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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION  
WORKSHOP  
MARCH 6, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: All right. We'll go  
2 ahead and call the workshop session to order.  
3 Everyone had time to look at the agenda? Any  
4 changes? All right. Go ahead and put that on the  
5 consent agenda. Previous meeting minutes, any  
6 changes? Anything we need to change or talk about  
7 on that?

8 MR. GOFF: No.

9 MR. RUMLEY: We'll put that on the  
10 consent agenda. Review Employee Headcount Report.  
11 Only changes that we've had is mainly to the  
12 sheriff's department and the jail. Any questions  
13 about it at this time?

14 MR. GOFF: No.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Then we have number  
16 four, Board Appointments or Proclamations. Save  
17 Your Vision Month March 1st through the 31st. That  
18 will be through Dade County Lions Club. Is everyone  
19 on board with that? Any questions or changes?

20 MR. GOFF: No. They do a good work.

21 MR. RUMLEY: They do. Also  
22 Resolution R-13-14, Reappointment of Dr. William  
23 Pullen to the Water Authority Board. William's been  
24 on there for several years. He does a good job.  
25 We'll put that on the consent agenda.

1           Y'all will have to excuse me. I've got a  
2 real bad cold. It's been with me for about three  
3 days.

4           Okay. Moving down to number five.  
5 Approval of SPLOST/Capital Equipment.

6           Don, I'll let you explain that.

7           MR. TOWNSEND: It's a request from  
8 the library and it's in addition to some already  
9 existing equipment. So that's basically \$500 --  
10 \$400.98 and we're exploring the idea of adding to it  
11 plus we're going to take this and add it to some  
12 other items we've already had. Normally we have a  
13 lot larger numbers than \$499. It's more or less to  
14 maintain a record and keep that record straight.

15           MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Put that on the  
16 consent agenda. FY2015 Budget Process, that's  
17 something that, you know, we're not going to take  
18 any action tonight, but it's that time of the year.  
19 Actually it's a very critical time for Dade County  
20 and our constitutional officers and everyone  
21 involved. It's what we've been working on. You  
22 know, you work on a budget all year long. This is  
23 on of the serious processes also. From now on out  
24 at every meeting we have we'll give a report and  
25 update. Of course, our end of the year, it ends in

1 June. That's what this on here for. It will start  
2 being on here every meeting.

3 Moving down to number seven. Resolution  
4 R-12-14 reimpose and levy and collect SPLOST, ballot  
5 question. The City, they are having their meeting  
6 at 6:00 or is it at 5:00?

7 MR. GOFF: 6:00.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: They are to bring it  
10 here on completion.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. You want to go  
12 into any details on that, Robin?

13 MR. ROGERS: No. We touched on this  
14 at out last meeting. This is the resolution to  
15 reimpose the current existing SPLOST that's  
16 scheduled to run out next July. So this would  
17 (inaudible) the Water Authority as well as the IDA  
18 have all opposed the agreement and now it's heading  
19 toward the City for action there tonight. So on  
20 their acceptance of that then this resolution will  
21 allow them to call for an election process to  
22 continue.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Now, on the consent  
24 agenda does it need to be worded, Robin, that -- you  
25 know, isn't there a sequence that City, you know,

1 they're supposed to present theirs and then after  
2 that we --

3 MR. ROGERS: That's correct.

4 MR. RUMLEY: All right.

5 MR. ROGERS: The City's supposed to  
6 take their action first and then us.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. So before we  
8 actually -- but their meeting is tonight. So you  
9 want to contact them, Don, before we go into the  
10 regular meeting and just get verification and then  
11 we'll -- we'll go ahead and put it on the consent  
12 agenda with the understanding that way it will be  
13 documented in our meeting. Okay.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: For the record, I just  
15 want to clarify. The County Attorney meant to say  
16 approved not opposed, the IDA and what was it --

17 MR. RUMLEY: Water Authority.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: Water Authority.

19 MR. ROGERS: I said opposed not  
20 approved.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Did he say oppose? I  
22 didn't hear that.

23 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Moving down to number  
25 eight, resolution R-14-14, County employee substance

1 abuse policy. You want to give us an update on  
2 that, Don or Robin?

3 MR. TOWNSEND: This is substance  
4 abuse policy that we had distributed a couple of  
5 weeks ago and what it is is after the current policy  
6 had been amended, revised to reflect changes that  
7 the DOT and the Federal Transit Authority have  
8 placed in their policy. We kind of mirror a policy  
9 that they adopt and supply that same policy for the  
10 county employees. So we haven't done that in a few  
11 years so at this time we decided to go ahead and  
12 amend the county policy that would apply for all  
13 (inaudible) employees.

14 MR. RUMLEY: It was pretty well  
15 explained in the last meeting.

16 MR. ROGERS: Yeah. At the last  
17 meeting I took suggestions of the commissioners and  
18 made what --

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?  
20 Y'all got anything else you want to add? If not  
21 we'll go ahead just go into our meeting.

22 (Workshop meeting ended.)  
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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll call this meeting  
2 to order. As always before we start our regular  
3 meeting I ask Robert to lead us in prayer and Pledge  
4 of Allegiance. If you'll do that for us, Robert.  
5 Please stand.

6 (Whereupon, the invocation and Pledge  
7 of Allegiance were given.)

8 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regular  
9 Scheduled meeting of the Dade County Board of  
10 Commissioners which takes place at the same time on  
11 the first Thursday of every month. Proper notice of  
12 this meeting was given in the legal organ of the  
13 Dade County Sentinel and has been posted in the  
14 hallways of the administration building. At this  
15 time I need to take a roll call.

16 Mr. Bradford?

17 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

19 MR. GOFF: Here.

20 MR. RUMLEY: MR. PITTMAN?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

23 MR. SMITH: Here.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Chair is present.

25 Mitchell, you want to start with your

1 community report?

2 MR. SMITH: Saturday, May the 3rd,  
3 the three-state, three-mountain event is taking  
4 place again. I think like as always here recently  
5 every year they stage their route. This year  
6 they've got two of the rides that come down Hale's  
7 Gap going down to Morganville Ridge Road and taking  
8 a right on 11 back up to Burkhalter. The 60 mile,  
9 62 mile, whatever the third route is will come in  
10 through Whiteside onto 299, hit Slygo Road then go  
11 out and come down and hit Morganville Ridge Road.  
12 Their fourth event's not going to even touch Dade  
13 County this year.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Amen.

15 MR. SMITH: Well, you may not want to  
16 amen yet. Once they get to the top of Burkhalter,  
17 they're going to go to Mt. Olive Road, Vulcan  
18 (phonetic) Road, Mitchell (phonetic) Road,  
19 Nickajack Road down to 193 to Chattanooga Valley.  
20 That can change. As far as I know they're supposed  
21 to speaking. I don't know if they've talked to the  
22 sheriff's department yet or not.

23 MR. RUMLEY: They had a meeting.  
24 They were going to go down Sarah's Chapel and  
25 (inaudible) and was told they could not do that.

1 Now, they're laying out the actual route going down  
2 Nickajack. Well, Nickajack's in Walker County.

3 MR. SMITH: Yeah.

4 MR. RUMLEY: But Mt. Olive. And that  
5 is a dangerous road. That's for him to decide he  
6 can actually stop that.

7 MR. SMITH: It's all tentative, but  
8 that's what they've been advertising for all the  
9 riders. So you can go to [chattbike.com](http://chattbike.com) and you can  
10 keep up with it there if they keep the website  
11 updated.

12 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Scottie?

13 MR. PITTAM: Well, springtime is  
14 here. It's hard to tell with the weather sometimes  
15 and the cold mornings. But softball and baseball  
16 have kicked off. I do not have an accurate  
17 headcount on how many little league ballplayers we  
18 have signed up to play at the four fields. But once  
19 they get started -- if you've never been down to the  
20 four fields -- you got a number, Eddie?

21 MR. GIFFORD: It's about 210 I think.

22 MR. PITTAM: About 210 kids. If  
23 you've never been down to the four fields on the  
24 night that they're playing baseball, it's really  
25 entertaining. You're guaranteed to run into several

1 people you know.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Or soccer either one.

3 MR. PITTAM: Yeah. Soccer.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Baseball, soccer.

5 MR. PITTAM: Yeah. The only call  
6 I've had is from one of the softball parents and he  
7 was wanting to know why the girls didn't play  
8 softball down at the four fields. That's an  
9 agreement between the rec leagues. It has nothing  
10 to do with the commission. We don't have a problem  
11 with the softball teams. They got together years  
12 ago and decided that all the softball would be  
13 played at Jenkins Park and all baseball down at the  
14 four fields. So that's why it's split up the way it  
15 is. We didn't -- we're over the four fields, but  
16 we're not over Jenkins and we've never said girls  
17 can't play softball at the four fields. So that's  
18 why it's split up the way it is. The rec leagues  
19 agreed on that.

20 We're hoping this ball season will be a  
21 little dryer than last year. Last year it rained  
22 about every other day it seemed like. Stacy tried  
23 to keep water drained off the fields all year long.  
24 And that caused a lot of complaints from citizens  
25 that he wouldn't let them on the fields when the

1 fields were overly wet. And that's a judgment call  
2 he has to make because he keeps the park up. So  
3 hopefully this year it will be a little drier. He's  
4 done a lot of preventative work during the winter  
5 time to help drain the water away from the fields.  
6 So hopefully we'll have a lot better ball season  
7 than we did last year. And I'm going to give the  
8 rest of my time to Robert because I feel like he's  
9 going to be interesting.

10 MR. GOFF: Well, just looking at out  
11 SPLOST numbers, do a little bit on the budget and  
12 the money part. As Ted said, the budget is -- it's  
13 almost impossible to believe that it's time to start  
14 another budget. We just ended one and here it is  
15 ready to start another one and June will come and go  
16 pretty quick. Loss (phonetic) and SPLOST were up  
17 over February a year ago, but they're both down on  
18 January. The loss is down 6,000 and SPLOST down by  
19 7,000. So, again, there's no rhyme nor reason to  
20 that why it's happening, but it is happening and  
21 it's money that we miss as we talk about putting  
22 this new SPLOST in. \$136,105 is what we've got from  
23 local option sales tax. What we got from SPLOST  
24 that we would not have if we didn't have SPLOST this  
25 month was \$170,131. That's what that penny brought

1 in from the month of February. If you look at the  
2 penny and you look at the school board, which has an  
3 E-SPLOST, that penny's a penny. So they had  
4 \$170,131. So as you think about the SPLOST, that's  
5 real money and we report on it every month as well  
6 as Don does in a much lengthier report, but when we  
7 begin to talk about it, that's the money we're  
8 talking about, the one penny sales tax. And I know  
9 we had someone say the other day everybody didn't  
10 pay. So I'm just going to say from now on everybody  
11 that does pay taxes helps pay that penny whether  
12 they're living in Dade County or traveling through  
13 and stop and do any shopping at a restaurant or  
14 anything else. So our budget and things will be  
15 happening. We'll be keeping you up on that as much  
16 as we can at our meetings and any time you need to  
17 know.

18 I did have an opportunity this month, I  
19 know some of you (inaudible). I got a call three  
20 years ago -- three years ago we had the tornadoes.  
21 Almost three years ago now, I guess. It's hard to  
22 believe it's been that long. But you saw a lot of  
23 yellow shirts around working in people's yards. And  
24 it was the Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief people.  
25 They were here in droves. After that happened, I

1 told my wife, I said, if I ever get a chance to join  
2 that group to repay what they did here for us here  
3 in Dade County, and us personally in our home, I  
4 would do it. Well, we got a call to Dublin, Georgia  
5 this past month and I spent some time down there  
6 with them. They had a tornado that fortunately only  
7 one house looked like our whole neighborhood. But  
8 it took down trees by the thousands, those big  
9 Georgia pines. So we were down moving them. So  
10 just putting a plug in for them. They do a great  
11 job. And they're not the only ones out there. But  
12 it was special for me to get to go and kind of pay  
13 back a little bit of what they done.

14 We've got a lot of things coming up. ACCG  
15 we'll talk about. It will be 100 years old in  
16 April. They'll be celebrating. They're a great  
17 things that helps us watch out what's going on in  
18 Atlanta. I was there nearly all day today and  
19 they're just bang, bang, bang, passing things left  
20 and right. So who knows what we get when it's all  
21 over. But that's about all I got.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert.  
23 Allan?

24 MR. BRADFORD: I really don't have a  
25 lot. You either have good garbage or bad garbage.

1 But our guys are doing a great job still down there.  
2 I want to comment on Billy back there, the work  
3 they're doing on the roads. They're doing a great  
4 job to keep all the roads going, to keep us  
5 traveling, to keep us out of the ditches. This has  
6 been a bad year for funds and the roads because it's  
7 cost a fortune to keep all these roads going,  
8 floods, rains, snows. A lot of people don't realize  
9 how much it costs to put the salt and stuff out on  
10 the roads to keep it from freezing up with ice and  
11 getting us back and forth to work. I think I've  
12 actually missed one day of work in the last 25 years  
13 coming off of Lookout Mountain.

14 And I don't know if I can bring this up  
15 now, but they're getting ready to have a benefit --  
16 is it okay to do this now at this time?

17 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

18 MR. BRADFORD: They're having a  
19 benefit and it's called the Festival of Life at New  
20 Salem for a girl named Kelly Moore. She has cancer.  
21 And Diane's in charge of that if anybody has any  
22 questions or anything. But they're asking for  
23 anything that you want to auction off. They're  
24 going to have a silent auction, a donation, or  
25 whatever. This girl, believe me, she really needs

1 help. She has cancer. I think she has two  
2 children, don't she, Diane? Two young children and  
3 she needs this help very much. So that's going to  
4 be on eleven five. It's on a Saturday afternoon. I  
5 mean, from 11:00 to 5:00. What day is it, Diane?

6 MS. RUMLEY: April the 5th.

7 MR. BRADFORD: April the 5th, that's  
8 right. From 11:00 to 5:00, correct?

9 MS. RUMLEY: Right.

10 MR. BRADFORD: And anybody that can  
11 donate or go out there or whatever, we would really  
12 appreciate that. That's at New Salem Community  
13 Center on Lookout Mountain. That's it.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Diane's actually not in  
15 charge of it, but she's one of the board members.

16 MR. BRADFORD: She's the one that  
17 told me --

18 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. But I mean, I  
19 just wanted -- because there's a lot of people  
20 helping with this. It started out -- we had a  
21 meeting Monday evening and I can't believe how it's  
22 just taken off. You know, this Facebook stuff, a  
23 lot of people really that's going to help.

24 MR. BRADFORD: Diane said it's had,  
25 what, 500 hits already.

1 MS. RUMLEY: Since yesterday.

2 MR. BRADFORD: That's great. That's  
3 really good.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Allan, I'm going to hint  
5 to you because you need there's Hay Haw coming up.  
6 They're going to skin you if you don't mention them.

7 MR. BRADFORD: I forgot about that.  
8 Friday and Saturday is the Hay Haw Show. And I  
9 don't know how many of you have ever been to it.  
10 But it's very comical. And I feel bad because my  
11 daddy can't go this year because he's (inaudible)  
12 but he's just not able to do it. He's 90 years old.  
13 His legs are real weak. But if you want to have  
14 some fun, just go out there. I think it starts at  
15 7:00, doesn't it?

16 MR. RUMLEY: I believe it is.

17 MR. BRADFORD: Hay Haw. It's either  
18 6:00 or 7:00. Believe me, when you leave there,  
19 you'll say you had a good time. It's really  
20 comical.

21 MR. RUMLEY: When's the fish fry? Do  
22 you know what day that is? They have it ever year  
23 and I can't remember. It's coming up soon.

24 MS. RUMLEY: It's April the 4th.

25 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah, it's the day

1 before the 5th, that's right. I forgot about that.

2 MR. RUMLEY: It's been kind of a  
3 short month, you know. It's hard to believe we're  
4 in March. We're in the third month of the year.  
5 But we had a lot going on. I've been spending a lot  
6 of time here with the IDA and (inaudible) that's our  
7 new property that we purchased -- or that the IDA  
8 purchased. We go some really new prospects that are  
9 coming in that we are really looking forward to. We  
10 feel good about it and have spent quite a bit of  
11 time with railroad. We met with them several times  
12 about a spur going into this facility and also  
13 trying to get away the opposition that we have when  
14 the trains are blocking the tracks and hopefully  
15 we're going to reach a conclusion or an answer to  
16 that before -- the railroad's got to be on board  
17 with it.

18 Also met with a couple of contractors. We  
19 are going to get a red light here at the high  
20 school. I met with one contractor yesterday and I  
21 met with the other one last week. And our cost,  
22 hopefully we can split this between the school and  
23 the city and the county. One will be the  
24 installation of the units. And the State's got all  
25 the equipment. They contacted me a couple of weeks

1 ago -- actually three weeks ago -- and they've got  
2 all the digital lights and all that stuff. And once  
3 we have them installed, the State's agreed to  
4 actually -- the will maintain the light. They will  
5 actually -- at first they would not. But thank  
6 goodness they're going to pick that up. That's a  
7 good thing.

8           The driver's license people, they called  
9 me yesterday, and today I've been on the phone with  
10 them. They were asking me for comments on how  
11 things were going over here, how many complaints  
12 we've had and if we've had any complaints and all  
13 that stuff. And they were just amazed at how many  
14 people are using our driver's license facility. You  
15 know, they really could not believe -- if you've not  
16 been here yet, that morning -- usually on that  
17 Monday morning, there's a line over here and usually  
18 all through the day they're constantly going over  
19 there. So that's really been a good thing, a  
20 positive thing, even more so than I thought it was  
21 going to be. Plus it's helping the lineman people  
22 down there to that need CDL, and also the people  
23 here in the county that need CDLs, you don't have to  
24 travel. You know, you can right here in the back  
25 and do all the paperwork and get that done. So

1 that's a good thing.

2           Pertaining to the bike event. It's a real  
3 serious meeting because there was a fatality last  
4 year on the other side Lookout on Ochs Highway and  
5 we had a real serious accident here on Hale's Gap  
6 and so there's a lot of serious discussion in  
7 between the sheriff and David Hughes (phonetic),  
8 which in charge of the police department there, part  
9 of the county department that's going to be  
10 governing. And (inaudible) a meeting to reaffirm  
11 with these people and he did change one of the  
12 routes and, of course, the big thing too was that he  
13 would have say so as far as canceling the event. In  
14 other words, if it was like it was last year, he  
15 could make one call and that's it. So there's no  
16 question. Also Burkhalter, it will be just like it  
17 was last year, or year before actually, there will  
18 be an escort up and down. It will be the same  
19 thing. They'll have one lane for the bikes and  
20 they'll keep traffic going up and down. That's a  
21 good thing. There is a question on the Mt. Olive.  
22 I'm not sure about that. They're going to have make  
23 a decision. They may be changing that and going  
24 back to the old route. It's a safer route.

25           Any of y'all have anything else?

1           And, of course, like I said a while ago,  
2 we're preparing this month to go into our budgeting  
3 process for this year -- or the next year actually.  
4 But anyway that pretty well wraps it up if y'all  
5 don't have anything else.

6           Don, do you want to call, if you would,  
7 and verify that the City has passed the agreement.  
8 Do you have his number?

9           MR. TOWNSEND: Do you have it?

10          MR. RUMLEY: I do.

11           And the reason we're doing this there is a  
12 legal sequence you have to go through. It's kind of  
13 like when the school board, I guess, brings there  
14 stuff over here and we (inaudible). But they're  
15 supposed to have their meeting and accept the  
16 agreement first and then we -- make sure there's  
17 nothing contentious about it and then they bring it  
18 to us and we accept it.

19           (Inaudible) He's a good man. Railroad  
20 man. I ought not mention Scottie when I'm talking  
21 Southern Railway.

22          MR. PITTAM: Yeah.

23          MR. RUMLEY: They're pretty strict on  
24 their employees as far as commenting on anything  
25 positive or negative really on the railroad.

1 They've got their on PR people. And that's they're  
2 job and you're not supposed to talk -- you're not  
3 supposed say anything against -- I think you voiced  
4 your opinion here one night and you got called off  
5 to the side.

6           You know, you were talking too about the  
7 four fields down there. We've got a lot of stuff  
8 that hopefully (inaudible). And also, you know, you  
9 were talking about the softball fields, if they  
10 could work something out between the rec leagues,  
11 you know, there's room down there, you know, you  
12 could build a couple of fields. That's not written  
13 in stone.

14           MR. PITTAM: It's in agreement. A  
15 lot of it comes in during practice because you've  
16 got to have the fields so long to practice and it  
17 just worked out better to split it up. Because  
18 there's not as many softball teams as there are  
19 baseball teams.

20           MR. RUMLEY: We had offered to go  
21 over and supply the manpower and equipment to  
22 actually bring this field here back alive, the old  
23 field that we used played baseball, the Dade County  
24 High School. And for some reason, I don't remember,  
25 it was --

1 MR. GOFF: Concerned with the cost of  
2 lighting.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Cost of lighting or  
4 something. But hopefully this year because we could  
5 spend a day or two over there, you know, and get  
6 that back into really good -- and it could at least  
7 be a practice field. That's something -- we always  
8 try to work with our school board, you know, getting  
9 things. They don't have a lot of equipment, you  
10 know, as far as (inaudible). You know, we're paying  
11 a lot of taxes, but (inaudible) to be as  
12 accommodating to them as we can because a lot of  
13 things they can't do and it just costs us more  
14 taxpayer wise if they go out and have to hire  
15 someone to do it. So we do try to work with them.  
16 And also the drainage issue, that's a big problem  
17 down there. It's going to take some major work on  
18 that. On that one fields it's going to take some  
19 time.

20 MR. SMITH: The one on the front.

21 MR. PITTAM: The one in the front.  
22 And actually Jenkins Park drains better than any in  
23 the county and always has.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They're here.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We've been  
2 waiting on you. We've been telling jokes an  
3 everything else I can come up with. Okay, Jennifer.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You can go  
5 ahead and finish telling jokes because I'm leaving.

6 MR. RUMLEY: They were about you --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I said I'm  
8 leaving.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right.

10 MR. ROGERS: They did pass it.

11 MR. RUMLEY: They did pass it. Okay.

12 MR. ROGERS: And I think that we had  
13 actually added the --

14 MR. RUMLEY: Wording?

15 MR. ROGERS: Yeah. Onto our consent  
16 agenda, so.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, we did. With the  
18 exception if they didn't pass it.

19 MR. ROGERS: Right.

20 MR. RUMLEY: In case they didn't.  
21 All right. We'll go on down. Dade County Public  
22 Library, Marshana.

23 MS. SHARP: Thank y'all. We've had a  
24 busy month. They're still doing the taxes. If  
25 anybody needs their taxes, they're still over there.

1 And we still have our quilting meeting, our Ready to  
2 Read. We're actually doing two movies this month of  
3 Family Movie Night. We're doing a Catching Fire on  
4 the 11th and Frozen on the 18th. We're doing a  
5 beginner's computer class on the 25th. We do have  
6 nine computers now. We have nine computers in the  
7 training room. So we only have nine spots for that  
8 class, but I'm going to do it at 10:00 and 6:00, so  
9 if anyone wants to do that, give us a call and let  
10 us know so you can reserve a space for that. The  
11 14th and the 15th we have Partnering With Art  
12 Council. We received a grant actually last year and  
13 it's paying for the event. We are going to -- of  
14 course, all books used to be hand made, but we're  
15 going to talk about artists and artist books and  
16 we're going to have a discussion on it and we're  
17 going to actually have workshop about that. I'll  
18 let Jeannie tell you a little bit more about the  
19 discussion of the art books, but that's what we've  
20 going in March. You want to tell them about the art  
21 books.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, there was  
23 a time when all books were hand made. That was  
24 before we had printing presses. But there's been a  
25 resurgence over the last few years in the arts

1 community of artist books. And by artist books I  
2 don't mean a book about art, I mean books that are  
3 hand created by artists and they might be full of  
4 paintings, drawing, poetry, memoirs, photographs,  
5 collage. And Bob Dumbrowski (phonetic), who is  
6 responsible for the Aspiration sculpture that's  
7 outside the industrial park and the sculpture -- the  
8 marble sculpture that's at Jenkins Park, The Raven,  
9 also, you may not know this, he's been making  
10 artists books for the last 30 years. He's made over  
11 100 of them. There are several that are in the  
12 museum of modern art in Manhattan. There was one  
13 that he made that was one of a kind for John Cage  
14 that's in John Cage, his legacy, his collection of  
15 memories. And Bob is going to lead a discussion on  
16 the 14th really just letting people see a whole  
17 collection of artist books and get ideas from them  
18 and discuss what they are about and why you would do  
19 one and generate ideas. And then the following day  
20 actually lead a workshop. And I'm looking forward  
21 to doing that myself where we actually make our own  
22 artist book. You do not have to be a professional  
23 artist to do this. All of us have a creative side  
24 and this is an opportunity for us express it. If  
25 you are going to attend, I encourage you to call the

1 library in advance and make a reservation, but if  
2 you go at the last minute, that's okay too. And the  
3 times are Friday is the discussion at 7:00 p.m. and  
4 I would encourage you to do that so that you --  
5 that's the place to generate ideas and to see the  
6 different kind of things that have been done. And  
7 then the workshop itself it Saturday the 15th at  
8 1:00 p.m.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

10 MS. SHARP: And we're also going to  
11 do one for children too the same day.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Kristy Hammond?

13 MS. HAMMOND: We have Cody here.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. He can handle it.

15 MR. DOYLE: Hi, everybody. How y'all  
16 doing?

17 MR. RUMLEY: Tell everybody who you  
18 are.

19 MR. DOYLE: I'm Cody Doyle. I'm  
20 present of the high school 4-H Club. I'm just going  
21 to brief you guys on what we did last month, what's  
22 going to be coming up here pretty soon with 4-H. We  
23 had -- Katie and (inaudible) had the third CCRPI,  
24 which is their (inaudible) with the 5th graders and  
25 they also completed the SAFE registration that was

1 mentioned last month's meeting. The BB began on the  
2 5th of February and shotgun practice actually  
3 started today. I just got back from that. Rich  
4 also assisted with the tree planting at (inaudible).  
5 The regular 4-H Club meetings were canceled due to  
6 inclement weather and they are going to be making  
7 those up.

8           We hosted the Dairy, Heifer, and Hog Show.  
9 We had 28 -- 24 exhibitors from 8 counties and  
10 organizations, 29 animals. Seth and Noah Brown both  
11 represented Dade with their market hogs. Noah  
12 placed second and Seth placed third.

13           We hosted the Cattleman's Association  
14 Heifer/Steer Show. We had six exhibitors from three  
15 counties and nine animals.

16           Robotics met and we looked at the  
17 competition guidelines for the next competition.  
18 Thinking about competing next year. We're just  
19 looking into it right now. Junior National  
20 Livestock Show, which Seth Brown, Carol Ann Cash,  
21 and Brett Dyer attended. It was in Berry. Brett  
22 had reserve steer and placed third in class  
23 showmanship with his effort and Carol Ann first in  
24 class showmanship.

25           And for upcoming, actually this weekend

1 myself and Seth Brown and Rich will be headed to  
2 Rock Eagle for junior/senior (inaudible). There  
3 will be two in class 4-H meetings to cover the  
4 February and March curriculum. And fourth and last  
5 TCRPI. And then Katie will attend the Ag forecast  
6 in Cartersville and the CEC training in Athens. Any  
7 questions?

8 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Good job.

9 MR. GOFF: Good job. And I will say  
10 I was at a retiring breakfast the other morning with  
11 some old folks like myself and this person was not  
12 from Dade County and they bragged on Rich. So you  
13 need to know that. Somebody's bragging on your  
14 help. You had given them help at some point with  
15 their cattle or something. You know, we hear  
16 complaints, but every once in a while you hear some  
17 good stuff, so I wanted you to know it.

18 MR. LAVALLA: Thank you.

19 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Chris,  
20 Chamber of Commerce, executive director.

21 MR. MUSSER: Good evening. Couple of  
22 items to report. First I want to apologize. Our  
23 communication has been lousy. We've had some server  
24 issues at the chamber. We're trying to work through  
25 these still and we think we've got it resolved now.

1 So we do apologize for that and I expect to be more  
2 in communication in the future.

3           We hired a new administrative assistant as  
4 of today. She -- I contacted her earlier today.  
5 Here name is Jody Crowder. So very excited to  
6 welcome her on our chamber team. Covenant College  
7 Partnership that I've mentioned several times here  
8 is now going to be officially underway in about a  
9 week and a half. The students are on spring break  
10 this coming week and when they return they'll be  
11 starting to come down here and hand out surveys to  
12 the community. So be prepared to be seeing Covenant  
13 students distributing surveys to you. We are very  
14 eager to hear your feedback as citizens on what this  
15 county has to offer and what you'd like to see it  
16 offer in terms of business and other. So we'll be  
17 gathering feedback from the community with those  
18 surveys.

19           And our banquet will be on April the 26th  
20 at the library. So we'll be communicating more  
21 about that in the next month and a half. But put  
22 that on your calendars already so that you keep that  
23 open. And the last thing I'll report is that the  
24 911 tourism analysis we had to reschedule due to  
25 inclement last month, that will be taking place this

1 coming month, April 22nd. So a month and half from  
2 now. Ted's, again, kindly volunteered his time for  
3 that day. So we'll look forward to finding out what  
4 our community has to offer in terms of its tourism  
5 industry and how we can best use that.

6 That will be all at this time. Any  
7 questions?

8 MR. RUMLEY: On your banquet, now,  
9 you said you'd have it at the library. Are you  
10 going to have it catered?

11 MR. MUSSER: We're going to be  
12 getting details out soon. We're still working  
13 through the last details, but we'll get that out to  
14 you guys in e-mails and paper as soon as we finalize  
15 those plans. Thanks very much.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you.

17 MR. GOFF: Thank you.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Got anyone from the City  
19 of Trenton? The IDA people couldn't make it this  
20 month. Okay. Don, I'll turn it over to you now for  
21 the monthly financial report. Don Townsend.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: As of February 28,  
23 2014 the General Fund had a balance of \$641,639.  
24 Federal Asset Fund/U.S. Treasury, \$288. Sheriff's  
25 Special Fund, \$19,469. Drug Abuse Education Fund,

1 \$64,306. Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund,  
2 \$22,748. Victim Assistance Fund, \$1007. Jail fund,  
3 \$25,973. Federal Assets Fund, Department of  
4 Justice, \$742. Employee's Flexible Spending  
5 Account, \$3,344. Payroll Account, \$152,012.

6 The 2009 SPLOST Fund Construction Account  
7 had a balance of \$5,971. The Projects Account for  
8 SPLOST \$22,178. The Proceeds Account, \$467,760.

9 The debt services for Series 2013 Bonds,  
10 Series A and B currently 0 and IDA the same,  
11 construction series B \$1,880,521.

12 We have the revenues for January 31st,  
13 2014. The actual revenue collected was \$460,917.  
14 Monthly budget was \$521,224. And so we actually did  
15 collect -- we had a shortage of \$60,306. For the  
16 year -- year to date we collected \$6,602,112 and our  
17 budget was \$6,600,670. We were in excess of \$1,441.  
18 That's a good thing. Barely made it, but we made  
19 it. \$1,000 in the pot.

20 We have expenses for the month of January,  
21 \$656,593 and budgeted was \$745,811, so we  
22 underspent, which is a good thing, \$89,224. And for  
23 the year to date \$6,298,547. That's for the  
24 actuals. Budget was for \$6,449,391. So, again, we  
25 were under budget at \$150,844.

1           Budget attained through January thirty  
2 1st was 58.33 percent. Revenues attained was 57.67  
3 percent. And expenses attained was 61.45 percent.

4           As far as cash projections revenue less  
5 expense for January I'm using actuals, a shortage of  
6 \$195,675. And the actual revenue less expense year  
7 to date was \$303,065. The budget was \$151,279. So,  
8 again, the good news is we're under budget \$152,686.  
9 And that basically when I read that that's cash that  
10 we've got in the bank.

11           Local Option Sales Tax for the month of  
12 February \$136,105.10 and SPLOST was \$170,131.52. A  
13 year ago February it was \$162,099. So it is up a  
14 little bit from February 2013, but compared to 2012,  
15 which was (inaudible), you'd have to go back -- I  
16 think it's to 2013 -- I'm sorry. 2003 level to see  
17 that that's where we're collecting out. All I can  
18 do is encourage everyone to go buy something  
19 tomorrow. Like a new TV in Trenton. Oh, never  
20 mind. You can't.

21           Okay. Tax Commissioner's Office for the  
22 month. This is reporting from July 1st, 2013  
23 through January 31st, 2014. Percentage collected,  
24 \$82.86 percent. Collected \$3,087,159. Out of the  
25 total year budgeted \$3,725,800. So they're doing

1 excellent.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions for  
3 Don? No. If not, I'll have a motion to approve our  
4 monthly financial report and to put that on the  
5 agenda. Do I hear a motion?

6 MR. PITTAM: I make a motion that we  
7 approve the financial report as presented by Mr.  
8 Townsend.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I hear a  
10 second?

11 MR. GOFF: Second.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I call the vote.  
13 Mr. Bradford?

14 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

16 MR. GOFF: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

18 MR. PITTAM: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

20 MR. SMITH: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Thank  
22 you, Don. Robin, you got anything you want to go  
23 over with us on anything as far as legal matters?

24 MR. ROGERS: I do not.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Anything we might not

1 know that we need to know? It's been kind of quiet.

2 MR. ROGERS: It hasn't been a busy  
3 month. There's really nothing legally to report.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. The reading of  
5 the minutes from last month's regular meeting and  
6 any special called meeting will not be required  
7 since all commissioners have been furnished a copy  
8 of the minutes. The minutes are public record and  
9 are available to you in the commission office.  
10 Minutes are included in the consent agenda and are  
11 for approval under new business.

12 Don, would you go over our consent agenda  
13 and I'll have a motion to approve that.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: The approval of the  
15 previous meeting minutes, the approval of the  
16 personnel status report. I'll tell you more about  
17 that later. Save Your Vision Month as proclaimed by  
18 the Dade County Commission is the month of March,  
19 the 1st through the 31st by the Dade County Lions  
20 Club. Resolution R-13-14, appointment of Dr.  
21 William Pullen to the Water Authority Board, and  
22 that also is a term that will expire December 31st,  
23 2017. Approval of SPLOST purchase for technology  
24 equipment for the Dade County Library. Resolution  
25 R-12-14, which is resolution of the Board of

1 Commissioners of Dade County to reimpose, levy, and  
2 collect a special sales and use tax within Dade  
3 County condition upon approval by the majority of  
4 qualified voters residing within Dade County and  
5 voting on the referendum will be held on May 20th,  
6 2014 to authorize the issuance of general obligation  
7 debt of Dade County and for other purposes.  
8 Resolution R-14-14, county employee substance abuse  
9 police.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?  
11 If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the  
12 consent agenda presented by Don.

13 MR. GOFF: Motion to approve.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

15 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Motion to second. call  
17 the vote.

18 Mr. Bradford?

19 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

21 MR. GOFF: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

23 MR. PITTAM: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

25 MR. SMITH: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes.

2 Okay. Anyone want to come up and talk to  
3 us tonight, come up and speak what's on your mind?  
4 It used to be five minutes, but it takes you five  
5 minutes to walk up to the mike?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have one  
7 question.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We voted  
10 whenever it was a few years back on that sixty five  
11 five and it became law in Dade County for us. Then  
12 as of now I understand that we are going to go back  
13 and change the law that was voted on.

14 MR. RUMLEY: No, it's dead already.  
15 The issue is dead. They did not present it to the  
16 legislator and so it's not --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's not going  
18 to make it?

19 MR. RUMLEY: No. Unless it's brought  
20 up at the next session. You know, the legislator  
21 has to bring it before legislation and they vote to  
22 whether we're allowed to put it on our referendum  
23 and then we vote on it. So right now it's not going  
24 to be on the ballot.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So it's gone?

1 MR. RUMLEY: It's a dead issue.

2 MR. GOFF: At this time. I had a  
3 long talk with Mr. Deffenbaugh (phonetic) and part  
4 of it was about that.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Everybody -- except the  
6 people on West Brow. It's a dead issue though. He  
7 didn't put it on the ballot at all. He could have.  
8 He could have went ahead and presented it. And it  
9 would pass. What that does is just put it back to  
10 the county to revote on it.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's extra  
12 money --

13 MR. RUMLEY: We'll see what happens.  
14 You know, we're going down next session.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And my second  
16 one is, I don't know if this is appropriate to bring  
17 up or not. It seems like it should because it  
18 involves everybody in Dade County. The thing with  
19 our Mr. Sabin (sic) --

20 MR. RUMLEY: Tobin, our  
21 superintendent.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. See, we  
23 had to pay extra money because of what the school  
24 board did, you know, the give him more money. And I  
25 don't understand how they as -- maybe I'm supposed

1 to be interrupted, but I can outtalk it. He -- did  
2 he resign? Can I ask that? And to me the people of  
3 Dade County who's paying all the money into the  
4 school for for their salaries and all of that, to me  
5 it was like a hush-hush thing and then all of a  
6 sudden it comes out that, hey, he's going to leave,  
7 or did he resign?

8 MR. RUMLEY: The way I understand it  
9 he actually he retired and resigned and was going to  
10 work until -- was it April, is that right?

11 MR. PITTAM: Yeah.

12 MR. RUMLEY: And then the school  
13 board for whatever reason -- and that was a  
14 decision, I don't know that they publically came  
15 out, but for some reason they evidentially wanted  
16 him to leave early. And to do that he was under  
17 contract, you know. So they had to buy his contract  
18 out. They paid him sick leave and vacation and all  
19 that. And what reason, I don't know.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, how come,  
21 you, as the head of Dade County, is how I look at  
22 your title, how come you -- how come you don't know  
23 that when people in Dade County want to know it and  
24 personally I think they've done wrong by not putting  
25 it all out in the open so we can understand, look at

1 that 44,000, let him stay on a little while longer  
2 or did something bad happen that they couldn't get  
3 along. They grown folks, you know.

4 MR. RUMLEY: I'm sure they'll  
5 probably come public. You know, they should because  
6 they're elected officials just like us. To answer  
7 your question about him, they have a chairman just  
8 like we do and they're a separate body. They  
9 actually have -- they levy their own taxes, you  
10 know. They set their own millage rate. So, you  
11 know, that's something if they want to share it with  
12 me, I can't really demand them to share it with me.  
13 Most of the time they share. As far as their  
14 decisions, that decision, that was something that  
15 was kept strictly with the school board. That was  
16 done in an executive session, which an executive  
17 session, you know, you're not supposed to talk about  
18 it. I think that they'll surely come out and have a  
19 briefing or something, you know, to say exactly why.  
20 Carolyn Bradford, she's chairman of that board, so  
21 maybe we'll know more about that in the near future.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, I've  
23 never --

24 MR. RUMLEY: I think it was forty  
25 something --

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 44,000  
2 something, yeah. That's a lot of money to come out  
3 of Dade County when we're just about broke or we are  
4 broke and here we -- you know, have that added to  
5 our tax and all that. I think the people of Dade  
6 County have been done wrong by the whole school  
7 board and I'll tell them that. And when it comes to  
8 voting time I hope maybe we can get some people in  
9 there that will think of where their money's coming  
10 from and how they ought to spend it just like you  
11 all did when you said over there and you'll have to  
12 start again for next year. And it's hurting us.  
13 We're the brunt of the whole thing.

14 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate your  
15 questions. Anyone else want to talk?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What did they  
17 say they'd give him, \$44,000?

18 MR. RUMLEY: It was over 40,000.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I believe we  
20 could have stomached him for another nine weeks for  
21 that.

22 MR. RUMLEY: You know, they had to  
23 have a really good reason, you know. If you just  
24 think about it, because 44,000 is a lot of money  
25 anywhere, you know, but in Dade County it's a lot of

1 money.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, it is.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Think about it. In  
4 Atlanta or New York it may not be. I think surely  
5 they'll come out with the reason because they have  
6 to have a good reason, a real good reason to do  
7 that.

8 MR. BRADFORD: I think some of that  
9 was owed for severance. This month's salary. I  
10 think it ended up being around 20 to 25 that they  
11 paid him to go away. We don't know. Like Ted said,  
12 we don't know. They don't come and tell us their  
13 business. We don't call and ask them what --  
14 they're elected officials and hopefully they're  
15 looking out for the County's best interest.

16 MR. RUMLEY: That's true.

17 MR. BRADFORD: And there may be a  
18 legitimate reason. They may legally had to have let  
19 him go before they start interviewing other  
20 candidates. I don't know.

21 MR. RUMLEY: I think --

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He was on the  
23 radio and TV. It just seemed like everything was  
24 going well at the school and then like overnight  
25 wham, you know, it was announced that was

1 something's going on.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone else have  
3 anything? All right. Robert, you've asked to go in  
4 excusive session pertaining to?

5 MR. GOFF: Personnel.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Personnel. If no one  
7 else got anything, we shouldn't be too long, but  
8 I'll entertain to go into executive session to talk  
9 about personnel.

10 MR. PITTAM: I make a motion we go  
11 into executive session.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Second?

13 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

14 MR. RUMLEY: I call the vote. Mr.  
15 Bradford?

16 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

18 MR. GOFF: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

20 MR. PITTAM: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

22 MR. SMITH: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes.

24 (Executive Session)

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I need a motion

1 to come out of executive session. Do I have a  
2 motion?

3 MR. PITTAM: I make a motion to come  
4 out of executive session.

5 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Second. Okay. I have a  
7 second. Call the vote. Mr. Bradford?

8 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

10 MR. GOFF: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

12 MR. PITTAM: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

14 MR. SMITH: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Okay.

16 In the executive session there was no action or vote  
17 taken. Anyone want to comment? Not on what was  
18 said, but.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Go ahead and  
20 throw it out there.

21 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate all of  
22 y'all being here tonight. We'll keep y'all informed  
23 in the next few minutes, like I said, on the budget.  
24 Like I said, it's that time of the year. If you  
25 need anything or if I can do anything for you, my

1 phone numbers are open. Mine's 667-899, 423's the  
2 area code. I do answer the phone. And if there's  
3 no further comments, meeting is adjourned.

4 (End of Meeting.)  
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