing something here, I think we'll have some  
7 people as well. It might help our economic  
8 situation as well.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. All right. Hey,  
10 Rich, do you have anything you want to say tonight  
11 as far as the 4H?

12 MR. LAVELLA: No. We've just got land  
13 judging starting up. We've got a junior team and  
14 senior team that will be going to Plains, Georgia,  
15 on the 17th of the August.

16 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate Rich. He's  
17 with our 4H and county agent. So we appreciate you  
18 being here. You are most every meeting. We  
19 appreciate you and Katie.

20 I want to mention, too, Rich did make a  
21 trip this week for us, for the County and Katie and  
22 it's something that we really look forward to maybe  
23 working with in the next year to come. Maybe by  
24 next season, but Cleveland has got a real unique  
25 cannery that they've set up up there. It's really

1 community -- has a lot of community funding and all,  
2 but people that actually have gardens and the  
3 farmers, they'll make an appointment and come in.  
4 It's a room -- is it about as big as this room?

5 MR. LAVELLA: Actually smaller.  
6 Probably half of this room.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. And they've got  
8 these -- all your canning steamers and all that set  
9 up in there and everybody helps each other. All  
10 you've got to do is bring your jars and vegetables.  
11 It's a big thing. From what Katie, the pictures  
12 that she showed me, it was really amazing.

13 MR. LAVELLA: You did get the pictures,  
14 yeah.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, it's something. And  
16 it's something that hopefully we can work with  
17 through the Extension Office and all and hopefully  
18 we'll see one in the county somewhere.

19 MS. STREET: The school, I think the  
20 school is not using their kitchens in the summer.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Especially here, right  
22 back here. It's amazing the people that really do  
23 this.

24 MS. STREET: Our young people need to  
25 know.

1 MR. RUMLEY: And a lot of young people  
2 don't know. They want to know. They want to learn  
3 how to can. They don't charge you anything, do  
4 they? I mean, you just come and everybody pitches  
5 in and helps and when you leave there, you've got  
6 all your canned goods, you know. I hope as much  
7 agriculture that goes on here and gardeners and  
8 people that realize now, you better start putting  
9 back and learn how to can and put stuff up because  
10 you never know from one day to the next, you know,  
11 how time will affect you.

12 MS. STREET: Rich, we've been laying  
13 groundwork with Wilma Hulgán, so get in touch with  
14 her and see what you can work out.

15 MR. RUMLEY: It's really a good thing.

16 MR. LAVELLA: I learned a lot.

17 MR. RUMLEY: You learned a lot. Okay.  
18 Don? Move down to Don Townsend with our monthly  
19 financial report.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. As of July  
21 31st, 2013, the general fund had a balance of  
22 \$361,665; Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288;  
23 Sheriff's Special Fund, \$35,138; Drug Abuse  
24 Education Fund, \$59,159; Supplemental Juvenile  
25 Services Fund, \$21,770; Victim Assistance Fund,

1 \$1,190; Jail Fund, \$18,046. Federal Asset Fund,  
2 Department of Justice, \$742. Payroll account,  
3 \$43,447.

4 Construction account for S.P.L.O.S.T  
5 had a balance of \$14,382; Projects Account, \$87,358.  
6 Proceeds account, \$928,544.

7 I will just remind the Commissioners  
8 that the proceeds account continues to grow, but we  
9 do have that \$1.2 -- \$1.3 million bond coming up. I  
10 wish we could use all that money to spend on things,  
11 but we can't. So that's -- the next page, you'll  
12 see the -- this is the general fund as of June 30th.  
13 This is one of the most important reports you'll get  
14 in the whole year. I will probably produce this  
15 report one more time before June 30th because we  
16 have sixty days to leave our accounts open to post  
17 transactions back to the prior year as allowed by  
18 law and you'll see all the way down departments,  
19 from legislative all the way to economic development  
20 on the left. The top is the revenue and bottom is  
21 expenses.

22 Actual as of 6/30/2013 we had spent  
23 \$1,177,414 compared to a monthly budget of \$826,150.  
24 Now, that just sounds horrible and I'm saying spent.  
25 That's actually received. I said that wrong.

1 That's the good side. We'll talk about the other in  
2 a minute. That's money, again, that's come in not  
3 only for the month of June, but a lot of money  
4 that's come in in the month of July that's been  
5 posted back. That's a normal thing for it to be  
6 kind of a high figure there. That's in excess of  
7 \$350,753.

8           But the most important column for the  
9 June 30th report is always the year-to-date. That  
10 is the final year-to-date column that we'll have.  
11 Next month we'll start FY14 budget year and this  
12 one, we have attained -- the attainment, of course,  
13 will be at 100 percent. We have attained  
14 101.58 percent of what we budgeted. That  
15 year-to-date figure was \$9,058,859 compared to a  
16 budgeted total of \$8,918,000. That's a good thing,  
17 as you can see, across there on the sixth column  
18 over to the right, it says year-to-date  
19 excess/short.

20           For instance, election -- well, let's  
21 look at our financial. We collected -- government  
22 financial administration, \$3,780,080. Budgeted was  
23 \$3,852,800. I can tell you the 72,000 primarily is  
24 local option sales tax that failed to come in that  
25 we had hoped would come in in that particular line.

1 As you work your way down, you'll see that the red  
2 there is not a good thing because it's money that we  
3 didn't collect that we thought we would collect.

4 The tax commissioner's amount is short  
5 122,000, but the plus to that is we normally will  
6 collect that money over a period of time and some  
7 people have set up payments, etc. So over a period  
8 of time we actually will collect that.

9 Going down to the expense side, you see  
10 June 30th expenses \$775,277 out of a budgeted  
11 823,327. So we actually were under by 48,000.  
12 However, year-to-date, we spent \$9,555,086 and was  
13 budgeted 8,918,500. That's 107 percent. So every  
14 line item that's over 100 percent here, we've got to  
15 make it 100 percent. Some of that is an easy thing  
16 to do and then there's other parts that's not so  
17 easy. So be aware. I know you can see, for  
18 instance, the -- well, I don't want to point out any  
19 department. But anyway, be aware that all the way  
20 down through under a -- at 100 percent or less. The  
21 budgets that did come in under, we can use some of  
22 those resources and redirect those funds to the top.

23 We'll be proposing a budget amendment  
24 for FY13, a final one as required by GASB, which is  
25 government accounting procedures at the next meeting

1 probably in September and that will also allow us to  
2 collect for another thirty days. So hopefully, the  
3 expenses will settle down and the revenues will  
4 still continue coming in.

5 Budget attained for the year, again,  
6 should be at 100 percent. Revenues attained is  
7 101.58 percent. Expenses attained is 107.14  
8 percent. General fund cash projection is there at  
9 the bottom. Revenues less expenses for June was  
10 actually \$402,136, which is to the good. Budget was  
11 2,823, which is almost on target of being perfect.  
12 So we were actually under budget \$399,413.

13 Revenues less expenses year-to-date, we  
14 were short \$496,227. Budget of \$500, so it's over  
15 \$495,727 and that's why we're having such suffrage  
16 on the cash flow problems that we're experiencing.

17 The next report you see a project  
18 variance report which just backs up everything  
19 there. The two reports we just went over is  
20 basically the departmental listing. The next report  
21 you see, which is one through six pages, is that all  
22 the revenues of the county, again, by month-to-date  
23 and also year-to-date. So, again, this  
24 year-to-date, this is one you might want to recall  
25 from time to time. Page four, five and six is

1 actually the expenses.

2           The following report is something  
3 that's new. We have not been putting it in the  
4 packet, but I'm going to try to start doing that.  
5 This is our period accounts receivable. These are  
6 companies that owe us money. Since we're having  
7 hard times, we've been pretty lenient on a lot of  
8 companies that are listed here. A lot of these  
9 companies are locals and we're not out to get  
10 anybody, but if someone hits 61, 90 or even over 90  
11 days, I want you to be aware, you know, they owe us  
12 money and these are the different companies that do  
13 owe us money.

14           You can see there's three pages and  
15 this is normal. I mean, this is great for a county.  
16 It could be 30 pages. I mean, for our accounts  
17 receivable to only be three pages, believe me,  
18 that's excellent. I just want to make you aware of  
19 that. Right now we only are owed -- total  
20 outstanding is only \$35,460. I still want you to  
21 know that.

22           The following pages are the local  
23 option sales. As you can see, we collected for  
24 local option sales tax, 165,024 for July. As stated  
25 earlier by Commissioner Goff, last year was 175,000

1 and the prior year was 182,000, so still declining  
2 there a little bit compared to historical figures.

3 S.P.L.O.S.T, the same trend. \$206,283  
4 for July. He mentioned it is up from June, which is  
5 175 to 206. Again, from July to July last year was  
6 219. The prior year July was 228,000. So that  
7 concludes the report.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Don. Any  
9 questions for Mr. Townsend? Corrections? If not,  
10 I'll entertain a motion to approve our financial  
11 report as submitted by Don Townsend. Do I hear a  
12 motion?

13 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we  
14 approve the financial report as read by Don  
15 Townsend.

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

17 MR. GOFF: Second.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call a vote.  
19 Mr. Bradford?

20 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

22 MR. GOFF: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

24 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

1 MR. SMITH: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

3 Robin, do you have anything for us tonight, any  
4 reports or anything to bring us up-to-date on?

5 MR. ROGERS: The -- the monthly report  
6 on the TAS bankruptcy, where we are on that, there's  
7 a couple of motions still pending on that one that  
8 is scheduled to be heard on August 8th. That's the  
9 next thing. There's some other small procedural  
10 matters going forward. The next big date for us  
11 will be August 8th.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. No new business.  
13 This is -- the reading of the minutes of last  
14 month's regular meeting and any special-called  
15 meeting will not be required since all Commissioners  
16 have been furnished copies in advance. The minutes  
17 are public record and are available for view in our  
18 County Commission office. The minutes are included  
19 in the consent agenda and we will consider those in  
20 just a minute.

21 Don, do you want to go over our consent  
22 agenda? I know it's pretty lengthy. And then I'll  
23 make a motion to approve the consent agenda.  
24 Lebron, you can't leave. Lebron, it's not time.  
25 It's not over with yet. Now, Lebron has been

1 sitting here all this time and he's got to go. Come  
2 back.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. We have approval  
4 of the previous meeting minutes, approval of the  
5 review of the employee head count report, the  
6 Primary Health Care week resolution -- sorry,  
7 proclamation declaring Primary Health Care Center  
8 week August 4th through the 10th, 2013. The  
9 American Cancer Society Paint the Town Purple  
10 resolution -- proclamation for the period  
11 August 1st through September 7th and I believe  
12 the Relay for Life is going to be on September 6th,  
13 that evening and go into the 7th overnight.

14 And then we have appointment of  
15 Workforce Investment Board member -- a reappointment  
16 of Ms. Ruth Goff for the Workforce Investment Board.  
17 Approval of Resolution R-49-13, which is the  
18 furlough of county employees and change of business  
19 hours, regular operation of governmental services.  
20 Resolution R-50-13, insurance safety discount  
21 policy, incorporate seat belt policy. Resolution  
22 R-51-13, declaration of surplus property, two patrol  
23 cars. More specifically, a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria  
24 with the last four digits of the VIN 8536, unit  
25 number 151. And also a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria,

1 last four digits of the VIN 2713, unit 156.

2 Resolution R-52-13, reimbursement  
3 resolution to declare its official intent to  
4 reimburse tax exempt proceeds capital expenditures  
5 for County properties. Resolution R-53-13, intent  
6 to collect a county motel/hotel tax revenue. I  
7 believe that's it.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions? If  
9 not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the consent  
10 agenda as read by Mr. Townsend. Do I hear a motion?

11 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

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

13 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

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

16 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

18 MR. GOFF: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

20 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

22 MR. SMITH: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

24 Anyone want to come up and talk to us tonight? Feel  
25 free to come up. We do have a couple of new people

1 here. I don't want to embarrass them or put them on  
2 the spot, but we've got a couple of people that's  
3 moved into the county. We appreciate you being here  
4 tonight. Hope you come back. Welcome to Dade  
5 County. They've moved out on Sand Mountain and I  
6 hope you'll be there from now on happily ever after.  
7 It's a good place to live.

8 MR. BONNACO: We like it.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Would you tell us your  
10 name? I mean, you don't have to tell us where you  
11 live, but what is your name?

12 MR. BONNACO: My name is Steve Bonnaco.  
13 This is my wife, Donna Lynn.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. And you moved from  
15 Tennessee actually here, didn't you? Glad to have  
16 you here.

17 MR. BONNACO: Glad to be here.

18 MS. CLARK: Ted, we are starting to  
19 watch our fiberoptic service in part of the New  
20 Salem area. It's not all of New Salem, but it's a  
21 good portion and it's a good start out there. We're  
22 taking applications now as a matter of fact.

23 MR. RUMLEY: I don't know whether you  
24 could hear that out in TV land or not, but our  
25 representative from our local cable and phone

1 company here, Trenton Telephone, Audrey, she has  
2 actually explained to us that they're out in the New  
3 Salem -- a portion of New Salem, that they do have  
4 the fiber ready and are taking applications, right?  
5 What is the area? Do you know what area it is?

6 MS. CLARK: Across 136, but all of Plum  
7 Nelly, Memorial Drive, north, all of North Sunset,  
8 all of South Sunset now and then back in there where  
9 that links together and I can't remember those  
10 names, but in that.

11 MR. RUMLEY: That's a big area.

12 MS. CLARK: It is. I'm really excited  
13 about that.

14 MR. RUMLEY: So all of you in New Salem  
15 there, keep it in mind. I don't have it. My  
16 brother has it and he is really pleased with it, the  
17 speed of the internet and also the clarity of your  
18 television, your picture. So please call Audrey.  
19 BR549, just call Audrey.

20 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: I can vouch for  
21 that. I was one of the ones that connected to the  
22 fiber optic. The internet is faster. I can  
23 download a magazine onto my iPad that fast, whereas  
24 it used to take hours. The quality of the TV  
25 picture is much better than I had with satellite and

1 I'm saving a lot of money every month.

2 MR. PITTMAN: Audrey, do y'all have  
3 plans to put it all over the rest of the county?

4 MS. CLARK: Yes, eventually. For Don  
5 Townsend, actually, we're doing some preliminary  
6 work up around the Slygo area now. So we're having  
7 to just take portions of the county at a time.  
8 We've kind of built us a five-year plan, but the  
9 cost of all of this is phenomenal.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, a lot of money.

11 MS. CLARK: And unfortunately, we can't  
12 just jump out there and put it all over the county,  
13 but we're trying. We do have a plan for different  
14 areas of the county and depending on a lot of  
15 things, including the weather, hopefully, we can  
16 stick fairly close to our plan. We need people to  
17 support us every place that we go and it's available  
18 and hopefully in most cases, we're also able to save  
19 people some money, which is very important.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. You can actually  
21 offer a full bundle, phone, cable and satellite, you  
22 know.

23 MS. CLARK: Phone, internet and TV.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Phone, internet and cable.  
25 That's something that the other competitors can't.

1 This is our local phone company that has actually  
2 grandfathered our communication for years. They are  
3 Dade County. You know, so we're proud of the phone  
4 company and glad you took that extra step. You're  
5 in the future really. You're doing the fiber. It's  
6 a good thing. So try -- as we always preach, try to  
7 shop local if possible, but try to patronize our  
8 people because, like you said, y'all are investing  
9 millions of dollars into this, so we need to try to  
10 patronize. Thank you. I appreciate you being here  
11 every week.

12                   Have y'all got anything to add? Anyone  
13 else want to talk to us? Lois Lane, do you have  
14 anything you want to say tonight? After the  
15 meeting, I know. We appreciate all of y'all being  
16 here. If you leave, try to get some refreshments or  
17 go out on the square there and support our American  
18 Cancer people. We appreciate all of y'all. It's  
19 good to live in Dade County. That's all I can say.  
20 All right. If there's nothing else, I'll entertain  
21 a motion to adjourn.

22                   MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we  
23 adjourn.

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

25                   MR. SMITH: Second.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call a vote.

2 Mr. Bradford?

3 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

5 MR. GOFF: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

7 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

9 MR. SMITH: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

11 Thank all of you for being here.

12 END OF MEETING

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