

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION

APRIL 3, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: All right. We're going to  
2 go ahead and call this work session to order. We  
3 appreciate everyone being here tonight. We've got a  
4 fairly lengthy agenda, so we'll move right along.  
5 Has everyone had time to review the agenda? Any  
6 changes or adjustments?

7 Don, do you have anything we need to --

8 MR. TOWNSEND: Oh, yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: I was thinking you had  
10 something to change.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. Down there under  
12 number 12, we need approval of GovTeller. We'll get  
13 in depth about that, but that's a credit card  
14 machine.

15 MR. RUMLEY: We'll get to that. It's a  
16 pretty good thing where you can pay your bills  
17 online. We'll explain it to you. Don can.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: And then tab 13, 14 and  
19 15 is information on it.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right. Move  
21 down to number two, the previous minutes. Everyone  
22 has had a copy of that for a while. Anyone got any  
23 comments or changes on the -- our previous meeting  
24 minutes? No? Okay. Put that on the consent  
25 agenda.

1 All right. Personnel status report,  
2 there's not been a lot of changes, but we did have a  
3 big change, of course, with Robert Goff resigning.  
4 We do have a new face here, Ricky Breeden, the man  
5 here that's taking Robert's place. So that's a  
6 pretty big item there on our employee status. Do  
7 you have any comments on anything else --

8 MR. SMITH: We'll mention Scottie is  
9 in -- before people starts wondering.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie has been on the  
11 rail -- of course, with the railroad and he won't be  
12 back in Dade County until Sunday.

13 Okay. Board appointments and  
14 proclamations. We do have three proclamations  
15 tonight, one very special proclamation. And if  
16 everyone is in agreement here, I would like to do  
17 this up here. She is here. Everyone that's with  
18 Kelly tonight, would y'all come up front here kind  
19 of? We've got a proclamation that we would like to  
20 present tonight. This is a proclamation that all of  
21 our Commissioners have helped. It was the very  
22 right thing to do, a special thing. We're going to  
23 have a festival, Dade County Festival of Life here  
24 out at New Salem. I'm just going to read the whole  
25 proclamation.

1           Whereas, the annual Festival of Life is  
2 a celebration of life of someone from Dade County,  
3 Georgia, who is fighting to survive and live life to  
4 the fullest.

5           Whereas, the first annual Festival of  
6 Life will be held on April 5th, 2014, at the New  
7 Salem Community Center.

8           Whereas, concerned citizens of Dade  
9 County, Georgia, have come together in support of  
10 Mrs. Kelly Moore who is fighting for her life with  
11 cancer. Sorry about that. I'm supposed to be  
12 tough.

13           Whereas, the American Cancer Society  
14 funded more than \$150 million in cancer research  
15 last year through money raised in communities across  
16 the United States.

17           Whereas, Dade County Commission  
18 supports the daily fight against cancer with  
19 partnerships such as the American Cancer Society;  
20 and Whereas, Mrs. Kelly Moore is an outstanding  
21 citizen that has given back to her community through  
22 her career work ethic, civic involvement and work in  
23 her local church.

24           We the Board of Commissioners of Dade  
25 County, Georgia, do hereby declare and proclaim the

1 5th day of April, 2014, as Kelly Moore Day in Dade  
2 County, Georgia. We ask all employees and citizens  
3 of Dade County to join in this worthwhile cause to  
4 celebrate the Festival of Life to benefit Kelly  
5 Moore. We love you.

6 I want to commend everyone here.  
7 There's a lot of people that come to support her  
8 tonight, but there's so many people that -- you  
9 wouldn't believe. All walks of life that's come out  
10 here. I don't care what religion you are, how old  
11 you are, whatever. And if you don't believe it,  
12 just come out there Saturday and see who's out here  
13 on the mountain. We love you. Do you feel like  
14 saying anything?

15 KELLY MOORE: Just a humongous thank  
16 you to everyone for their support. I'm really  
17 looking forward to being here next year to see the  
18 next celebration.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Exactly. All right. We  
20 do have -- Kelly, was Victor with you tonight? Was  
21 Victor not able to come?

22 KELLY MOORE: Hayden has a ball game.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Because he's a fighter,  
24 too. I'll tell you, he's a supporter and a fighter.  
25 We love him, too.

1           Okay. We do have two other  
2 proclamations. One is for Georgia Manufacturing  
3 Appreciation Week. This is from April 14 to the  
4 18th, 2014. This is something we try to do every  
5 year to support our manufacturing family. We also  
6 have a proclamation to the Trenton-Dade Optimist  
7 Club. This is a respect for law week. This is  
8 every year we have this. There will be an event  
9 there May 4th -- it's actually May 4th through the  
10 10th. Sheriff, what day is that that we have that?

11           SHERIFF CROSS: I've got it in the  
12 office and I can't remember the date.

13           MR. RUMLEY: Well, anyway, it will be  
14 in the paper. Everyone is invited to this. It's a  
15 special day that we have in our court facility and  
16 it will recognize special officers from all walks of  
17 our law enforcement family, state trooper, our  
18 county, D&R, I think, this year.

19           SHERIFF CROSS: It's May 6th.

20           MR. RUMLEY: Okay. May 6th. And so if  
21 you really -- we would appreciate you turning out.  
22 We always have a good crowd. We have plenty of room  
23 over there in the new courthouse. It's really a  
24 touching ceremony. Okay.

25           MR. TOWNSEND: And also, Link Life --

1 Life Link.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Explain that.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Also, we have another  
4 proclamation. It's National Donate Life Month,  
5 proclamation from Life Link and that is where -- it  
6 says: Whereas, 8,237 citizens of Dade County,  
7 Georgia, have already registered their decision to  
8 give the gift of life. And what that's talking  
9 about is on your driver's license, you know, the  
10 heart to be a donor. So they have a national push  
11 every year in the month of April and they've  
12 asked us to proclaim April as Donate Life Month in  
13 Dade County.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions about  
15 our proclamations? Ricky, do you have anything?  
16 We've kind of went over our proclamations. We'll  
17 put that on the consent agenda.

18 All right. There's no S.P.L.O.S.T.  
19 approvals tonight, so we'll skip that one. Ray,  
20 you're next. You can come up and talk to us.

21 SHERIFF CROSS: Thank you very much,  
22 Ted, for letting me come and speak to the  
23 Commissioners and I would like to congratulate  
24 Mr. Breeden for being here and being part of the  
25 Commission now. And also, me and my staff, to

1 everyone who's worked so hard with Kelly, we  
2 appreciate all the hard work you've done and we're  
3 looking forward to Saturday.

4           Commissioners, thank you for allowing  
5 me and my staff to address an issue of great concern  
6 for my administration. Near the end of my first  
7 year as sheriff in October of 2013, it was brought  
8 to my attention that the Dade County Detention  
9 Center had received unpaid invoices totaling  
10 \$192,850.33 from BlueCross BlueShield of Georgia for  
11 inmate medical expenses incurred during the previous  
12 administration years of 2011 and 2012.

13           We currently have \$40,000 in this  
14 year's budget for inmate medical and have  
15 approximately \$35,000 in medical bills waiting to be  
16 paid in addition to these unpaid invoices. No  
17 current invoices can be processed until the  
18 delinquent invoices are paid. Please note that  
19 BlueCross BlueShield has waived \$19,890.39, which is  
20 the administrative fee, from the original invoices  
21 totaling of \$192,850.33.

22           I, the sheriff, am respectfully  
23 requesting the Dade County Commission make a budget  
24 amendment to fund the amount of \$172,959.94, which  
25 is the balance that was left unpaid by the previous

1 administration.

2           If you have any questions, Carolyn Lane  
3 and Joe Chambers have been working extensively on  
4 this matter to get it cleared up. So if you have  
5 any questions, please feel free to address them.

6           MR. SMITH: The amount one more time?

7           SHERIFF CROSS: 172,959.94.

8           MR. RUMLEY: Now, is that multiple  
9 inmates or is that -- I know, Carolyn, we talked  
10 about this before and Joe. It's a lot of money, you  
11 know. So it was held from the previous sheriff's  
12 administration?

13           SHERIFF CROSS: This was an inmate that  
14 had some medical issues that -- they were  
15 astronomical and they were not taken care of until  
16 it came to my attention near the end of my first  
17 year as sheriff and we've been working since then to  
18 try to find a way to get this -- we've been talking  
19 with BlueCross almost daily trying to get this  
20 resolved. It should have been addressed back then,  
21 but it wasn't, so I'm having to address it now.

22           MR. BREEDEN: I've got a question.

23           MR. RUMLEY: Yes.

24           MR. BREEDEN: Of course, I'm green on  
25 all this, so it may be a crazy question to you. But

1 how in the world does a county receive liability of  
2 someone's health that they've arrested for being  
3 unlawful?

4 SHERIFF CROSS: Well, I agree with you  
5 a hundred percent.

6 MR. BREEDEN: I mean, did he live  
7 before he got to us?

8 SHERIFF CROSS: Right. Anytime these  
9 inmates are under my care as sheriff --

10 MR. BREEDEN: I know there's probably a  
11 law on it.

12 SHERIFF CROSS: Yes, sir.

13 MR. BREEDEN: We wouldn't be doing it.

14 SHERIFF CROSS: Right. I don't want  
15 this either. Neither does the taxpayers of this  
16 county. But once -- Georgia law states that once  
17 you have an inmate in there, the medical expenses,  
18 the sheriff and County is responsible for these  
19 medical bills. That's one of our biggest expenses  
20 is the medical.

21 MR. BREEDEN: So we can discuss this  
22 with our senator?

23 SHERIFF CROSS: Yes, sir. We can  
24 discuss it.

25 MS. LANE: A lot of them that come to

1 us don't have medical insurance.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Well, most of your  
3 prisoners, they're indigent. They have to be proven  
4 indigent before it's declared, but they -- when they  
5 come in, they don't have any insurance at all.

6 MR. BREEDEN: I understand that. I'm  
7 just wondering how are they living wherever they're  
8 living without any health care and then all of a  
9 sudden when they're under this care, they have the  
10 best of health care.

11 MR. CHAMBERS: Particularly speaking on  
12 this one, he was on Medicaid, but the laws have  
13 changed just this year to where we can file a claim  
14 with Medicaid. That don't help us for this  
15 particular bill, but, you know --

16 MR. BREEDEN: So if someone is insured  
17 when they're incarcerated, does their insurance  
18 still work for them?

19 MR. CHAMBERS: They just changed that  
20 law. That doesn't mean the insurance company is  
21 going to pay, but they just made provisions where we  
22 can go after the Medicare or --

23 MR. BREEDEN: So up until now, what  
24 you're saying is if we arrest somebody, we take full  
25 responsibility?

1 MR. CHAMBERS: Totally.

2 MR. BREEDEN: Who came up with that  
3 crazy idea?

4 MR. RUMLEY: There's a lot of things  
5 you're going to learn, Ricky. They really don't  
6 make any -- and they're laws.

7 MR. BREEDEN: I mean, does it make  
8 sense? It don't make sense, does it?

9 MR. RUMLEY: I've got a copy, I think.

10 MR. BRADFORD: This is just the  
11 beginning.

12 MR. BREEDEN: Well, I'm not against  
13 keeping anybody alive, but my question is, is this  
14 guy's poor health situation, how was he being tended  
15 to before he was incarcerated? That's my question.

16 SHERIFF CROSS: Good question.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Well, he was on  
18 Medicaid. He was actually on Medicaid when they  
19 arrested him, but it ended.

20 MR. BREEDEN: So let me ask you one  
21 other thing. Does the system try to kick these  
22 people out real quick so we don't have to pay all  
23 these expenses?

24 SHERIFF CROSS: We do. A lot of  
25 times --

1 MR. BREEDEN: We do? That's horrible.

2 SHERIFF CROSS: It is horrible. It is  
3 horrible. If they haven't done any violent crimes  
4 or anything like that, we try to OR them out. We  
5 don't like this -- we don't want this -- very few  
6 cases we do this way, but if it's going to cost the  
7 County a lot of money versus what they're charged  
8 with, we look at that very carefully before we OR  
9 someone out. But we don't want that big expense to  
10 come on the County, so sometimes we do do that.  
11 It's not good, but a lot of times we get a lot of  
12 stuff dumped on us, the sheriff's office, just like  
13 these unfunded mandates that we can't control.  
14 You'll learn about those, too.

15 MR. BREEDEN: Maybe we'll get ObamaCare  
16 to take care of this.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Don, what he's presented  
18 to us, you know, that's a chunk of money. That's  
19 something we're going to have to really look at,  
20 where this money is going to come from. This is  
21 totally unbudgeted. It's almost like another  
22 tornado coming through.

23 MR. TOWNSEND: It is.

24 MR. SMITH: It's got to be done.

25 SHERIFF CROSS: I would like to -- I

1 would like, if I could, to stress that this was not  
2 anything of our doing. This was from a past  
3 administration.

4 MR. RUMLEY: No, I know.

5 MR. BREEDEN: But it can happen under  
6 any administration.

7 MR. CHAMBERS: Yes, sir. It can happen  
8 tomorrow.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we've had some large  
10 bills in the past.

11 MR. BREEDEN: This is not your fault or  
12 anybody's. It's the people who made this law's  
13 fault.

14 SHERIFF CROSS: I agree.

15 MR. TOWNSEND: The Commission made a  
16 call that -- we passed the budget last that had  
17 delayed it four consecutive years. Then July of  
18 last year, we cut out another three percent. So we  
19 have enough in our budget under our current furlough  
20 to pay employees. There is absolutely no extra  
21 money budgeted at all for this. We have no revenue  
22 for that. So all we can do is borrow the money to  
23 pay the bill. That's all we can do.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Well, either that or, you  
25 know, we'll just have to discuss it with -- I know

1 you've already talked to them, but actually paying  
2 it in installments. We won't go out and borrow  
3 money. I don't think we'll have to do that. It's  
4 got to be paid, you know, like you said. There's no  
5 way around it.

6 MR. TOWNSEND: The problem is --

7 MR. RUMLEY: It's just a shame, like  
8 Ricky said.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: Oh yeah. The problem is  
10 it's been outstanding since November of 2011 and  
11 because of that, it's now -- they're holding up  
12 payment of current bills and if we don't get those  
13 taken care of, they're going to start adding  
14 administrative costs, fees.

15 MR. SMITH: It will cost us more.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: It will cost us more.

17 MR. BRADFORD: Well, will they accept  
18 payments?

19 MS. LANE: I don't know that. We could  
20 talk -- I would think they would.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Robin, you've been  
22 involved in this.

23 MR. ROGERS: I have. I've spoken to  
24 them and they were -- my discussions with them were  
25 trying to locate some different avenues, some

1 different pots of money that could assist with that.  
2 So the sheriff's department had kind of run that in  
3 the ground before I spoke to them. I kind of got  
4 the same thing. They've done a very good job of  
5 shaking the tree really good.

6 MS. LANE: They did just before this  
7 meeting waived -- earlier today they had not waived  
8 the 19,000. Just before we left the office, they  
9 called or e-mailed and said, yes, they would waive  
10 the 19,000. But I was going to take it off of the  
11 amount they had given me when actually it was the  
12 192 that he came off of. That's how we got that.

13 MR. CHAMBERS: And I understand, too,  
14 you know, we're still working on this thing. I was  
15 spending time over in commissions today scraping  
16 through records. So the amount is a very worst case  
17 scenario. You know, I hope to have more information  
18 here in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully a  
19 little bit better information.

20 MR. BREEDEN: So you can negotiate this  
21 down?

22 MR. TOWNSEND: We've already been  
23 negotiating for eight to nine months.

24 MS. LANE: We got 20,000 off of it.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: Actually, it was

1 originally almost a quarter of a million dollars.  
2 It's already down to 191. They've just taken  
3 another 19,000. They've really worked with us.

4 MS. LANE: They have.

5 MR. CHAMBERS: And that amount is  
6 45 percent, which the County pays. It's a Medicare  
7 rate. So the bill started out a lot more than that  
8 and it's already been cut down to 45 percent, so  
9 that's what we're looking at.

10 MR. BREEDEN: Is this the first time  
11 this has been brought up in a Commission meeting?

12 MR. RUMLEY: It has.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: In a Commission meeting.  
14 We were working on it.

15 MR. BREEDEN: Why?

16 SHERIFF CROSS: Well, we didn't find  
17 out about it until October. We've been working on  
18 it ever since then to try to get this resolved.

19 MR. BREEDEN: Where has it been sitting  
20 at since 2011?

21 SHERIFF CROSS: That's a good question.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: We got a bill out of  
23 nowhere.

24 MS. LANE: We got a bill in October of  
25 2013, first we heard of it. Had no idea that it was

1 out there.

2 MR. BREEDEN: I would have sent it back  
3 to them then.

4 MS. LANE: Well, there's a statute of  
5 limitations of 18 months. They got it to us within  
6 one month of that being up.

7 MR. BREEDEN: That just don't make  
8 sense.

9 MS. LANE: It was under the wire. We  
10 had no idea it was out there.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Well, so we can go ahead  
12 and do a budget amendment.

13 MR. BREEDEN: Well, if they took two  
14 years to bill us, we can take two years to pay them.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Well, what they're going  
16 to do though, they're going to cut the insurance off  
17 the jail.

18 MR. BREEDEN: Well, I mean in payments.

19 MR. RUMLEY: In payments, that's right.

20 MR. BREEDEN: I mean, I'm being honest  
21 there. If they lost \$250,000 and didn't know it for  
22 two years, then they can live without it for a  
23 little while, right? Then they can get their  
24 payment over a two-year period.

25 MR. SMITH: Or three.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll do that.  
2 Officially, tonight the reason they're bringing it  
3 to us is because legally we have to amend the budget  
4 before we can really -- before it's real, before we  
5 accept it. So we still -- like I said, hopefully,  
6 we can get it down quite a bit more. We'll go ahead  
7 and put that on the consent agenda as an amendment.

8 Okay. Ray, do you have anything else  
9 you want to update us on or anything that you've got  
10 going on while you've got the floor? Anything  
11 you've got going on?

12 SHERIFF CROSS: Well, just talking  
13 about the sheriff's office, we are working very  
14 hard, our investigators, to solve a lot of burglary  
15 cases here lately. They've done a fantastic job.  
16 I'm so proud of them for doing this.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Exactly.

18 SHERIFF CROSS: Our drug task force has  
19 worked real hard. We're getting a lot of drug  
20 activity off the streets. There's still a lot out  
21 there. You wouldn't believe the number of young  
22 people in our county and surrounding counties, which  
23 I've been working with Marion County, Jackson  
24 County, Dekalb County and Walker County and we have  
25 a meeting every quarter and we talk about what's

1 coming through our counties. A lot of us are  
2 familiar with other people in other counties that  
3 some of these drugs are coming through and we're  
4 looking real hard at that and busting them. We're  
5 making drug arrests every day. You know, this meth  
6 problem has gotten out of control and the pill  
7 problem. But that's our biggest concern right now  
8 is the safety of our children, especially in the  
9 school system and we're doing everything we can to  
10 address this problem.

11 MR. RUMLEY: You're doing a good job.

12 SHERIFF CROSS: Thank you.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you for being  
14 here tonight.

15 Okay. Let's move on down to our Region  
16 I award representing Puckett. Are you by yourself  
17 tonight?

18 MS. ERVIN: Well, the rest of them are  
19 out saving lives.

20 MR. RUMLEY: I'll let you explain  
21 everything.

22 MS. ERVIN: I will do my best. Thank  
23 you for allowing me to speak to everyone. Each year  
24 Region I -- each year Region I and the State of  
25 Georgia recognizes excellence in patient care and

1 this past fall, New Salem and Puckett EMS and first  
2 responders responded to a patient who was kicked in  
3 the head by a horse. So we submitted the  
4 nomination. The paramedic was Jeff Jones and Kyle  
5 Gross. There was several other agencies in Region I  
6 that submitted for the trauma call of the year and  
7 our team actually won the trauma call of the year  
8 for Region I, so congratulations to Jeff and Kyle  
9 and New Salem Fire Department. So if there is a  
10 representative here tonight, if you would, please  
11 come forward. The exciting thing is that we are now  
12 going to compete at the state level in Forsyth,  
13 Georgia, on May 22nd. Again, New Salem will be  
14 represented there as well and we will be there  
15 representing you. And if you all want to come down  
16 with us, you are more than welcome to make that  
17 drive as well.

18 But excellent teamwork. We couldn't do  
19 it without you guys. It's important to recognize  
20 all you do for your community as well. So on behalf  
21 of Region I Council, that is your certificate for  
22 what you've done and we appreciate the teamwork from  
23 New Salem. Thank you.

24 One other recognition and he's not here  
25 is Dennis Kelley. You all have an excellent

1 hometown boy here. Dennis has gone leaps and bounds  
2 in what he's done for Dade County with the school  
3 system with CPR, with the Senate bill that was  
4 passed last year when Governor Deal came to sign  
5 that bill into law. And Dennis was recognized at  
6 the Capitol in Washington, D.C. last week with a  
7 Star of Life Award and there weren't a lot of people  
8 recognized for that. And it says a lot about what  
9 Dennis has done for your community and he continues  
10 to shine and continues to give back to Dade County.  
11 So if you haven't had a chance to congratulate  
12 Dennis on all that he's done and continues to do,  
13 please make sure because that was a huge honor that  
14 he received last week at the Capitol. So thank you.

15 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Let's move  
16 down to -- I just want to say this though from our  
17 Commissioners because we've talked about this a lot.  
18 We're proud of all our first responders and our fire  
19 departments, you know. We're very proud of New  
20 Salem. I mean, y'all are outstanding and we  
21 appreciate everything you do. These guys are not  
22 paid. A lot of people don't realize, especially  
23 people that move in this county. You know, they're  
24 used to paid fire departments and paid EMS, but they  
25 don't have to be out there. So, you know, we really

1 appreciate -- we appreciate y'all more than you know  
2 really. And it's not election for me, so I'm not  
3 politicking, Rodney. I could see that in your eyes.

4 All right. Let's move down to number  
5 eight and designation of our ACCG County Legislative  
6 Coordinator. Robert was actually filling that spot.  
7 During legislation, he would actually kind of  
8 monitor what was going on via e-mail and they would  
9 give a report every morning. We all do anyway, but  
10 he would go through and kind of pick out anything  
11 that would pertain to Dade County. Of course, he's  
12 no longer with us -- not with us, but Commissioner.  
13 And anyway, Don and I, if you don't mind, we're  
14 going to take up that slack, you know, because we're  
15 fine. During the session, we'll keep y'all updated  
16 on anything that might pop up. Of course, you'll be  
17 getting the same information as we are, but a lot of  
18 times as commissioners, you know, you've got a lot  
19 going on and you work other jobs and you may  
20 miss some little something that it may affect maybe  
21 the elderly or whatever, gun control, whatever, but  
22 we'll keep you in light with that. If that's fine  
23 with y'all, we'll -- and it's a year at time. So if  
24 one of you wants to step up to the plate or if one  
25 of you wants to do it right now, it would be fine.

1 But if you don't want to, Don and I will handle  
2 that. All right. And that is Resolution R-16-14.

3 The next two, nine and ten pertains,  
4 again, to our jail and this is a good thing. We  
5 have actually -- we rebid the inmate medical  
6 services and also we rebid the inmate food services.  
7 I say we. The sheriff's department. They do a good  
8 job and advertise that.

9 Joe, do you want to come up and explain  
10 to us the process and your recommendations? He is  
11 our chief jailer now, Joe Chambers.

12 MR. CHAMBERS: First off, on our inmate  
13 food service request for proposals, we would not  
14 have been looking for a new service provider, but  
15 about four or five months ago, there was a billing  
16 mistake that was made. The current vendor that we  
17 have made the mistake and the way that they chose to  
18 deal with it to work the mistake out, it cost the  
19 county in commissions and through our sheriff's  
20 office a lot of money and man hours and research.  
21 You know, it just didn't have to go down that way.  
22 There was easier ways of handling it on whether or  
23 not we owed the money. The mistake was made and we  
24 were just -- on their part. We were just trying to  
25 rectify the situation and it was a train wreck. So

1 we did try to get people to -- CEO was unable to.  
2 We did get their attention when the RFPs went out.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it was time to rebid  
4 anyway. Their contract was up. It was bad that  
5 happened, but still we come out to the good anyway  
6 by rebidding it. It's always good, you know, if we  
7 have to bring new blood in, get the lowest price.  
8 Go ahead and explain it, if you would. Go over the  
9 meals. Since we're talking about the inmate food  
10 services, go over that first.

11 MR. CHAMBERS: The ABL come in --  
12 actually Valley, which is our vendor, and ABL is  
13 kind of neck and neck on pricing. Trinity is just a  
14 tad bit higher. Actually, a pretty good bit higher.  
15 And, you know, it's our recommendation, we've  
16 researched ABL and we've talked to them as far as  
17 what they offer. Both companies are kind of neck  
18 and neck. ABL is just a tad cheaper. You know,  
19 that's our recommendation is ABL.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

21 MR. SMITH: What's the, I guess,  
22 average, would be the best average inmate  
23 population?

24 MR. CHAMBERS: Today's population is 61  
25 and we're with all the arrests and everything that's

1 going on, we're a little on the higher side. We're  
2 kind of in different times. The State prison system  
3 -- the State is trying to save money because they're  
4 in a crunch, too, so they're coming and getting  
5 their prisoners quicker within three weeks of the  
6 time they're sentenced. So we don't have a lot of  
7 sentenced inmates sitting inside the jail like has  
8 been in the past because they don't want to cut the  
9 county a housing check any longer. You know, right  
10 now we're considered a little touch on the high  
11 side. Normally, we're going to fall in that 40 to  
12 49 range.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions for  
14 Joe?

15 MR. TOWNSEND: One thing I did note is  
16 the price.

17 MR. RUMLEY: That's what I was going to  
18 say. Joe, go ahead and explain the difference.

19 MR. CHAMBERS: There will be -- the  
20 equipment is factored into our current pricing, but  
21 not in this one here. The payoff is going to be  
22 right around 20 -- should be 26,000 and something.  
23 I'll have to get -- I got that figure like three or  
24 four weeks ago. So it's come down some. We've sold  
25 more meals, so that price has come down some. Once

1 that is paid off, all these prices will be in effect  
2 and the kitchen will be free and clear.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: These will actually be  
4 less, right?

5 MR. CHAMBERS: That's factored into  
6 this.

7 MR. RUMLEY: So this ABL, if we agree  
8 to go with these people, our food compared to now,  
9 you know, per head, we're actually -- like if we  
10 maintain, from what I'm reading here, if we  
11 maintain, say, 50 to 59 people, we're looking at  
12 \$1.97 compared \$1.94 to ABL, right, per head per  
13 meal. Trinity was \$2.29. That's just giving  
14 everybody an idea of how much difference there was  
15 in the price. Okay. Have we got any questions?

16 MR. SMITH: The 26,000 is what we owe  
17 on equipment?

18 MR. CHAMBERS: Yes, sir.

19 MR. SMITH: And it's figured in this  
20 amount here?

21 MR. CHAMBERS: That is -- the amount  
22 you're looking is with that 26 having been paid off.

23 MR. SMITH: Okay.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Either way you look at it,  
25 paying it off one way or other. That way it's

1 apples to apples. Any more questions for  
2 Mr. Chambers?

3 Okay. Now let's go to inmate medical.

4 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Chairman, we may want  
5 to do a resolution for --

6 MR. RUMLEY: Go ahead and vote on that?

7 Well, we can't vote. We can put it on the consent  
8 agenda. Okay. So everybody is fine with that on  
9 the food? All right. Let's move to inmate medical.

10 MR. CHAMBERS: The inmate medical, I  
11 went to a jail conference and all the vendors were  
12 there and everybody was there that was in inmate  
13 medical service. You know, looking around at what's  
14 offered and what's out there and how we're normally  
15 conducting business right now as far as our inmate  
16 medical goes, we began to realize that there's  
17 better services out there than what we're currently  
18 being offered.

19 Video -- it's actually called  
20 telemedicine. It's a setup with cameras and we will  
21 have direct access to a doctor 24 hours a day, seven  
22 days a week and on the weekends. A medical doctor  
23 will be making a determination whether somebody goes  
24 out to the hospital or whether they stay in the  
25 jail, you know, give them three aspirins and we'll

1 see them in the morning when medical staff comes in.

2           Currently what's going on is the nurse  
3 is notified, I'm notified and between myself and the  
4 nurse, we're trying to make the best determination  
5 and at the same time trying to avoid spending the  
6 money. We just don't send everybody out. But then  
7 again at the same time, you can't take a gamble with  
8 somebody's life on whether or not it's an incident  
9 that's faked or somebody is truly in trouble.

10           MR. RUMLEY: That's on weekends?

11           MR. CHAMBERS: That's on weekends and  
12 through the night. You know, it's my personal  
13 opinion that the -- from a liability standpoint,  
14 that's just a bad scenario. You've got two people  
15 on the phone at 3:00 in the morning having just woke  
16 up and you've been hit with this medical issue  
17 that's an emergency going on right now and trying to  
18 make the best determination. And with the liability  
19 that factors in on everything, I would prefer a  
20 medical doctor make that determination any day, as  
21 would any nurse.

22           So there is a company out there that  
23 fulfilled all of the requirements that we requested  
24 on inmate medical and that's CorrectHealth. Our  
25 current provider is Southern Health Partners and

1 they have done us a good job. You know, I'm not  
2 going to sit here and say that they've provided us  
3 with bad service. They haven't. They've been real  
4 responsive and open. They've answered all of my  
5 questions and any issues that we've had they've took  
6 care of pretty quickly. Just the fact of the matter  
7 is it's strictly from a liability standpoint and  
8 trying to save the County some money.

9           When you get down to the base  
10 compensation, there's a \$7,014.89 difference between  
11 CorrectHealth and Southern Health Partners. And you  
12 say, well, you're going up \$7,000 a year, our last  
13 transport that we had, we had a gentleman, same  
14 scenario. Who knows if the chest pains is real or  
15 he's just trying to get a ride out of jail. We sent  
16 the guy up. He got to the hospital. They kept him  
17 for a day and a half, run tests, tests, tests. So  
18 you've got an ambulance ride. You have the hospital  
19 bills, then the tests, all that factored in. Also,  
20 you've got overtime for an officer and I'm strapped.

21           MR. RUMLEY: And there was nothing  
22 wrong?

23           MR. CHAMBERS: Right. That bill, the  
24 first bill I got back from that is \$21,000. Of  
25 course, that's not what we're going to pay. You

1 know, we'll pay the Medicare rate, but just to give  
2 you an idea of where the \$7,000 increase is going to  
3 kind of justify, that's one transport, one inmate  
4 leaving the hospital.

5 MR. RUMLEY: You're saying this company  
6 here though can actually -- that prisoner, if you've  
7 got him in a room, you can put a camera on him and  
8 you hook up all the monitors and that doctor,  
9 wherever he's at, in Atlanta, wherever they're at,  
10 he can view this person and tell you whether he's  
11 actually going into a cardiac or whether he's  
12 whatever and he's the one that's going to tell us or  
13 tell you, you need to get this guy to the hospital  
14 or he can tell you from that monitor or video, hey,  
15 put him back in the cell.

16 MR. CHAMBERS: Yeah.

17 MR. RUMLEY: And he's the responsible  
18 party.

19 MR. CHAMBERS: Right.

20 MR. RUMLEY: And right now you and a  
21 nurse at night and on the weekends are doing this.  
22 You're just guessing.

23 MR. CHAMBERS: I'm only medically  
24 trained to a first responder. CorrectHealth, I've  
25 talked to Alex Case, there's going to have to be a

1 little bit of provisions and we'll have to work the  
2 details out, but CorrectHealth has offered to put  
3 the 12-lead EKG, which is the machine that you hook  
4 up to view all parts of the heart. So that would be  
5 able to be seen by the doctor also. They'll provide  
6 a blue tooth stethoscope, so he'll be telling an  
7 officer to move it around and he can look at a wound  
8 and tell how big it is and, yeah, they need to go  
9 out and be sewn up or they'll be all right to see  
10 the nurse in the morning.

11           SHERIFF CROSS: Could I speak to that  
12 just a second? Also, when you have an inmate like  
13 that that goes to the hospital and there's nothing  
14 wrong with him, when they come back, they talk.  
15 They tell other inmates, hey, you want out of jail  
16 for a weekend or something, fake a heart attack or  
17 whatever. That will stop a lot of this.

18           MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Go ahead, Ricky.

19           MR. BREEDEN: Well, I was wondering,  
20 let's say this guy gets these three aspirin because  
21 the doctor on the TV said he's not having a heart  
22 attach and the next morning he's in there dead, who  
23 is that liability on? Is it on --

24           MR. CHAMBERS: You've got a medical  
25 doctor that's made that call and that determination.

1 MR. BREEDEN: But I mean, we do know  
2 that it will be on them, right?

3 MR. CHAMBERS: Yeah. He's going to be  
4 the one telling us whether he needs to go or stay.

5 MR. RUMLEY: That's the good thing. I  
6 didn't know that they offered anything like that.

7 MR. CHAMBERS: Also, another thing, the  
8 liability insurance, CorrectHealth has 6 million.  
9 You've got five on Southern Health and then three on  
10 Southern Correction Medicine. So another plus with  
11 CorrectHealth is on-site IV services.

12 MR. BREEDEN: Do you know if  
13 CorrectHealth has a history where they can tell you  
14 this is how many we've curved off this county or  
15 this county or that county, you know, as far as  
16 normally what would have been medical emergencies  
17 were deemed not?

18 MR. CHAMBERS: You know, that's  
19 something I did not research, you know, when I was  
20 first introduced to this technology just from a  
21 liability standpoint.

22 MR. BREEDEN: I think that would paint  
23 a good picture of it, wouldn't it?

24 MR. CHAMBERS: Right. Right. That's  
25 something -- we'll know here -- if y'all elect to go

1 with them, we'll know what we're --

2 MR. BREEDEN: I know we'll know, but  
3 I'm just saying just for sake, surely they know how  
4 many they've probably said, well, you know, we've  
5 got this many cases that turned out to be you just  
6 stay right there, you're fine, you're not going to  
7 the hospital.

8 MR. CHAMBERS: Right. I don't have  
9 that information. I can probably get it for you.  
10 That's not a problem. I can make some phone calls  
11 Monday morning.

12 MR. BREEDEN: It's worth asking, isn't  
13 it?

14 MR. RUMLEY: Ray, are you ready to make  
15 this recommendation?

16 SHERIFF CROSS: I'm all for it. I  
17 think it can save the County a lot of money and  
18 benefit the inmates also as far as their diagnosis.

19 MR. RUMLEY: True.

20 MR. ROGERS: I think you said this, but  
21 you're recommending CorrectHealth then; is that  
22 correct?

23 MR. CHAMBERS: Yes.

24 MR. ROGERS: And they -- of the three  
25 quotes we got, they're not the lowest, but in your

1 opinion, they are the better one because of the  
2 liability issue, correct?

3 MR. CHAMBERS: Yeah, the liability and  
4 from an insurance standpoint and then also their per  
5 diem rate is lower, so in the event we --

6 MR. SMITH: Seventy or over, you're  
7 saving money.

8 MR. RUMLEY: One trip would do that.

9 MR. ROGERS: And the per diem rate,  
10 that was going to be my next question. It looks  
11 like their per diem rate is the lower than the other  
12 three. I'm just curious why the per diem rate is  
13 lower, but the monthly cost is -- falls in the  
14 middle. Do you understand what I'm saying?

15 MR. CHAMBERS: I understand. I don't  
16 know the answer to that. You know, we just put it  
17 out there and everybody gave us their best.

18 Also, one thing out of all three  
19 companies I want to point out is the aggregate cap  
20 and which I've read through the mounds of paperwork  
21 that y'all received on all these companies.  
22 CorrectHealth was the only company that offered to  
23 refund any money out of that \$10,000 back to the  
24 County, any unused money. So, you know, if we wind  
25 up a year and we've got \$5,000 left on the table,

1 instead of it just going away because you're in a  
2 new budget year, they're going to cut you a check  
3 and send it back to you. So hopefully we'll be in  
4 that bracket also.

5 MR. SMITH: And the per diem kicks in  
6 after 70? It's not the whole time. It's just after  
7 70?

8 MR. CHAMBERS: Yes, sir.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Any more questions?  
10 Allan, do you have anything? Ricky, do you have  
11 anything else? If you can get that to him on the  
12 track record.

13 MR. CHAMBERS: Sure.

14 MR. RUMLEY: I'll kind of call around,  
15 too, on them and another company, but they are big.  
16 They're a big company.

17 MR. CHAMBERS: They're in Chattooga  
18 County. I went over there to look at the setup and  
19 see how it's working for them hands-on. I'll make  
20 some phone calls and get that for you.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Do you have anything,  
22 Robin? If everybody is fine, we'll put that on the  
23 consent agenda. The contract is for two years; is  
24 that right?

25 MR. CHAMBERS: One year.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Good. That's  
2 better. And the food contract --

3 MR. CHAMBERS: Food contract is for two  
4 years.

5 MR. RUMLEY: That's what I was  
6 thinking. All right. Okay. Thank you. Put that  
7 on the consent agenda.

8 Okay. Move down to number 11, approval  
9 of GDOT center line mileage. What that is is every  
10 so many years, we go through and go back and we go  
11 back and look at different roads that might not have  
12 been on our state road miles and we've actually come  
13 up with a few more miles to put on, actually  
14 document road miles, whether it be dirt road or  
15 paved roads. The State uses this formula to  
16 formulate how much money we get out of our LMIG  
17 money, our LARP money used to be. Billy has been  
18 working on this and Don and myself. We've come up  
19 with -- Don, you can go ahead and come in if you  
20 want to because you've talked them, too, about this.

21 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, we currently have  
22 243.33 center line miles recognized by the Georgia  
23 Department of Transportation for the unincorporated  
24 area of Dade County. But we have a list there, as  
25 you see there, of several roads. These are already

1 county roads that we've been maintaining for some  
2 time. I mean, Sulfur Springs Road is on here, so  
3 it's been here a long time.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Even though it's a dirt  
5 road.

6 MR. TOWNSEND: So we want to add those  
7 to the Georgia Department of Transportation list as  
8 a new route addition and Alex Case has provided the  
9 plat or map depicting the location of the said  
10 route. So we just need your approval. There's a  
11 resolution there that's been prepared.

12 MR. RUMLEY: That's R-19-14. It's  
13 pretty well self-explanatory. If everybody is fine  
14 with it, we'll put it on the consent agenda.

15 MR. SMITH: So this 243 is with or  
16 without the --

17 MR. TOWNSEND: Without. The greater,  
18 higher that number is the more rich our portion will  
19 be, the LMIG type grant money, which is known as the  
20 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant.

21 MR. SMITH: Do you have a total?

22 MR. TOWNSEND: I do not. I don't know  
23 how much we're adding it had.

24 MR. RUMLEY: No. We will. At the next  
25 meeting we will. We know it's going to be more.

1 MR. TOWNSEND: I'll have to get with  
2 Alex on each of these.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Any other questions on  
4 that? Move down to number 12. This is an addition  
5 to the agenda here. Don, do you want to go ahead  
6 and explain? You've been working on this. It's  
7 really a good thing. It's a win-win for everyone.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: We met this gentleman at  
9 the clerk's conference in Athens while I was  
10 attending some training. He was a vendor and it's  
11 called GovTeller and basically, it's a USB swipe.  
12 It's like a credit card machine. It allows us to  
13 take credit cards in our office, credit cards, debit  
14 cards, Visa, Mastercard, whatever. So that's what  
15 we are recommending. We have more and more people  
16 coming in to do electrical permits or, you know,  
17 whatever they're needing done that there's a fee.  
18 We've been hesitant to do it because in the past,  
19 the fee structure was based on a percentage and  
20 that's kind of hard to track sometimes, but this is  
21 a flat fee to the consumer only. It's \$1.50 if it's  
22 \$50 or less. Almost everything we do is \$50 or  
23 less. So the consumer or the citizen that comes in  
24 to purchase something using a debit card does not  
25 have to use it. That's the choice. If they don't

1 want to use it and pay the \$1.50, then they simply  
2 continue to write a check or we'll take cash. It's  
3 just a convenience and since there's absolutely no  
4 cost to the County, that's what we recommend.

5 MR. RUMLEY: And the tag -- our tag  
6 commissioner already has this. She's had it a  
7 couple of years now and it works real good. A lot  
8 of people, you know, they come in and they don't  
9 carry cash. A lot of people use plastic today.  
10 It's a good thing.

11 MR. SMITH: Well, are they supplying  
12 the paper?

13 MR. TOWNSEND: I doubt they're going to  
14 supply paper for life. I can probably get them to  
15 throw in some paper, I'm sure. Actually, it would  
16 probably last us quite a while. It's 50 rolls per  
17 case. Twenty rolls is \$10. I can probably get him  
18 to throw in 10 rolls. Now, we have rolls, but I  
19 don't know if it's the same kind of paper. You  
20 know, like on our adding machines.

21 MR. SMITH: That's thermal paper.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: It's thermal paper. I  
23 doubt it is.

24 THE COURT: Any more questions? Rick,  
25 have you got anything?

1 MR. BREEDEN: No. Just everybody  
2 understands that fee goes to that credit card  
3 company, not --

4 MR. RUMLEY: Not us.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: And we could add a fee.  
6 I'm not for adding a fee.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Some counties do.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: It's just a convenience.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll put that on  
10 the consent agenda. Robin, do you have anything to  
11 add to the work session? Don, anything?  
12 Commissioners, do you have anything else you want to  
13 say here? Okay. If not, we'll go ahead and adjourn  
14 our work session for about five minutes. You can go  
15 back and get something to snack on, go to the  
16 bathroom, whatever. We'll start here in a minute.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: I do. I'm sorry.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Wait just a minute. Don  
19 forgot something.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: It's on the agenda.  
21 Item number 13, tab number 13, you'll see some  
22 information about GEBCorp and that's a company  
23 that's through ACCG and we are looking at them for  
24 -- to maintain and recommend that we -- what am I  
25 trying to say, for our 401(k) -- deferred

1 contribution plan. We have a 401(k) and a 457,  
2 which outside of government is a 401(k)-type plan.  
3 So we had a very old plan, Nationwide and then we  
4 went to VALIC and now we're with Great American and  
5 we've got people everywhere. So we would like to  
6 start merging everybody into one simple plan because  
7 the current plan is not -- we're not really getting  
8 a lot of service right now. We haven't for about  
9 the last 18 months or so. So we would like to look  
10 at that. This is not making a decision tonight.  
11 Just for you to start looking at the information  
12 because retirement, it's a major thing. It's a big  
13 part of an employee's retirement and you can see.  
14 It's just some simple information tonight. But  
15 under tab 14 and 14 is some information about that.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thanks. We can go  
17 ahead and adjourn again. We'll take a break and  
18 we'll come back to our regular meeting here in just  
19 a second.

20 (Thereupon, the work session was  
21 adjourned.)  
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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll go ahead and  
2 call the meeting. Before we get started, we do have  
3 prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Don, if you  
4 would tonight lead us in our prayer and our Pledge,  
5 please.

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

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

16 MR. SMITH: Here.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman? He is  
18 absent. He is working in Roanoke, Virginia.  
19 Mr. Breeden?

20 MR. BREEDEN: Here.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

22 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

23 MR. RUMLEY: And the chair is present.  
24 Mitchell, do you want to start with your commission  
25 report?

1           MR. SMITH: First, I want to start the  
2 night with our thoughts and prayers with the family  
3 of Mr. Yount who lost his life in the train accident  
4 yesterday afternoon, as well as others who lost  
5 loved ones throughout this past month in our county.  
6 The county has been in contact with Senator Mullis  
7 to request a little assistance and show what can  
8 happen, what can take place down at the crossing.  
9 Norfolk Southern and GDOT have been contacted also  
10 to try to schedule some meetings with them to see  
11 what, if anything, we can possibly try to get done  
12 to help in that area.

13           Reflectors that were lost through the  
14 snow throughout the county, we're working to see  
15 what we can do to possibly get some funds since we  
16 were declared a disaster area during that snow. So  
17 we'll find out. We're going over there to check to  
18 see what can happen, trying to get reflectors back  
19 down. Some of them lasted about, I think, three or  
20 four weeks before the snow happened, but they were  
21 nice while they lasted. That's all I've got.

22           MR. RUMLEY: All right. We do have the  
23 reflectors. They have come in. Billy, we're  
24 waiting on kind of a warmer --

25           MR. MASSENGALE: Alex went through FEMA

1 to see what money we're going to get to help pay for  
2 that. They've got to come out and visually inspect  
3 to make sure they're gone. So we've got to wait on  
4 them before we can start putting them back.

5 MR. RUMLEY: They won't take your word  
6 for it.

7 MR. MASSENGALE: We can go ahead and  
8 put them down, but we won't get our money.

9 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you,  
10 Mitchell.

11 Well, Rick, I want to -- I'm going to  
12 pick on you. You're my left-hand man now. I do  
13 want to introduce Ricky, Ricky Breeden from Rising  
14 Fawn. We do have Brother Goff. He just came in  
15 back there. He's in the back row. He's grinning  
16 like a possum, but Ricky is going to be with us here  
17 until November until the election and fill in for  
18 Robert. We appreciate you stepping up to the plate.  
19 Do you have anything you want to tell them tonight?  
20 He does live in south Dade. Tell them a little bit  
21 about yourself, if you would.

22 MR. BREEDEN: Well, I've lived in south  
23 Dade for 42 years and met my wife between my junior  
24 and senior year of high school and we've been  
25 married 26 years. We've got three children. We

1 adopted one of them, Andy. We've adopted him, we  
2 probably wouldn't have had any more children. But a  
3 lot of people seen him when I would bring him into  
4 Brock's over there to the restaurant. You know, we  
5 had a boat load of foster children. We fostered  
6 children.

7                   When we got married, I said there's one  
8 stipulation and that was that we're going to live in  
9 Dade County, specifically Rising Fawn and she didn't  
10 like that at first, but I guess she wanted to marry  
11 me bad enough she accepted it.

12                   MR. RUMLEY: Now she loves it though.  
13 No place like home.

14                   MR. BREEDEN: She has said that she's  
15 glad that I made her stay. But, you know, I'm very  
16 honored to even be asked to do something like this.  
17 I wouldn't have thrown my hat into the ring because  
18 I wouldn't have thought of myself as this, but  
19 because of the confidence of my peers, I accepted it  
20 and I told them I could be a public servant, not a  
21 politician, but a public servant. And, you know,  
22 I'll just do the best that I can do and I'll never  
23 violate my conscience in doing it.

24                   MR. RUMLEY: I think that's what the  
25 people want. Just be truthful and give it

1 150 percent. Anything else you want to add? If  
2 not, we'll move to Brother Bradford.

3 MR. BREEDEN: I don't know of anything  
4 else. I want to pass it on.

5 MR. RUMLEY: We just appreciate you  
6 stepping up to the plate and doing it though, Ricky.

7 MR. BRADFORD: I was going to tell  
8 Rick, I appreciate what he's going to do here. It's  
9 going to be a lot different than he thinks. He's  
10 already seen something that's not always normal.  
11 You think things should be a certain way, but  
12 they're not.

13 MR. BREEDEN: Well, I'll add one thing.  
14 This is the first time I have ever been at a  
15 Commissioner's meeting at my life, so, you know --

16 MR. BRADFORD: Well, don't make it the  
17 last.

18 MR. RUMLEY: It better not be the last.

19 MR. BREEDEN: I have no choice on that  
20 now, but that's how green I am at this. I have  
21 never been -- you know, I've been too preoccupied  
22 with rearing children and working and everything  
23 else, so, you know.

24 MR. BRADFORD: Well, you've always got  
25 help. We have people to help you anytime you need

1 it.

2 But as far as the transfer station,  
3 everything goes well. There's not a whole lot that  
4 happens down there. They do keep it really clean  
5 and the people work really hard to keep it clean.  
6 Other than that, there's not a whole lot going on.  
7 I would like to tell everybody not to forget about  
8 the Festival of Life this Saturday.

9 And if you're on Lookout Mountain and  
10 you want to stay a little bit longer, New Salem  
11 Baptist Church is going to have a singing with  
12 comedian Tim Lovelace. I don't know if you've ever  
13 seen him or not. He's a Christian comedian and he's  
14 very comical and the Billy Gray Quartet will be  
15 singing that night. So if you get a chance when you  
16 get done over there, you can just go right over to  
17 the church. They'll have finger foods after the  
18 singing, but usually the church gets packed, so if  
19 you want to go ahead and go as soon as you leave the  
20 Festival of Life over there. We hope that all works  
21 out really well.

22 Other than that, I don't have a whole  
23 lot. I was coming down Highway 11 and I saw a train  
24 hit a truck. That was today. We had one yesterday.  
25 This is a different one today. It was an 18-wheeler

1 Koch Food truck. The guy was okay. He got out and  
2 sat on the ground. I asked him if he could sit up.  
3 He said yeah, so he sat up. Hopefully he's okay.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Allan.  
5 This month has been really -- it's really went by  
6 fast and it's been a real important critical month.  
7 Our vice chair, when he resigned, of course, we had  
8 15 days to replace him. It was quite a load to do  
9 that, but I think we've got a good man here.

10 We've been working on our budget. We  
11 told you last month we were getting into this  
12 process and we've actually -- we went through the  
13 extension office, had them, Board of Assessors,  
14 Juvenile Court. We've had the library. We've met  
15 with our senior citizens, actually Annette Cash  
16 there and also we've had DFACS. So we've still got  
17 the big players, which is the sheriff's department  
18 and jail and our other constitutional officers. So  
19 you can pray for us because it's a lengthy thing  
20 because this is what determines, you know, the  
21 number at the end, the big number that it takes to  
22 run this county. We've got a lot of really good --  
23 our constitutional officers and elected officials  
24 and they really try to work with us on the budget.  
25 Of course, it's not always -- I guess they don't

1 enjoy being told no, but sometimes, you know, you  
2 have to and at least compromise because sometimes  
3 you -- in our office, you know, we know what we have  
4 and what we can spend and what we can't spend. It's  
5 really a stressful time for the next month or so for  
6 Don, myself and the Commission because we have a  
7 Commissioner usually come in and sit in on our  
8 hearings, but keep us in prayers. We're doing the  
9 best job we can.

10           We do have -- I did want to mention and  
11 touch on what Mitchell said. We had a tragic train  
12 accident yesterday. Immediately called Jeff Mullis  
13 and Mullis has -- he's setting up a meeting, as  
14 Mitchell said, with the railroad officials and the  
15 Federal Department of Safety, I'm sure they'll be  
16 there, ourselves and Georgia -- GDOT. The reason  
17 GDOT is involved in it, they're involved in all  
18 crossings in the state, as is Tennessee and any  
19 state. Because usually they either approve or  
20 disapprove. They fund them. And so a crossing  
21 right now is around \$200,000. We had -- I think  
22 we've got 175,000 or actually GDOT does in the one  
23 at Sells Lane. We did do the paving and we did  
24 widen the road. So we try to work with them any way  
25 we can to make this happen because we do have

1 several roads in the county, county roads that need  
2 crossings on them. Very dangerous.

3 I did meet with Cindy Askew, which  
4 she's over our erosion group out of -- actually the  
5 soil conservation people out of Lafayette. This is  
6 another matter, but with our IDA, Industrial  
7 Development Authority, which the property that  
8 they've purchased down, I met with her and Peter  
9 Cervelli and actually Joe Lee pertaining to an  
10 erosion plan for that. We talked about this last  
11 meeting. So they have got the bids ready to go out.  
12 Cindy Askew is actually the person that's over our  
13 counties here, Dade, Walker, Catoosa and Chattooga.  
14 So we do have that going because that's critical.  
15 You've got to have that before you do anything else  
16 as far as disturbing any more, like we were going to  
17 put the pads and all that down there.

18 We do have really some good leads,  
19 Mr. Cervelli and IDA. I really feel good about it.  
20 Hopefully, we'll have some good news, you know,  
21 maybe in the next commission meeting or two that we  
22 can report to you on that. What they're working on  
23 is to bring jobs back in here to Dade County.

24 Anything else, Mitchell? Do you have  
25 anything to add?

1 MR. SMITH: No.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Don, do you have  
3 anything to add, anything I forgot? I know we were  
4 talking about the budget.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: No.

6 MR. RUMLEY: All right. We'll move  
7 down to appearances. Ms. Marshanna Sharp. She's  
8 from the library. You can stay there or come up and  
9 talk in front.

10 MS. SHARP: I'm actually going to let  
11 Donna and Chris -- we're partnering in the month of  
12 April with the Friends of the Library and the  
13 Chamber, so most of our events I'm going to let them  
14 tell you about. I just want to tell you a little  
15 bit about what happened after the last meeting. We  
16 had the Arts Council, we partnered with the Art  
17 Council and did the workshop on making books and we  
18 had over thirty different people show up for that  
19 and we actually had a lady come all the way from  
20 Athens and she was talking about how nice it was  
21 here and all that, so we were excited. We had two  
22 days and each time we had over thirty-something  
23 people show up.

24 We did spring cleaning. They sent the  
25 trustees over and I took a Saturday and we worked

1 with them and retouched all the walls up and kind of  
2 did the maintenance of the library. I'll let Donna  
3 talk to you and then Chris can tell you --

4 MS. STREET: But you don't sit down.  
5 You're the model for the shirt. The reason I'm  
6 speaking to you tonight as president of Friends of  
7 the Library is that we've begun a campaign that  
8 doesn't have anything to do with raising money.  
9 Thank God. And it is a national campaign that the  
10 libraries across the United States are doing. Bill  
11 and Melinda Gates are funding it. They've changed  
12 the word geek from someone that wears the little  
13 specs and reads book all the time and, you know, is  
14 a smart person who makes enough money to be the  
15 number one richest person in the world, which Bill  
16 Gates is and -- or the United States. But geek  
17 is -- I will read you from my script.

18 Our library is taking part in a public  
19 awareness campaign designed to make people in our  
20 community more aware of the vital role of public  
21 libraries and bring attention to critical funding  
22 issues many libraries face. Geek, the library uses  
23 geek as a verb. The things you geek are things that  
24 you are passionate about. Everybody geeks something  
25 and whatever you geek, the public library supports

1 you. The public library's role in building strong  
2 communities and valuable community resources is more  
3 important than ever. As usage increases, many  
4 libraries simply don't have sufficient funding to  
5 support the new demand. Now, that talked about  
6 money, but we're not asking for any. What we're  
7 asking for is everybody in our community to get  
8 involved in our Geek the Library Campaign and find a  
9 way to use the library. Because you once you use  
10 it, you will continue to.

11 Part of the campaign is there's 14  
12 posters that are posted around the library and at  
13 the Chamber dinner, which Brent is going to talk  
14 about -- Brent or Chris? I always do that. Chris  
15 is going to talk about. Marshanna is going to have  
16 a booth where people can have their picture made and  
17 tell what they geek and hopefully by the end of our  
18 campaign, we're going to have posters with local  
19 people on them instead of people that we don't know.

20 They've given us postcards and I  
21 brought four to read to you and people are in the  
22 library. They're telling us what they like about  
23 the library and there are four here. I go to the  
24 library every day they are open to study for my GED  
25 and for college. It is a great positive environment

1 that we should be able to enjoy anytime we want to.  
2 Thank you from that young person. The Dade County  
3 Library is essential to the people of Dade County  
4 not just for books, but also for those who need  
5 computers for jobs and school. Not everyone has a  
6 computer at home. Also, the library is where small  
7 children learn to love books and that is true. And  
8 this is written by a small child and it says I geek  
9 Goosebumps. And if you don't know what Goosebumps  
10 is, that's a series of kids books in their own  
11 little handwriting.

12           And the last one is from one of our  
13 ladies that quilts and she says, we make use of the  
14 library every Tuesday for quilting. It is so nice  
15 to have a wonderful facility in all weather  
16 available to use. Love the books and the sales,  
17 too. Nice we have the computers and tax prep here  
18 as well.

19           But probably dollar for dollar, except  
20 for roads, I've said this before, it's the best use  
21 of our tax dollars and we are watching with bated  
22 breath to see what happens in Walker County as they  
23 have added that to their -- they're having a binding  
24 referendum question on the March primary and if it  
25 works --

1 MR. RUMLEY: May.

2 MS. STREET: I mean May. I'm glad  
3 March is over. I don't like March.

4 On a personal note to Mr. Breeden, I  
5 have a goal in my life to live to see all of my  
6 former students hold office in Dade County.

7 MR. BREEDEN: You're telling your age  
8 now.

9 MS. STREET: And you are one of several  
10 that are -- with Don in the clerk's slot. I'm going  
11 to hope to live long enough to see every seat in the  
12 Dade County -- all the government -- all the  
13 government agencies be run by my former students.

14 MR. RUMLEY: You taught me, too.

15 MS. STREET: It was just  
16 Ms. Springtime. But anyway, I'm proud to have you  
17 on this board and I appreciate your open -- your  
18 willingness to say what you think just as you always  
19 have, just as I do. Take a deep breath and plunge  
20 in.

21 MR. TOWNSEND: Donna, your father had a  
22 birthday.

23 MS. STREET: My father did have a  
24 birthday. Ninety years old and we had a big party  
25 and we had about a hundred people come. And only

1 two other men in his 1942 graduating class --  
2 they're almost gone. There's about five of them  
3 left, but the other two gentlemen were able to come  
4 and that was Sonny McMahan and Roy Dean and they --  
5 you would have thought they were on the playground  
6 again. It was fun. Thank y'all for those of you  
7 that were able to come and for the good wishes that  
8 were sent in case you weren't able to come.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: Let me just say -- I  
10 don't say a lot, but I went to the birthday party  
11 that day and I sat down by Don Street and the first  
12 thing out of his lips were, is the driver's license  
13 place open tomorrow, and I went are you kidding me?  
14 He said, no, mine expires like on Tuesday.

15 MS. STREET: They gave him one.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: And he went and he  
17 passed his test. At 90, he's got his driver's  
18 license.

19 MS. STREET: Well, when he was really  
20 sick last year, we tried to keep him off the road.  
21 We tried to get his license taken away, but the  
22 State of Georgia gave him a new one and so if you  
23 see him on the road, just get out of the way. Blue  
24 Ford Ranger.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, or a tractor. I

1 seen him going to the post office one day on a  
2 tractor.

3 MS. STREET: That was after he had his  
4 pacemaker put in and we took the car keys away.

5 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Any questions  
6 for our library people? All right. Rich? Okay.  
7 Tell everybody who you are there, Cody.

8 MR. CODY DOYLE: I'm Cody Doyle. I'm a  
9 high school student in the 4-H in Dade County. So  
10 here in February, we have the February makeup 4-H  
11 club meetings and they were held for the fifth and  
12 eighth graders. We had junior and senior district  
13 project achievement. That was myself and Seth  
14 Brown. I placed second in the plant and soil  
15 science category and Seth Brown placed third in pork  
16 production.

17 The northwest district BB  
18 qualifications match was held in Walker County on  
19 the 22nd. The Dade County team took three teams of  
20 seven individuals for a total of 21 participants.  
21 Team one qualified for State, which was Jacob Gass,  
22 Shelby Atchley, Lauren Querciagrossa and Cheyenne  
23 Hurston, Regan Carter, Jaycie Sewell and Justin  
24 Walden. Individuals who qualified for State were  
25 Joanna Rosenbalm and Alex Jones. The team award,

1 the team one placed second overall. Individual  
2 awards, Jacob Gass placed third high individual in  
3 standing position. Shelby Atchley placed second in  
4 high individual in sitting, third place high  
5 individual in kneeling, second place high individual  
6 overall. Cheyenne Hurston had first place high  
7 individual in sitting. Lauren Querciagrossa had  
8 first place high individual in kneeling.

9           We have the practices for BB, shotgun  
10 and the poultry judging going on right now also.  
11 For upcoming events, they're going to have the CCRPI  
12 lesson, which is fifth graders at the elementary  
13 school. That will be this month from the 1st to the  
14 3rd. Today was the last day they did that. And  
15 State BB competition is going to be this Saturday at  
16 Rock Eagle.

17           Northwest shotgun qualification and  
18 match is actually going to be the 19th. It will be  
19 hosted here in Dade County. We'll have a pesticide  
20 workshop where participants can receive one hour of  
21 private pesticide credit. It will be on the 24th.  
22 And the Ag Day is currently going to be scheduled on  
23 May 7th or 8th. We're still working on the dates  
24 there.

25           Katie, right now she's attending the

1 Georgia Cattlemen's Association 53rd Annual  
2 Convention and Trade Show in Perry, Georgia. The ag  
3 forecast, she'll be doing that in the UGA economic  
4 school. Katie will also be going to her county  
5 extension coordinator's training. She'll be doing  
6 Berry College mock interviews and career fair  
7 representing the UGA Extension and she'll be doing a  
8 homeowner spreader calibration training. Any  
9 questions? Thank you.

10 MR. BRADFORD: That's a lot of  
11 activities.

12 MR. RUMLEY: You might add our region  
13 skeet event this year. You said it's going to be in  
14 the county. We're going to have it -- actually  
15 we're going to have it at the four fields this year.  
16 We made -- you know, we want everybody to know to  
17 come down. It's going to be actually over toward  
18 the forestry. We've had everyone down there to make  
19 sure the safety and everything, which everything --  
20 the big thing is safety. We've decided to do that  
21 rather than have it back over at the landfill. We  
22 had some issues there last year. We'll have really  
23 good parking and all. How many counties do you  
24 think is going to show up this year?

25 MR. CODY DOYLE: Well, we do that by

1 registration. Last year we had, I think, four or  
2 five counties. And this is year it's kind of a toss  
3 up between who is closer. Obviously, a lot of  
4 counties don't like to travel to Dade because they  
5 have to go through Chattanooga, but that's just the  
6 thing. There's some other areas that would be  
7 closer for them. Just whatever they want to do.

8 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you.  
9 Chris, he's our executive director of our Chamber of  
10 Commerce.

11 MR. MUSSER: Good evening, gentlemen.  
12 Welcome to the table. It's good to have you.

13 We've been pretty busy this quarter.  
14 The Chamber has been doing several new things. We  
15 had our first 2014 strategic planning session in  
16 February. That was an 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning  
17 meeting and we had a good showing for our board  
18 members. So it was really fun to see the board come  
19 together really with the intention about what we  
20 want to do this coming year.

21 So as a result of that strategic  
22 planning session, we produced a document that some  
23 of you may have, all of you did have in your packets  
24 that I left off and you can grab them in a little  
25 bit. We would like to publicize that and let

1 everyone know we now have a plan that we're really  
2 trying to implement. As a result of that, we have  
3 several different items. One is our membership  
4 value proposition. We decided that we really want  
5 to be renewing our efforts to provide value to our  
6 membership and so we have worked hard, namely the  
7 membership committee chaired by Will Garrett who  
8 owns Guthrie's. Audrey Clark is on it, Daniel Case,  
9 Seth Houts. They've been working to really provide  
10 new ways to help our membership. Notably we have  
11 discounts provided to our members with Chattanooga  
12 Office Supply, with Office Depot, with FedEx and  
13 Sam's Club, Books New and Used locally, Brikwood  
14 Marketing locally, really trying to create  
15 partnerships to help all of our businesses, local  
16 businesses flourish.

17           We also have a new logo that our local  
18 marketing guy, Brian Wooten made for us. We've got  
19 new business cards. We have a logo that you'll see  
20 on the packets I gave you as well. Additionally,  
21 our website that Seth Houts has been working  
22 tirelessly on and he's been doing a phenomenal job  
23 and we finally finished it yesterday and we should  
24 have it launched by early next week. We look  
25 forward to having a brand new website with a

1 community calendar. We've already got a lot of the  
2 events on there and we would love it to be a place  
3 where anyone can come and tell us what they've got  
4 going on and we can post it up there and have  
5 everyone find out what the community is up to on  
6 that calendar.

7           We're also going to be starting to  
8 offer classes with the Chamber. We would like to  
9 offer classes through the Small Business Development  
10 Center out of UGA for our members and for small  
11 businesses in the community for people who haven't  
12 had a formal education, but have great skills and  
13 have really good small businesses. We would like to  
14 help them in that way.

15           And finally, our annual banquet is  
16 coming up. We're partnering with the library.  
17 We're very excited about that. The name or the  
18 theme is Revenge of the Nerds for our banquet. It  
19 will April 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the library. And  
20 again, the whole partnership will be aimed to help  
21 get exposure for the library for the campaign, the  
22 Geek Campaign as well as honor the citizens in Dade  
23 County who have really contributed to our growth.  
24 So if you would like tickets -- a lot of you already  
25 have tickets, but if you would like tickets, please

1 see a board member of the Chamber or call the  
2 Chamber. We would love to get you those.

3 The last thing I'll mention is our  
4 Dream for Dade Campaign. I'm wearing a shirt right  
5 now. And I'll let you guys hear about that from  
6 Matt Monty, who is a Covenant College student who  
7 came to address you all this evening.

8 MR. MONTY: Good evening, guys. So I'm  
9 just here. Chris asked me to say a few words. I'll  
10 make it quick. I'm a student up at Covenant College  
11 and the Chamber has reached out and has wanted some  
12 students to be a part of this campaign. We would  
13 just like to say thank you for doing that and,  
14 Mr. Daniel Case, he's also been a great guy to get  
15 to know and just has been really welcoming for our  
16 students.

17 But the best and exciting about it is  
18 being a part of the campaign and seeing the  
19 excitement in the community and they have welcomed  
20 us. They have also -- I've heard multiple people  
21 say I want to take that survey and we've been  
22 getting good and well thought out suggestions and  
23 things that they would like to see. So that's  
24 really encouraging to be part of it and to learn,  
25 and which I'm very thankful to Dade County just for

1 you guy's welcomeness. And also got to eat at a few  
2 local places, which are some really good places,  
3 Thatcher's Barbecue. I'm definitely spending some  
4 money there. And also at Guthrie's, just a great  
5 community. But we just -- Covenant College wanted  
6 to say thank you and that's about it.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate it. Any  
8 questions?

9 MR. MUSSER: Any questions?

10 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Chris.

11 Okay. Do we have anyone from the City  
12 of Trenton? IDA? Okay. Audrey, do you have any  
13 updates on our cable, phone?

14 MRS. CLARK: We're expanding in Rising  
15 Fawn. We're down there starting to work in Rising  
16 Fawn, Mason Road, Holder Loop. I don't know exactly  
17 when we'll be able to do -- go into the residents,  
18 but it's in the works right now. We have our hud up  
19 in Edgewood to start going south on 11. We're going  
20 as far as the Forestry Building, the four fields and  
21 South on 11. Oh, Evan's TV station is now a part of  
22 our basic package. He's Channel 7 on our lineup as  
23 well. We got that on the air about three weeks ago.

24 MR. RUMLEY: It just happened since our  
25 last meeting because you said you were working on it

1 at our last meeting.

2 MRS. CLARK: Yeah, that's up and going.  
3 Oh, and we have those little feeders across the  
4 bottom now to tell when we're going to be doing  
5 maintenance and when it's a free HBO weekend. Don  
6 Townsend is particularly excited about that, so now  
7 we can do that. He doesn't miss any of the events  
8 this weekend.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: It's this weekend, free  
10 movies.

11 MRS. CLARK: Exactly. So we are  
12 expanding and we're excited about that. Also, we've  
13 tripled the fiber speeds to our businesses that we  
14 already have with fiber. We've gone from ten megs  
15 to thirty megs. There's been no additional fee for  
16 that. We were glad to be able to do that and offer  
17 it. We're available here in Trenton as well. So  
18 we're expanding. It's taking us a little while. We  
19 can't go as fast as we want to, but we are on the  
20 move. And Mitchell, honestly, Allan --

21 MR. BRADFORD: I'm still waiting.

22 MR. RUMLEY: It's in the future.

23 MRS. CLARK: Don't hold me personally  
24 responsible. I don't know how to hook it up, but we  
25 will get to you guys.

1 MR. RUMLEY: We appreciate it. That's  
2 Audrey. We have Lionel there with her. They're  
3 usually at all our commission meetings and they  
4 represent our local telephone company. I know you  
5 can't see them out in TV land, but we appreciate  
6 y'all being here every month and giving us kind of  
7 an update on what's going on because that's very  
8 important to people.

9 All right. Don Townsend, fiscal  
10 matters. Let's go ahead and let you do our county  
11 financial report.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. As of March  
13 31st, 2014, the General Fund had a balance of  
14 \$241,405; Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288;  
15 Sheriff's Special Fund, \$19,469; Drug Abuse  
16 Education Fund, \$66,341; Supplemental Juvenile  
17 Service Fund, \$22,920; Victim Assistance Fund,  
18 \$2,888; Jail Fund, \$23,229; Federal Asset Fund,  
19 Department of Justice, \$742; employee's flexible  
20 spending account, \$2,472. Payroll account,  
21 \$175,605. S.P.L.O.S.T. construction account,  
22 \$7,112; project account, \$10,008; proceeds account,  
23 \$625,845.

24 We will be seeing an interest-only  
25 payment come out of that proceeds account here, I

1 believe it's scheduled for May 1st, so be aware of  
2 that. You see the fire departments. Most of them  
3 have spent down most of their money. We're waiting  
4 on one purchase, I hope, from West Brow soon so we  
5 can go ahead and close out most of our fire  
6 department S.P.L.O.S.T. lease purchases for the  
7 bonds.

8                   Series 2013 bonds, the IDA County  
9 Construction Series B has an account balance of  
10 \$1,844,161. IDA Debt Services Series A funds is \$94  
11 and County Debt Service Series B is zero. If you  
12 look at your next page, you'll see under the General  
13 Fund, as of February 8, 2014, overall the revenues  
14 for the month of February came in at \$576,031.  
15 Budgeted was \$683,469. So we were short \$107,438.  
16 Year-to-date we collected \$7,189,576 out of what's  
17 budgeted of \$7,284,140. So we were under \$94,563.  
18 And most of that shortage is from, unfortunately,  
19 local option sales tax that has not produced this  
20 year.

21                   Under expenses, you see actual was  
22 \$573,065. Budgeted for the month was \$643,508, so  
23 we actually were under budget \$70,442. For the  
24 year, expenses accrued, \$6,893,594. Budgeted was  
25 \$7,092,899. So we're actually under budget on

1 expenses 199,305. So almost 200,000 under, which is  
2 a good thing. Budget attained so far should be  
3 right at 66.67 percent as of February 28th.  
4 Revenues attained of 62.8 percent and expenses  
5 attained of 67.26 percent.

6 Revenues less expenses for February was  
7 \$2,165. So it's getting closer. It's been in the  
8 black all, you know, for several months now, but  
9 that's getting closer and closer. Budget was  
10 39,961, so we were actually over budget there  
11 \$36,995. Now, that's revenue less expense for  
12 February. Revenue less expense though for  
13 year-to-date, the actual was 295,982. Budgeted was  
14 191,240, so we're actually under budget \$104,741.

15 The next six pages is the project  
16 variance report. It's just a breakdown of all the  
17 revenues by general ledger number and expenses.  
18 Following that is the pledge, pledge listings that I  
19 give you quarterly. This doesn't change very often,  
20 but the top sheet there is from Bank of Dade. Their  
21 correspondent bank is Compass Bank and they  
22 currently have us at 4,800,000. The page below that  
23 is from Citizen's Bank and they have their  
24 correspondent relationship with SunTrust and they  
25 are currently pledged at \$833,247. Just to remind

1 you what that is, banks have to back up their -- you  
2 know, all public funds. So that's why those numbers  
3 are there.

4           The next page is we're getting into  
5 S.P.L.O.S.T. collections. You see the yellow 2004,  
6 S.P.L.O.S.T., and 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T collection  
7 periods by year for your review. I won't go over  
8 that. I will say this about the local option sales  
9 tax that was collected that -- and again, a hundred  
10 percent of what we collect on local option sales  
11 tax, also known as L.O.S.T, reduces our millage  
12 rate. One hundred percent of that goes to reduce  
13 our millage rate and put directly into the general  
14 fund. The unfortunate part is it was only \$126,435.  
15 You have to go back to October 2009 to find a month  
16 that low, which was back then 120,000. So I can't  
17 explain that. I think we've made some direct --  
18 this was as of January, although it seems like we  
19 bought a lot of stuff and the stores seem full in  
20 Dade County.

21           MR. RUMLEY: One thing that hurt us  
22 though, they've opened that new truck stop over  
23 there across the river. I know it's taken a lot of  
24 the truck stops. You wouldn't think it would make  
25 that much difference, but it does. We get a

1 tremendous amount of our revenue from these truck  
2 stops in the county. So that's one hit we took.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Anyway, the local option  
4 -- that's local. This is special purpose local  
5 option sales tax, the other penny, came in at  
6 \$158,044.56 for March. Again, you have to go back  
7 to October 2009 to see a month that low, which was  
8 150,000. So I will ask everyone to go buy something  
9 this week in Dade County. Go out to eat.

10 Also, the following page, the last page  
11 in this report is the year-to-date collections for  
12 fiscal year 2014 for the Dade County Tax  
13 Commissioner's office, which is the major revenue  
14 generator and you can see we've collected up to  
15 86.6 percent as of March 5th at \$3,226,709. And I  
16 understand that the tax commissioner did have a tax  
17 sale on the courthouse steps this past Tuesday, so  
18 there will probably be a bump up for revenues for  
19 last month and this month. So be aware of that next  
20 month. We'll be making a report regarding that.  
21 Thank you.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Don.  
23 Any questions for Don, corrections or questions? If  
24 not, I'll entertain a motion to approve our  
25 financial statement.

1 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve the  
2 financial statement.

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

4 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

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

6 Mr. Bradford?

7 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

9 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman is absent.

11 Mr. Smith?

12 MR. SMITH: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

14 Thank you. All right. Robin, do you have anything  
15 to go over tonight on our legal?

16 MR. ROGERS: Mr. chairman, I have no  
17 new legal matters to report.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Unfinished  
19 business, we have none. Under new business, I do  
20 want to say this before we go on because I'm afraid  
21 I'll forget. I do want to mention that Leroy Smith  
22 was a commissioner here in Dade County. I think  
23 Leroy was commissioner for two terms, eight years.  
24 He lost his wife. She passed away this past week  
25 and I want y'all to keep that family in your

1 prayers. And also, Troy Dugal, he is a very -- from  
2 Covenant College, he's a very good friend of our  
3 ours, the Commission and Allan. We've known Troy  
4 forever, but he lost his father. I'm not sure what  
5 the arrangements are.

6 MR. BRADFORD: They buried him  
7 yesterday.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Yesterday. Okay. So keep  
9 the Dugal family. He was really an instrumental  
10 figure in the Covenant College move when it came  
11 into Dade County, his dad was. And, of course,  
12 Troy -- I'm not sure what his title is up there now.  
13 Do you? Chris, do you know what his --

14 MR. MUSSER: He's vice president of  
15 advancement.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. He's really a good  
17 man. He's helped the county a lot. Good family.  
18 Keep those in your prayers if you would.

19 The reading of the minutes from our  
20 last month's regular meeting and all special-called  
21 meetings will not be required since all  
22 commissioners have been furnished copies in advance.  
23 The minutes are public record and available for  
24 review in our County Commission office. The minutes  
25 are included in the consent agenda and will be

1 considered for approval under new business. Don,  
2 would you go over the consent agenda as we presented  
3 a while ago and we'll entertain a motion to approve.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: Consent agenda for  
5 April 3rd, 2014, is the approval of the agenda as  
6 amended by adding number 12 agenda item, approval of  
7 the GovTeller credit card acceptance, approval of  
8 the previous meeting minutes, proclamation for the  
9 Festival of Life in conjunction with American Cancer  
10 Society in recognizing April 5th, 2014, as Kelly  
11 Moore Day. Proclamation, Georgia's Manufacturing  
12 Appreciation week, April 14th through the 18th,  
13 2014. Proclamation for the Trenton-Dade Optimist  
14 Club Respect for Law Week, May 4th through the 10th  
15 with a personal ceremony on the 6th, Tuesday the  
16 6th.

17 Also, the Life Link, which is National  
18 Donate Life Month Proclamation for the month of  
19 April. That's all on -- on the consent agenda, the  
20 budget amendment to pay for BlueCross BlueShield of  
21 Georgia, summary invoices, total maximum of \$172,954  
22 for the sheriff's office of Dade County. Resolution  
23 -- and jail. Resolution R-16-14, designation of the  
24 Association of County Commissioners of Georgia  
25 County legislative coordinator, that being

1 Commissioner and Chairman Ted Rumley and County  
2 Clerk, Don Townsend. Also, Resolution R-17-14,  
3 approval of the inmate medical services vendor,  
4 which was approved to CorrectHealth, I believe.

5 Also, Resolution R-18-14, approval of  
6 inmate food services vendor and that award going to  
7 company ABL for a two-year contract and agreement.  
8 Resolution R-19-14, approval of the Georgia  
9 Department of Transportation, resolution amending  
10 the listing of county roads and reporting the  
11 amended list to the Georgia Department of  
12 Transportation.

13 And we also have what will be  
14 Resolution R-20-14, approval of GovTeller to accept  
15 credit card debit and pin debit cards with no  
16 processing cost to the Dade County Commission  
17 Office. I believe that is it.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions for  
19 Don on the consent agenda? Any changes? Mitchell?

20 MR. SMITH: No.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. If not, I'll  
22 entertain a motion to approve to approve our consent  
23 agenda as presented by Mr. Townsend. Do I hear a  
24 motion to approve?

25 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion to

1 approve.

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

3 MR. SMITH: Second.

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

5 Mr. Smith?

6 MR. SMITH: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

8 MR. BREEDEN: Here.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

10 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. Did  
12 you say here or yes?

13 MR. BREEDEN: Yes. Well, yes. I would  
14 like -- the officer made a phone call in reference  
15 to the medical and the information they provided him  
16 just on the call immediately was that Cherokee  
17 County has been saved 28 percent on their medical  
18 costs by going with this doctor. And there's  
19 another county in Louisiana that was sending 60  
20 inmates a day out. And by going to this system,  
21 they're down to three or four a week. So I mean, it  
22 sounds like it's a system that's working very well.  
23 So --

24 MR. RUMLEY: We can tell in about a  
25 year, you know, we can tell what's going on.

1 MR. BREEDEN: I just want everybody to  
2 know that he made the call and got back with me  
3 during the break there that these were some of the  
4 numbers that they knew right offhand.

5 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Any more  
6 comments? Move down to 7B, appointment of our vice  
7 chair. Since Robert was our vice chair, we have  
8 that vacated. Mitchell, I think you talked to --

9 MR. SMITH: I talked to Scottie and he  
10 said he would be willing to take it if everybody is  
11 all right with it.

12 MR. RUMLEY: He's our senior person --

13 MR. SMITH: Yeah.

14 MR. RUMLEY: -- as far as time goes.  
15 So I need that in the form of a motion from someone.

16 MR. SMITH: I make a motion we appoint  
17 Scottie Pittman as the vice chairman to the Board of  
18 Commissioners of Dade County.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I have a motion.  
20 Do I have a second?

21 MR. BRADFORD: I'll second.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call a vote.  
23 Mr. Smith?

24 MR. SMITH: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Mr. Breedden?

1 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

3 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. All  
5 right.

6 Okay. Now, anyone that would like to  
7 come up and talk to us, please come up to the mic  
8 and tell us who you are. You have time to take your  
9 time here.

10 MR. LEE WILLIAMS: My name is Lee  
11 Williams and I live up here in North Dade right off  
12 of the road where the guy got run over yesterday by  
13 the train. I've lived there 36 years and when I  
14 first moved there, there was Mr. Davis Carol back  
15 there and there was a lady next door to me named  
16 Ms. Foster. That's the only ones that lived there.  
17 And my wife was the fifth person that got hit by a  
18 train there.

19 MR. RUMLEY: She was number five?

20 MR. LEE WILLIAMS: Yeah. She was --  
21 the cattle guard, the train didn't blow and she just  
22 hit the cattle guard. Of course, there was a fence  
23 there that LM Oliver had because she couldn't hardly  
24 see. But she was the fifth one that's been hit and  
25 there's been -- I think there's been about eight or

1 nine altogether.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Counting the one that got  
3 hit yesterday.

4 MR. LEE WILLIAMS: Counting that one  
5 yesterday. And -- but I know when Mr. Jeff Mullis  
6 was here at the Senior Citizens' Building about --  
7 it was right after my wife got hit. I went down  
8 there to talk to him and he said that the County had  
9 to pay for that, which I wasn't aware of. And he  
10 said -- and the County was the running low on money.  
11 And so -- but I think after all these people that  
12 has been hit, we need to come up with something,  
13 some way to get a gate up there instead of a  
14 crossing like this because the railroad --

15 MR. RUMLEY: No light at all.

16 MR. LEE WILLIAMS: That ain't very  
17 good. We need to come up with a gate. Because if  
18 there would have been a gate there yesterday, that  
19 guy wouldn't have been sitting on the tracks.  
20 Because there was a car across the tracks and he  
21 couldn't go no further. So -- but I've got some  
22 rental houses in the back and two of my renters sat  
23 there and seen every bit of it happen. So he --  
24 apparently the guy just panicked or didn't know what  
25 was what. But anyway, we do need some arms up there

1 real bad because it took somebody to get killed  
2 before this is brought to life.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. It's sad. It's  
4 really sad.

5 MR. LEE WILLIAMS: That's what I told  
6 Mr. Mullis there several years, right after my wife  
7 got hit. I said, Mr. Mullis, it is going to take  
8 somebody getting killed before we can get anything  
9 done. Like I said, when I first moved there, like I  
10 say, there was only two people there at that time.  
11 Mr. Davis Carol. In fact, me and Billy Wilson named  
12 that Carol Road there after Mr. Davis Carol in order  
13 to get it paved by the County.

14 But since then, I counted up today, I  
15 think there was about 40 people back there  
16 altogether now when there wasn't -- there wasn't,  
17 like I said, three when I got there.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Very few houses then.

19 MR. LEE WILLIAMS: It's just loaded  
20 with people back there and there's no outlet there.  
21 There's one way in and one way out. They need to do  
22 something to have somebody come break them trains  
23 because two of my renters sat there until they got  
24 moved last night, couldn't get in. And there were  
25 several people back there that couldn't get in. I

1 can't see why they couldn't have somebody come from  
2 the yard up there and break that train where people  
3 can get across. I have known it to sit there 15  
4 minutes. I've known it to sit there an hour, two  
5 hours, three hours, four hours, and that's a long  
6 time --

7 MR. RUMLEY: It is.

8 MR. LEE WILLIAMS: -- for somebody to  
9 have to sit.

10 MR. RUMLEY: These meetings we're going  
11 into next week, all that's going to be addressed.  
12 And like you said, it's sad that we had a fatality  
13 there to actually bring all the attention to the  
14 railroad and to the State. But on the funding of it  
15 though, our crossings that we have now, 99 percent  
16 of them, we've actually put the money in as far as  
17 the paving part of it, but the crossings that we  
18 have in the county now have all been through either  
19 GDOT grants or some type of federal grants, safety  
20 grants. So that's what we're working on up here.  
21 Because on your road and there's a couple more that  
22 really need crossings. I mean, it's bad. And as  
23 far as the trains, you know, breaking them in two,  
24 that's going to be addressed. We've already been in  
25 meeting after meeting with them and they're getting

1 a little better. There's got to be a real solution  
2 to it. I mean, there's got to be a permanent fix.

3           Say, if you were someone down on the  
4 other side of the tracks and that rail was blocked  
5 like that and someone had a cardiac arrest or  
6 whatever, you know. Everyone says, well, they can  
7 land a helicopter. Well, your first responders is  
8 the person that is the key when you're laying there.  
9 You know, those first few minutes -- those people  
10 right there are the people that have you ready for  
11 that ambulance. Yeah, sure you can land on the  
12 helicopter on the other side of the railroad and  
13 take them, but the first 15 or 20 minutes there is  
14 real critical. So that scares us. That worries us,  
15 too. All this is going to be discussed and I'll  
16 keep everybody up on it, the Commission will, and  
17 you and hopefully -- like I said, we have a public  
18 meeting up there in a couple of weeks. If it takes  
19 that -- and might have it at the community center, I  
20 don't know, wherever, but if they require that and  
21 just have people come out and just talk to them. I  
22 appreciate you being here tonight.

23           MR. LEE WILLIAMS: Yeah. I would be  
24 more than glad to come up there and I'll get some  
25 more. It will be in the paper?

1 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah. We'll let you  
2 know.

3 MR. LEE WILLIAMS: Anyway, it would be  
4 real good. That was a very nice guy that got  
5 killed. So thank you.

6 MR. RUMLEY: He was a good man. Thank  
7 you for coming. Okay. Come on up.

8 MS. NELSON: My name is Linda Nelson  
9 and I'm here to advocate for an additional parking  
10 space for the handicapped at our library. It's my  
11 understanding that the parking lot directly across  
12 from the library is owned by the County. I utilize  
13 the library frequently and I go there to geek the  
14 internet because I teach classes at Moccasin Bend  
15 Mental Health Institute and I do all my research  
16 there. It is often difficult for me to find a place  
17 to park. There's been times when I had to find a  
18 parking space all the way over by the Sentinel  
19 office. And a couple of weeks ago, I got the only  
20 parking space that was available and it was the  
21 handicap spot by the Sentinel office. So it  
22 wouldn't do good just for me. We have other people  
23 who utilize the library that need handicap spots.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Is there not any handicap  
25 parking?

1 MS. NELSON: There are two. I'm asking  
2 for a third spot. Now, I dropped out of graduate  
3 school at UTC some years ago because it was next to  
4 impossible for me to get from one building to the  
5 next and part of that was the lack of handicap  
6 spots. And I was told by the administration at that  
7 time that people tended to put in just the minimum  
8 required by law. I think Wal-Mart may be the  
9 exception. But I'm asking for that. I don't know  
10 what the cost is. I don't know what it takes to  
11 have that done. That's why I'm here to speak to all  
12 of you. So if anything can be done about that, I  
13 would appreciate it.

14 MR. RUMLEY: You're talking to the  
15 right people. What we need to do -- you know, they  
16 designate by the square footage of the building  
17 occupancy and since we added on, we may be --

18 MS. STREET: We're 12,000 square feet.  
19 We added 4,000 more.

20 MR. RUMLEY: I think we can probably  
21 maybe handle that next week for you.

22 MS. STREET: I've got another idea for  
23 you.

24 MR. RUMLEY: What do you want to do,  
25 build a parking deck?

1 MS. STREET: No. That's a one-way  
2 street. Two parallel parking spaces on that  
3 left-hand side before you get to the intersection  
4 would help the parking there.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Well, that's something I  
6 can talk to the City about. And make them handicap?

7 MS. STREET: Yeah, they could be  
8 handicap. And we would be very willing to watch  
9 some prisoners paint some lines. We could kind of  
10 shift them a little bit.

11 MS. SHARP: Yeah. I wonder if you  
12 could shift them. You know, there's pretty lines  
13 there.

14 MR. SMITH: There's regulations on that  
15 also.

16 MS. STREET: Oh yeah. We understand  
17 that. We're willing -- if somebody will do the  
18 numbers, we'll do the legwork. We can take care of  
19 this parking situation pretty fast.

20 MR. RUMLEY: So we'll do the numbers  
21 and you'll do the painting; is that what you're  
22 saying?

23 MS. STREET: I know how to run one of  
24 those little machines.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Let me work on this

1 next week. I think we can accommodate you. I don't  
2 know that we can do that on the street, but if the  
3 mayor and the Council agree, you know, I don't have  
4 a problem with it. It is one way. It's not like  
5 when we were in school.

6 MS. STREET: No. It's one way. Two  
7 cars could be there on that end.

8 MR. RUMLEY: So I appreciate you coming  
9 tonight.

10 MS. NELSON: Okay. And I geek the  
11 internet at the library and I definitely support  
12 additional funding for additional hours for it.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you. I'll  
14 call tomorrow and just talk to Anthony about that.  
15 He can get it on their agenda. They're the ones  
16 that can do it. It's a good idea, not bad. We told  
17 you you would run out of parking when you built that  
18 new building.

19 MS. STREET: We knew that.

20 MR. RUMLEY: I just wanted to say that,  
21 rub it in.

22 MS. STREET: We kind of thought the  
23 courthouse would --

24 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Anyone else want to  
25 come up tonight and talk to us?

1           Okay. If there's nothing further, I  
2 appreciate you all being here. I feel it's been a  
3 good meeting tonight. We had a good crowd. It's  
4 kind of touching, you know. We appreciate people  
5 showing up for our meetings. We would like to fill  
6 it up every month when we have this thing. Do you  
7 have anything else y'all want to add, Commissioners?

8           MR. SMITH: No, sir.

9           MR. BRADFORD: I just can't believe Tom  
10 Black doesn't have nothing to say, but that's great.

11          MR. RUMLEY: He's hungry. He told me.  
12 I may go home with him. He told me what he was  
13 having for supper.

14          MR. SMITH: Don't get him started,  
15 Allan.

16          MR. RUMLEY: I do want to mention  
17 again, it's good to have Rick with us on board. We  
18 miss Robert, but Rick is not prettier than he is.  
19 He'll just have to do, I guess.

20          MR. BREEDEN: I didn't know we were  
21 having a beauty contest.

22          MR. RUMLEY: Robert, do you have  
23 anything you want to stand up and say? I mean,  
24 you're here tonight. And also, I want to recognize,  
25 too, we have a candidate that's running for state

1 senator there. He's running with Senator Mullis,  
2 running against Mullis there. And if you want to  
3 stand up and introduce yourself.

4 MR. COOLEY: I'm Tom Cooley. I'm  
5 running for State Senate. I'll hang around  
6 afterwards if anybody would like to talk to me, find  
7 out what I stand for. I passed out fliers and I'll  
8 be around. Thank you for the opportunity to speak  
9 to you.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Robert, do you have  
11 anything you want to say tonight? I know you do.

12 MR. GOFF: Since Scottie is not here to  
13 criticize my long-windedness, I would like to take  
14 this chance to formally say to the people that are  
15 here and the press that I have been -- felt very  
16 privileged over the last five years to sit there  
17 where Mr. Breeden is and help take care of the  
18 business of this county. And it's because of that,  
19 that is one of the greater reasons why I am seeking  
20 the first District Representative seat because  
21 there's not enough people in Atlanta that have ever  
22 sat where you guys are right now and know what the  
23 laws that are being passed, what it's going to do to  
24 a budget back home, whether that be a school board  
25 or a city or a county. So if elected, that's one

1 thing I want to do is at least look people in the  
2 eye and say you need to go home and check before you  
3 vote some of these things in. So I just appreciate  
4 Dade County for giving me that opportunity and I  
5 hope that between Dade and the western half of  
6 Walker that I have the opportunity to continue to  
7 serve after May 20th or November 6th. Thank you.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. Okay.  
9 If there's nothing further, I'll entertain a motion  
10 to adjourn this meeting.

11 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

13 MR. SMITH: Second.

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

15 Mr. Smith?

16 MR. SMITH: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

18 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

20 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

22 Meeting adjourned.

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