

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION

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1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and start
2 the work session. The agenda, has everyone looked
3 over the agenda? Were there any comments or
4 corrections on the agenda?

5 MR. SMITH: No, sir.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll put that on
7 the consent agenda then. The previous minutes, has
8 everyone had time to look at that? I know we've had
9 them. Everybody good with that?

10 Under personnel status, number three,
11 there's only one change that I see. The jail has
12 added one employee, had one actually leave and then
13 they replaced one, so there's not any change there
14 to amount to anything as far as personnel. Any
15 change pertaining to that?

16 Okay. Under board appointments, we do
17 have the library board, reappointment of Mr. Eddie
18 Pittman. He's willing to serve, I'm sure. He's a
19 good member as far as attendance. So anyone got any
20 questions or concerns about that? We'll go ahead.
21 Y'all just get here when you can.

22 MR. BREEDEN: I'll trade places with
23 you.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Robin, Eddie Pittman, he's
25 been on the library board forever, but we're going

1 to vote to reappoint him to a three-year term. How
2 would Scottie --

3 MR. ROGERS: I think I would recuse
4 myself.

5 MR. PITTMAN: So we can't put it on the
6 consent agenda.

7 MR. RUMLEY: That's what I thought.
8 And we also have under C, 2014, Armed Forces Day,
9 May 17th. We do this every year. Any questions
10 on that? There is not anything pertaining to
11 Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority at
12 this meeting. We may have next meeting, but we'll
13 just put a line through that one.

14 Number five, there shouldn't be any
15 approval of any S.P.L.O.S.T. Move down to number
16 six. Don, I'll just let you -- you know, we've been
17 working on this for three weeks now. I'll let you
18 give an update where we stand. There's not
19 anything, I don't think, to vote on.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: No, there's not. We
21 have under tab six is the legal requirements for the
22 FY15 budget. Step one is what we've been doing and
23 that's the budget work sessions back in Ted's
24 office. Since March 31st and actually running
25 through tomorrow, but that's about five weeks' worth

1 of meetings we've had. We lack about three and
2 we're finished. I mean, we can do that in-house
3 probably in the morning and we'll be done. So the
4 earliest we'll have the numbers crunched will be
5 next week and that will be a proposed draft budget
6 on May 8th. That's the earliest. We could wait
7 until a couple of weeks from now, but we'll alert
8 you to it. Step three is the budget hearing and
9 we'll need to place an ad in the local organ on May
10 28th for a public hearing on June 5th if that
11 meets your needs, a public hearing June 5th at
12 5:30, I suppose, here in this room. And we're
13 trying to work around election schedules, too.
14 That's another issue.

15 And also, if the public hearing goes
16 okay, then we'll have an ad on June 11th for a
17 meeting to be held on June 19th here, again, in
18 this room at 5:00 p.m. to adopt the budget. We're
19 going to do the adoption of the budget by
20 resolution.

21 MR. RUMLEY: What that is, Rick, I know
22 you've not been through one of these. That's a
23 state schedule that we have to live by, we go by as
24 far as the budget process. It's just a schedule
25 that we have to live by.

1 MR. ROGERS: It's to be available to
2 the Commission by May 8th, isn't that right, and be
3 available to the public the same time?

4 MR. RUMLEY: That's right, same time.

5 MR. ROGERS: And the public can pick it
6 up at the commission office.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Come by and at least
8 review it.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Well, by law, we're
10 supposed to -- the day after, I think, it will be
11 available. In fact, Evan and Eddie both can have a
12 copy to go over. You know, so it should be ready to
13 release to the public--

14 MR. TOWNSEND: I tried to get it
15 tonight, but --

16 MR. RUMLEY: No way.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: We didn't have -- we had
18 an insurance meeting, was it yesterday or two days
19 ago. We're going to have to go back through and
20 revise every line item that deals with insurance.
21 You may want to talk about that a little bit later.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we're not really
23 sure on the figures. It's looking right now like
24 we're going to have insurance -- about a 9.8 percent
25 increase on our insurance instead of 20 percent like

1 they were telling us. We're still trying to hack
2 that down.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, it actually came
4 with 44 percent increase.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. When they walked in
6 the room, that's what they said. We'll explain that
7 to you.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: Forty-four percent
9 increase.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. I had to take
11 another blood pressure pill.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: We've worked it out down
13 to around ten.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Somewhere a little less.

15 MR. SMITH: That's lower than the
16 figure we were using.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah. We used 20. I
18 need to go back and reduce them all, which will
19 actually help the budget.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for Don on
21 all that? Of course, through the week if you read
22 this and maybe talk, just call us. It's a lengthy
23 process, especially the insurance. That's a big
24 number.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: And the purpose of

1 giving it to you and the public is for comments.
2 We're still working it out.

3 MR. RUMLEY: That's what it's for.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: And even through the
5 budget hearing itself and the public hearing on
6 June 5th. We won't set it in concrete until
7 June 19th. Normally, we're passing it on the
8 first day of July, which is the beginning of the
9 budget. We're trying to do it a few days, few weeks
10 earlier. About mid-July we'll have access to the
11 digest so we can start calculating millage
12 information. Right now we have no idea until we get
13 that information. They send out assessment notices
14 like any day now, I believe. And then from there,
15 there's a 45-day waiting period and after that, then
16 we'll have information to start deriving the millage
17 rate. We won't have that until mid July.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll move down to
19 number seven. We did open the bids yesterday. We
20 had Bank of Dade and Citizen's, as we always do
21 every year, actually give us a quote on the
22 possibility of the tax anticipation note. Last year
23 Bank of Dade got it. This year Citizen's came in.
24 It looks like it will go to Citizen's at 1.50. And
25 Bank of Dade -- that's what that looks like. That's

1 just if we do have to use it. That's what the rate
2 would be. Of course, that will be paid back in
3 December whatever we do use. Any questions on that?
4 We always try to keep it within the county, you
5 know, with our two banks. That's the reason we
6 don't go outside. Although, that is a fair rate.

7 MR. BRADFORD: It's definitely fair.

8 MR. RUMLEY: County retirement plan,
9 Don, I'll let you go into that.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: We're still reviewing
11 the county retirement plan. This is pretty much the
12 same information. I just wanted to read this and
13 keep it fresh on your mind. It's called GEBCorp,
14 G-E-B-C-O-R-P, GEBCorp. And it's retirement
15 services offered through the County Association of
16 Georgia that we're all familiar with and that will
17 be providing our defined benefit pension plan.
18 Actually, it's defined -- the 401(A) defined
19 contribution plan I should say, 457(B), deferred
20 compensation plan. We're trying to merge anything
21 left over from Nationwide, VALIC, AIG, and Great
22 American into one plan and we're just working
23 through a lot of paperwork. There's two sets of
24 contracts, agreements to go through and their
25 attorneys have all those and -- the benefit with

1 GEBCorp is they don't change as many -- I won't say
2 no fees, but they don't charge as many fees because
3 they are employees of ACCG versus many of these
4 companies do a percentage based on your retirement
5 plan on everybody, one percent, two percent. I
6 don't know what it is. Anyway, there's none of
7 those percentage-type fees. It's cheaper to the
8 employee overall as well as less expensive on the
9 county. But that's not really the focus that it's
10 less expensive necessarily on the county. We're
11 trying to get the biggest bang for the buck. They
12 are affiliated with ACCG, which we know is our
13 association.

14 So as more information comes, I'll just
15 keep it fresh. We'll bring you updates as we get
16 them. We have to bring it before you to approve
17 before -- our goal is July 1st. I don't think
18 that's going to happen. Maybe, but I doubt it. If
19 we have special-called meetings for the budget and
20 the information is there, we'll just go ahead and
21 bring it up at that time. Probably it will be at
22 the June board meeting.

23 MR. RUMLEY: That is for people that
24 wants to participate in it. I mean, we've got
25 people that's on different -- we've got three

1 different plans. We're just trying to combine
2 everything and not let anyone lose anything, but
3 combine it into this one plan through ACCG. What
4 they explained to us, it's really a lot better for
5 the employees, a lot better. We'll keep you up on
6 that. Any questions before we move to nine?

7 Resolution R-21-14, this is a
8 resolution that we hope you'll agree to pass. It's
9 a return to work program and it's something ACCG has
10 asked us to do to show we do support this when you
11 have someone out. Don, you can go into more detail
12 on it.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. Again, through
14 Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, we
15 participate as a member in Local Government Risk
16 Management Services. That's the title. What that
17 is is if we jump through those hoops, we have
18 training with our employees, participate in their
19 program. They give us model ordinances, model
20 plans, model work programs and whatever such as
21 this, then what happens is they give us significant
22 decreases on our insurance premiums. I think it
23 runs anywhere between 7 and \$12,000 based on
24 participation among all counties that participate.
25 Last year we did not meet the criteria because this

1 is one of the things they requested. This is
2 something that's already in our handbook. It's
3 just -- it wasn't in their format. Now, that wasn't
4 the only -- we failed to do some training and other
5 things. We've met all the other requirements so far
6 this year with the exception of this one policy.

7 And it's really already in our handbook. It's just
8 pulling it out and making it an official policy and
9 procedure in our process. And so we just need --

10 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. To them it don't
11 exist unless we actually have an official
12 resolution. Even though we were living by it in our
13 policy book, when they picked it up, they wanted
14 proof that it was passed by the Commission, which it
15 hadn't been.

16 MR. BREEDEN: Well, who would the
17 safety coordinator be?

18 MR. TOWNSEND: It's already Mary.
19 She's done everything --

20 MR. BREEDEN: This is not a new
21 position?

22 MR. TOWNSEND: Oh, no. This is not
23 appointing a position. It's approving this return
24 to work program and what it is, it's a policy Dade
25 County provided to establish a return to work

1 program for employees with work-related injuries and
2 illnesses who are unable temporarily and/or
3 permanently to return to their permanent job duties.
4 Dade County recognizes these employees as a value
5 and limited resource. This program was designed to
6 provide a focus and a goal for return of injured
7 employees. It benefits employees by allowing them
8 to return to full wages as soon as possible and it
9 benefits employers by reducing the workers'
10 compensation policy. That's the gist of the policy
11 right there. And really, it's already in our
12 handbook. It's just spelled out differently.

13 MR. BREEDEN: Can you define that right
14 above that little section, that paragraph right
15 there?

16 MR. TOWNSEND: Dade County -- what?

17 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah, you got it.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: Through reasonable
19 accommodations will make efforts to retain employees
20 who are permanently disabled. I think they're
21 talking about if you have someone in a wheelchair,
22 you're not going to discriminate against them.

23 MR. ROGERS: Yeah. Reasonable
24 accommodation means if we're able to either by
25 modifying their job duties or methods by which they

1 accomplish their job duties, we're required to do
2 that. We're required by law anyway, so it sort of
3 spells out what we're already doing.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: It's through the ADA.

5 MR. SMITH: This doesn't necessarily
6 mean if Don gets hurt, Don will wind up back in his
7 job. During this process, he may have to work
8 somewhere else until he gets back to where he can
9 get in that job.

10 MR. ROGERS: It could be. If we have
11 something available that someone else could do. If
12 someone is out on workers' comp and they're able to
13 come back and perform either their previous job with
14 their job responsibilities being modified or another
15 job that we have --

16 MR. SMITH: That they're capable of
17 doing at the time due to their injury.

18 MR. BREEDEN: As long as it's not
19 demeaning or worthless.

20 MR. PITTMAN: That's why we have to
21 have a lawyer.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Any more
23 questions on that? If you think of it, you know,
24 we're here. You can call us tomorrow, whatever.

25 MR. BREEDEN: Well, no. I mean, if it

1 lowers our insurance.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, it helps us. That
3 among other things. We go through another program
4 now where she has wellness meetings in here. They
5 do heart, you know, blood pressure and all that.

6 MR. PITTMAN: I think Rick was
7 concerned it was a new position.

8 MR. RUMLEY: No. We've always had --
9 you've got to have a safety --

10 MR. BRADFORD: You have to have.

11 MR. BREEDEN: But in reading this, it
12 sounds like we will appoint a coordinator.

13 MR. RUMLEY: No.

14 MR. BREEDEN: But if it's already being
15 done, I mean, it's a no-brainer, right?

16 MR. ROGERS: That's right.

17 MR. SMITH: It's already established.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Hey, Tom Black, do
19 you want to come up here and hand your stuff out
20 now? That will give you more time. That way it
21 will be more informal to come up here and hand it
22 out and talk to us a little bit about what's going
23 on. This is Tom Black. He's our representative
24 from Dade County on our Mental Health Board. He
25 attends our state meetings or regional meetings.

1 MR. BLACK: I am the most qualified in
2 the county to be on the Mental Health Board. If you
3 don't believe me, ask some people.

4 This basically I'm going to hand out to
5 you is, Commissioners, what we were able to get
6 through the legislature for 2015. As of next month,
7 we will start working on 2016, which makes
8 everything kind of funny and easy to live with
9 because we look forward to the future. Basically,
10 the handouts show what's available to us in this
11 county. And if you'll look at this one, this is the
12 one that disturbs me most. And if you'll look at
13 where it says we have crisis services, there's a few
14 things kind of absently missing. So we're working
15 on that.

16 I did meet with Senator Mullis today
17 and also Representative Deffenbaugh and expressed
18 some of those concerns to them. I guess my question
19 to you is this. We'll just do a quick poll. How
20 many of you Commissioners are happy with the mental
21 health services and developmental disability
22 services, behavioral health services that we receive
23 in the county? How many of you are happy with it?

24 MR. RUMLEY: No one. No county is
25 happy. I don't know of any county in the state of

1 Georgia, especially in our region.

2 MR. BLACK: Okay. That was a loaded
3 question. My question to you is this as
4 Commissioners: Tell me what you want me to address
5 on this council to try to get it in the new plan for
6 2016. You have the copy for the plan for 2015,
7 which by the way, gentlemen, is only region one.
8 There's three more regions that goes. So you've got
9 advanced copy of what we think and that's this one
10 here. Look through it. But I need to know from
11 y'all, particularly the sheriff's office and some of
12 the others, areas and problems that we have,
13 services that we're not getting and what I can --
14 how I can address it.

15 MR. RUMLEY: The big thing, Tom, is you
16 know, they closed our Rome facility. They closed
17 several in the state of Georgia. For northwest
18 Georgia, see that killed us. I mean, we're having
19 to go all the way down to region -- what is the --

20 MR. BLACK: Region 3.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Three. All the way to
22 Region 3 to take our -- transport our people that
23 come in and that really -- the whole northwestern --
24 northwest Georgia area, it kills us. It's so
25 expensive.

1 MR. BLACK: And that is if they've got
2 a bed open.

3 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

4 MR. BREEDEN: Is this for prisoners?

5 MR. BLACK: It's for everybody.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. If you have a
7 problem, you know, and we have to come get you, you
8 know, and transport you somewhere and you've
9 actually got some mental disability.

10 MR. BREEDEN: Why is it your
11 responsibility if I go haywire?

12 MR. RUMLEY: Well, if you just slap the
13 fire out of your wife and took a gun and put to her
14 head and, you know, you're a mental person, we
15 can't --

16 MR. BREEDEN: Okay. Well, that
17 involves the police. I'm just talking about --

18 MR. RUMLEY: No. It involves the
19 police picking you up, but not if you're mentally --
20 you've got a mental problem. We can't keep you.
21 We're not --

22 MR. BREEDEN: I know that. I'm saying
23 that involves being incarcerated. Then I see
24 where --

25 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

1 MR. BREEDEN: -- that gets into another
2 matter that I don't like. But anyway, what I'm
3 saying is if I am in need of mental care, what is
4 that to the County? I'm speaking personally. What
5 is that -- I mean, isn't that like my
6 responsibility?

7 MR. PITTMAN: It's providing a service
8 basically.

9 MR. REX HARRISON: If you threaten
10 suicide and a police officer knows you threaten
11 suicide, it becomes their --

12 MR. RUMLEY: That's true, Rex, what
13 you're saying.

14 MR. BREEDEN: I understand it when law
15 enforcement is involved. I'm talking about just the
16 regular Joe out here.

17 MR. RUMLEY: That's right. And you're,
18 say, indigent, where are you going? See, this is a
19 state-run facility and say, you know, you do have
20 some mental problems, you've got a history of it.
21 Even if you're not, you know, violating the law and
22 your family --

23 MR. BREEDEN: Most of these are picked
24 up by law enforcement.

25 MR. RUMLEY: A lot of them are.

1 MR. BRADFORD: Probably 90 percent.

2 MR. BREEDEN: Right. And so we have to
3 have something to do -- I'm trying to understand.

4 MR. BLACK: Not only do we address
5 mental health, but we also address addictive
6 diseases, which is -- and also developmental
7 disabilities. This is an umbrella. And the problem
8 we get into, we have a lot of people who cross over
9 and have all three.

10 MR. BREEDEN: Well, if I come down with
11 bad cancer, I'm going to go rob a bank because y'all
12 are going to take care of me.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Well --

14 MR. BREEDEN: I mean, that's what
15 happens though. You get incarcerated and --

16 MR. BRADFORD: It depends on where you
17 rob it at.

18 MR. BLACK: I wouldn't do it here
19 because the facilities are too far away.

20 MR. BRADFORD: I understand what you're
21 saying. That's true. But this is looking at
22 reality.

23 MR. BREEDEN: I can't conceive this
24 idea of a county absorbing the responsibilities of
25 somebody's health when they break the law. I know

1 some of this -- we're not talking about lawbreakers,
2 but anyway.

3 MR. RUMLEY: That's a federal law.

4 MR. BLACK: We have a lot of people --
5 we can't change that. It's written in stone because
6 you voted them in.

7 MR. BREEDEN: I didn't. So right now
8 what you're saying, Tom, is if we have somebody that
9 needs mental health care, we don't have anywhere to
10 take them to that's within --

11 MR. BLACK: Not close by.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Not close by. We go all
13 the way to 3, which is way on past Atlanta.

14 MR. BLACK: It's happening more often
15 than you think. It's across -- it's region-wide
16 here. If you'll look and see, we are really spread
17 out.

18 MR. PITTMAN: How many people, Tom,
19 have we had out of Dade County that we had to
20 transport; do you know?

21 MR. BLACK: The sheriff has not given
22 me any numbers on that. I do know that he has taken
23 people who needed to and have gotten to where they
24 told him to go to, got there and they had no bed.
25 So here's a deputy with somebody who needs mental

1 health care in the car and nowhere to take them.

2 MR. BREEDEN: Who's determining that
3 they do need mental health treatment?

4 MR. BLACK: That is done on a 1099.

5 MR. BREEDEN: A what?

6 MR. BLACK: A 1099.

7 MR. BREEDEN: That's a tax form.

8 MR. BLACK: A 1013.

9 MR. RUMLEY: It's a 1013 form.

10 MR. STONE: It's either by judge's
11 orders or a medical doctor.

12 MR. BLACK: Now, you as an individual
13 to walk in and ask for health care and be committed,
14 it ain't going to happen.

15 MR. BREEDEN: Okay. It has to be
16 ordered by the judge or a doctor?

17 MR. BLACK: It ain't going to happen.

18 MR. BREEDEN: Is that right?

19 MR. BLACK: It ain't going to happen.
20 You can't voluntarily commit yourself anymore.

21 MR. PITTMAN: And if the judge orders
22 it, we cannot say we're not going to do it. We have
23 to do it.

24 MR. BLACK: But this is where we're at.

25 MR. BREEDEN: So what are you

1 proposing?

2 MR. BLACK: Well, that's what I'm
3 asking you.

4 MR. RUMLEY: He's asking us for 2016
5 and each representative is going to their counties
6 right now, just like him, and they're wanting us in
7 our minds to give them some guidance of what we feel
8 we need or what we feel needs to be done, you know,
9 to better the problems that we have here with our
10 mental health patients. You know, what do we feel
11 could happen. Well, it all comes down to one thing.
12 It's money. It all comes down --

13 MR. BLACK: This is the first year in
14 five years, Mr. Chairman, that the Mental Health
15 Board -- or not Mental Health Board, but the
16 Department of Mental Health and Addictive Diseases
17 has gotten any extra money at all, any. And in that
18 time, we have closed -- as the chairman pointed out,
19 we have closed North Georgia Regional, which is in
20 Rome. All those people have been put on the street.
21 When they put those -- this is one of those
22 unintended consequences where people really want to
23 help out and really make things good for people.
24 The unintended consequences was whenever they were
25 put out of the hospital, they had no family. They

1 had no support system. They had been incarcerated
2 so long, they can't live on their own. So they end
3 up homeless and they end up wandering the streets.
4 That's one of those unintended consequences.

5 MR. BREEDEN: Are they a ward of the
6 State or the County?

7 MR. BLACK: They're a ward of whoever
8 will take care of them.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Chattooga County over
10 there, they've actually, I don't believe, finished
11 that facility that they're working on. I know Jason
12 put some money in it, the homeless shelter. But
13 it's not only a homeless shelter. There's several
14 people over there that's not just homeless.

15 There's people, Ricky, it's scary.
16 Once it shut down, not 100 percent of them was
17 actually turned loose, but 90 percent. They were
18 put back into society. Some of those people -- and
19 some of them are right here in Dade County. I'll
20 tell you that right now. Thank goodness there's
21 very few, but there's some people that don't need to
22 be out. They really don't.

23 I had a man come in the office the
24 other day and I know him well. He does not -- he
25 comes in pretty regular, but he does not need to be

1 on the street. As long as he takes his medication
2 now, he's fine. He's one of the people that if he's
3 not actually made or it's given to him, he don't.
4 Ray Cross was in there talking about it. It's
5 scary.

6 MR. BREEDEN: Right. Well, that's a
7 citizen. I think there's a difference in a citizen
8 and an outlaw. When they're an outlaw, they ought
9 to be a ward of the State, not this County.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Well, maybe that's the
11 way, you know, you look at it and a lot of people
12 look at it, but that's just not the way.

13 MR. BLACK: That's not necessarily the
14 case.

15 MR. BREEDEN: I'm talking about
16 somebody that comes in here and breaks the law, not
17 a resident.

18 MR. BLACK: What about the person
19 walking the street who has no home, no job and no
20 support, are they an outlaw? I don't think so.

21 MR. BREEDEN: I didn't say that.

22 MR. BLACK: That's the people we're
23 talking about.

24 MR. BREEDEN: Right.

25 MR. BLACK: Whose responsibility is

1 it --

2 MR. BREEDEN: What I'm saying is if
3 they're a resident of the county, I can absorb that
4 in my mind of the county helping that individual,
5 but if they're not a resident of the county and they
6 just happen to float in here and all of a sudden
7 it's our responsibility as a county, I think the
8 state -- that's what I'm saying. I think the state
9 ought to be responsible more so than just burdening
10 the county on that. That's my point.

11 MR. BLACK: Well, it's kind of like one
12 of those unfunded mandates. They put the people out
13 with no services to follow. That's the whole --

14 MR. PITTMAN: Is there a hospital in
15 the Chattanooga area that could take care of these
16 people?

17 MR. RUMLEY: You can't cross state
18 lines. With Obamacare now, it's going to -- if it
19 hasn't already, it will be where they will not be
20 able to go in across state line whatsoever even on
21 Medicaid. They've got to go to a Georgia facility.

22 MR. BLACK: This is the problem we've
23 gotten into with our veterans. Our primary care is
24 Chattanooga, which is Tennessee. The Georgia system
25 does not recognize anything the Tennessee system

1 does. Now, you think -- you want to get gray hair
2 and ulcers, run with that one for a while. I had a
3 young veteran that was -- they wanted to take to dry
4 out. He was on desperately bad drugs, could have
5 killed him. They had an ambulance to put him in and
6 take him to Murfreesboro and our illustrious judges
7 say no, if you take him across the state line, we
8 will charge him with escape. Now, this is what
9 we're working with, folks. I mean, it's serious
10 business.

11 We're having -- which brings up another
12 thing. We're trying to set up an accountability
13 for -- priority for veterans, but for everyone else.
14 We're working very hard in Catoosa County to get
15 this set up. We're having to fight uphill
16 everywhere we go, but we are -- we're making some
17 progress and we're going to be able to see some
18 results in that we're going to be able to take
19 people before they're actually incarcerated and
20 intervene with them to get the services they need to
21 keep them out of our jail. That saves us money.
22 And we're working very, very hard to do that. That
23 will be held through the magistrate court and we're
24 trying to interdict them before they get into the
25 system. We're working very hard on that.

1 We meet every month in Catoosa County
2 and I attend that and we have several others. But
3 the Mental Health Board meets again. We're starting
4 on 2016 on the second Thursday of next month in Ball
5 Ground. If you've never been to Ball Ground, you
6 need to go. You don't pass it anywhere, but they're
7 going to move us to Gainesville, which is going to
8 put it further away for us.

9 MR. PITTMAN: How many meetings do you
10 have a year?

11 MR. BLACK: We have six. But unless
12 the people who are using the services or know the
13 problems, unless they let us know, the board
14 members, we don't know what to ask for. And if
15 you'll look through the 2015 plan, you'll see what
16 we have came up with out of the 36 counties of
17 region one, which is all of north Georgia. This is
18 what we're asking for. And always at the top of the
19 list, transportation. We can have all the services
20 in the world, but if we don't have transportation to
21 get people there, it does no good.

22 MR. PITTMAN: So you have one member
23 per county?

24 MR. BLACK: Well, it's per population.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Some counties have more.

1 MR. BREEDEN: So Cobb and DeKalb have
2 three maybe?

3 MR. BLACK: Well, they're in a
4 different region. We have Cobb County, which has
5 27. I will tell you this, out of the 27 people on
6 that board from Cobb County, Dade County out-attends
7 them 90 percent of the meetings and we only have
8 one. People, you know, it's --

9 MR. PITTMAN: How long does the meeting
10 last?

11 MR. BLACK: It starts at 1:00 and it's
12 over anywhere from 2:00 to 5:00.

13 MR. PITTMAN: Okay. So just a one-day
14 meeting?

15 MR. BLACK: Just a one-day meeting.

16 MR. PITTMAN: Couple of hours?

17 MR. BLACK: Well, it starts at 1:00 and
18 usually it will last three or four hours. I mean,
19 it's not to just go sit down and leave. We really
20 get into some serious discussions just as he and I
21 have tonight. I mean, these are -- he asked valid
22 questions.

23 MR. PITTMAN: He did.

24 MR. BLACK: He asked valid questions
25 and that's what we need to hear because these are

1 the things that I've got to take back and say, hey
2 look, my commissioners look at it this way and then
3 we sit down and try to find something that works
4 region wide.

5 MR. BRADFORD: Has the board tried to
6 vote to maybe get a closer facility for this area?

7 MR. BLACK: We are blessed by being
8 rural because we're not going to get anything.
9 We're just going to have to accept that. We're not
10 going to get anything. We might get something a
11 little closer. Dalton has set up some stuff that's
12 a little closer, but getting anything closer than
13 that, it's not going to happen. Chattooga is in the
14 same situation we are. Everything in Rome is moving
15 out. It's going to Gainesville.

16 MR. BREEDEN: So there's not -- this
17 private psychiatric hospital that's in Floyd, it's
18 not there?

19 MR. BLACK: Not yet. They will be, but
20 they're not yet.

21 MR. BREEDEN: They're actually showing
22 Floyd, Polk and Hall County. So is this where you
23 would take someone?

24 MR. BLACK: No. If they have got
25 private insurance, you can take them to that private

1 place.

2 MR. BREEDEN: But if they're in our
3 possession, they're on our insurance. We know how
4 that works.

5 MR. BLACK: Well, we do not have any
6 facilities to basically keep people.

7 MR. BREEDEN: So if we take somebody
8 into care that is mentally incapacitated, you might
9 say, and they have insurance, does their insurance
10 drop when they come into our possession?

11 MR. RUMLEY: No. If they've got
12 insurance, they're not indigent. They're not
13 declared indigent.

14 MR. BREEDEN: I'm talking about mental
15 health issues.

16 MR. RUMLEY: It don't matter. If
17 you're covered, you're covered. That form he's
18 talking about, 1032A or whatever it is --

19 MR. BLACK: 1013.

20 MR. RUMLEY: That tells you right quick
21 once you run it. That separates them whether they
22 walk through with nothing or if they're covered.

23 MR. BREEDEN: But my question is --
24 does their -- if they broke the law and they're
25 incarcerated, does their insurance continue or do

1 they come under the county?

2 MR. RUMLEY: Their insurance continues.
3 They don't lose their insurance because they're
4 arrested. If they're covered out, they're --

5 MR. BREEDEN: That hemophiliac lost his
6 insurance.

7 MR. RUMLEY: He didn't have it.

8 MR. BREEDEN: He had Medicaid.

9 MR. RUMLEY: I'm talking about if
10 they're covered by BlueCross BlueShield or whatever.

11 MR. BREEDEN: Okay. But him with
12 Medicaid, it ended as soon as he went into our
13 possession, right.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

15 MR. BREEDEN: That's the reason I was
16 asking about if they had insurance. But I
17 understand now Medicaid has changed that, right?

18 MR. ROGERS: So it no longer
19 terminates.

20 MR. BREEDEN: Right. That's what I
21 understood the last time we talked about that
22 they've changed that law.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Just lately like in the
24 last year.

25 MR. BREEDEN: Right. But I was just

1 wondering about private insurance, if it continues
2 on.

3 MR. RUMLEY: It continues on.

4 MR. BLACK: As long as they pay the
5 premium, it goes on. And there is some of these
6 private hospitals that will take --

7 MR. BREEDEN: So we're just strictly
8 talking about people who aren't covered under
9 anything basically?

10 MR. BLACK: Well, yes and no.

11 MR. BREEDEN: Yes and no?

12 MR. BRADFORD: Because they're
13 indigent. Those people don't have any insurance at
14 all.

15 MR. BREEDEN: Well, that's what I said.
16 We're talking about people that don't have any at
17 all and he said yes and no.

18 MR. BLACK: We provide some services
19 for people that do have insurance. That is still --
20 that is done basically through the State, through --

21 MR. BREEDEN: Like transportation.

22 MR. BLACK: Like Lookout Mountain
23 Community Services. They provide medication. They
24 provide counseling and all that. The problem we
25 have is Lookout Mountain Community Services can't

1 come into the jails and work with our prisoners who
2 have mental issues at all. They just can't do it.
3 It ain't happening. That's one of my big gripes and
4 complaints. That's one of the things that I've been
5 harping on for three years.

6 Hopefully, that we have got some --
7 some of our senators and representatives listening
8 to us now. We had a meeting over in Fort Oglethorpe
9 back before the session started and we had Senator
10 Mullis there for a while. Out of that meeting came
11 an increase in what we got. So you know, we've got
12 two people here. Gentlemen, thank you for your
13 time.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. He's got cards
15 there. He's got them in the office. We'll give you
16 his number. If you've got anything, you have a
17 brainstorm, think of anything you need to talk to
18 him about. Lamar?

19 MR. LOWERY: I just wanted to say, you
20 know, we are part owners of the hospital, my
21 employer, Hutcheson Medical Center. And we have two
22 board members here tonight, Evan Stone and Larry
23 Moore. This may be an issue that Hutcheson could
24 help us with.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Well, they have. There's

1 an issue, Lamar, with -- they brought this to our
2 three counties' attention about deputies bringing a
3 person in over there. When they uncuff them,
4 they're theirs, you know. They've actually
5 complained about that to us. So Ray has to be
6 careful with the stability of that person and
7 actually because of the -- you know, the way you're
8 set up over there. That's -- is it right or not,
9 you know, you leave a deputy with them, but once
10 they're uncuffed -- because there was an incident
11 that it was a person that went through and then they
12 turned him loose to his brother or uncle. Anyway,
13 the guy hanged himself. There's a big issue going
14 on about that. That's one reason we've not really
15 put that in the --

16 MR. LOWERY: We deal with 1013s all the
17 time. It's nothing unusual to have 1013s multiple
18 in a day. I just thought that might be something we
19 could talk to our board members about, maybe set it
20 up.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Lamar.

22 MR. BLACK: We deal -- we have a broad
23 net. It's areas that we cover. It's not just
24 mental health. There's two other areas involved.
25 Whenever I went on the board first -- when I first

1 went on the board, the whole emphasis was
2 developmental disabilities. That was all they
3 talked about. Then it changed a little bit and they
4 started talking about development disability and
5 addictive diseases. Well, now developmental
6 disabilities, which affects a lot of people here in
7 the county, has been pushed all the way off in the
8 back burner and the thing that's come to the front
9 is mental health issues. So, you know it will swing
10 back in time, but right now the emphasis is on
11 mental health because of what's going on in the
12 country. Thank you, gentlemen.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Tom. We
14 appreciate it. Appreciate the job you do.

15 Anymore -- anything you want to talk
16 about, any discussion? Robin, do you have anything
17 you want to talk about in the work session? If not,
18 we'll go ahead and adjourn here for about five
19 minutes. Everyone can get some refreshments back
20 there and then we'll start our regular meeting here.

21 (Thereupon, the work session was
22 adjourned.)
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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 2014

MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll go ahead and

1 call the meeting to order. It's May 1st, 2014. I
2 appreciate all of you being here. As always, before
3 we start the meeting, I would like to open in prayer
4 and Pledge of Allegiance. Robert, would you lead us
5 in prayer tonight and also Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

16 MR. SMITH: Here.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

18 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

20 MR. BREEDEN: Here.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

22 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

23 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

24 Mitchell, do you want to start with
25 your committee report?

1 MR. SMITH: First, our prayers are with
2 David Paris's family who lost his wife, mother, and
3 is a member of the North Dade Fire Department also,
4 remember her and I will put this on. Remember her.
5 Like I said, our prayers are with him.

6 This weekend is the Three State Three
7 Mountain event, so be prepared for it. And Rex said
8 if you live in the north end, 299, be prepared for
9 it, too, because the freeway is going to be messed
10 up and you will have fun trying to get around in the
11 north end this coming weekend.

12 The month of April, the 911, the
13 dispatch is 272 fire calls; 23 other, which is
14 coroner, emergency services, mountain rescue, public
15 works and natural resources; 1,242 law enforcement
16 calls and 269 EMS calls. As you can see, April was
17 a pretty busy month for the fire departments, you
18 know. They stay busy there and part of the county,
19 part of the services. That's what I've got for now.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Mitchell.
21 Scottie?

22 MR. PITTMAN: I talked to Stacy today.
23 He said he's been pumping water for the last two
24 days. We had a pretty significant rainfall come
25 through Monday night. So he did have three fields

1 prepared. They're playing ball on three fields
2 tonight. The fourth field, the one that he couldn't
3 get ready, is the one he just hauled the fresh
4 topsoil on. I think it was five loads. Right after
5 he spread it, it rained a couple of inches. By the
6 time it was dried out, it came this other rain.
7 Hopefully, it won't be long and he'll have that
8 field ready. But three fields with people playing
9 on them is pretty good right after the storms we've
10 had these last three or four days.

11 MR. RUMLEY: We want to thank the --
12 also, the rec league, too, for that infield mix they
13 furnished on that one field. They really came
14 across on that. So hopefully we can wind up doing
15 all the fields. They spent a lot of money down
16 there. Of course, we hauled it and Stacy put it
17 down. So that's really good.

18 MR. PITTMAN: It's a good partnership
19 between us and the rec leagues. We usually get
20 along really well. We provide the facility. They
21 provide a lot of the upkeep. That's what your --
22 when you pay your dues for your kid playing ball
23 goes to keeping the fields up.

24 Also, as far as Sand Mountain, the
25 Davis Fire Department will be having a barbecue

1 fundraiser this weekend at Crossroads Hardware
2 starting at -- one sign when you get off the
3 interstate says 10:00 a.m. The newspaper said
4 11:00. If you get there around 11:00, you should be
5 good. If you get there at 10:00, that may be a
6 little early for barbecue.

7 MR. RUMLEY: They're on central time, I
8 guess.

9 MR. PITTMAN: They may be. I went last
10 year. The barbecue was really good. It's \$8 plate,
11 but you get a lot of food for \$8. Plus you're
12 helping out a really good cause. These guys get up
13 out of bed at 2:00 in the morning and they go help a
14 total stranger put a fire out at their house. They
15 raise money themselves. They stand around at the
16 four-ways and take donations and then they have
17 barbecues. New Salem had a fish fry last weekend.
18 It's a really good group of guys, our volunteer
19 firemen. If you know one, tell them you appreciate
20 them because it's a really good benefit for the
21 county. And that's all I've got.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Rick, do you have
23 anything you want to add other than storms in the
24 south end down there? I know we had a close call
25 down there on the south end.

1 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah. Monday night was
2 rather active.

3 MR. RUMLEY: It was scary. We had a
4 lot of people out and ready, you know. Fire
5 departments were out. It was scary, but we were
6 prepared. Hopefully -- we'll talk about that a
7 little bit. Hopefully, if our S.P.L.O.S.T passes,
8 we'll be able to go to each community and have
9 similar to DeKalb County and Jackson County, build
10 some storm shelters like they're doing right now, at
11 least where a couple of hundred people, you know,
12 can -- Allan, do you have anything?

13 MR. BRADFORD: Well, the transfer
14 station, as usual, always does well. But we were
15 talking about the fish fry Friday night at New Salem
16 for the fire department. They done very well, very
17 successful fish fry. I think they took in over
18 \$3,500 for their fire department. I'm not a
19 fireman, but I never cooked so much fish in all my
20 life. I couldn't get it done quick enough. It was
21 supposed to start at 6:00 and everybody got there at
22 5:00, so that made it kind of tough.

23 We've had a lot of road damage that
24 people don't understand. Billy has got most of that
25 done out on the Lookout Mountain area. It just

1 flooded out everything in that area out there. So
2 he's got most of those roads repaired. I think they
3 finished up with the last one today. But that's put
4 a hurt on our budget. We've had a lot of crisis in
5 the past year. A lot of things are happening with
6 rain and sleet and everything. It's just cost a
7 fortune. Billy is doing a great job keeping them up
8 for us. That's all I've got.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Most of that damage was in
10 Head River. That's where the tornado came through.
11 It made a turn and went across into Chattooga
12 County. Thank goodness it didn't come on up the
13 valley because it could have been a bad situation.

14 MR. BRADFORD: We've had a lot of
15 damage in our roads this year.

16 MR. RUMLEY: April has been a busy
17 month for myself and Don and all the Commissioners.
18 They've come in and sat in on some of our budget
19 hearings. We still lack, I think, three. We'll
20 wind that up probably tomorrow. It's been -- really
21 it's been about five weeks. It's been going on
22 about five weeks, four-and-a-half, five weeks.
23 That's took a lot of time this month.

24 We also had some things other than
25 that. We actually met -- oh, let's see, Thursday,

1 but it was with the State Dixie Youth Association.
2 These people came up. One was from Albany and
3 Bremen, Georgia. We had a really good meeting about
4 6:30 one evening. It looks real favorable, about 99
5 percent we're going to get the State Dixie Youth
6 baseball playoffs here at our facility, south of
7 here at the four fields. It's really going to be a
8 big event. It's been years since we've had a Dixie
9 Youth any type of tournament, whether it be State or
10 World Series. So we're really looking forward to
11 that. It will be revenue coming into the county.
12 It's a possibility it could bring upwards of 35,
13 \$40,000 just into the area here, you know. And so
14 we'll keep you informed on that. And hopefully, you
15 know, if you really want to see some good baseball
16 games, you need to come to this. This is the real
17 deal. The person that wins here, they'll be wearing
18 the Georgia uniforms and they will go to the World
19 Series, Dixie Youth World Series, which will be
20 broadcast on the Sports Network. It will probably
21 be somewhere in Florida, Broward County, somewhere
22 in that area. It's the real deal. They'll be
23 playing against states from all over the United
24 States, whoever makes it that far. It's going to be
25 a really -- it's a five-day event, possibly six

1 days, but they said probably five days. So it's
2 going to be a big event for Dade County and for our
3 four fields, too. It will benefit not only -- it
4 will help put money back into our general fund for
5 the four fields, but it will be a big boost and a
6 big moneymaker, hopefully, for our rec league. Try
7 to get out and support this because it will be
8 something like we haven't had in years.

9 MR. PITTMAN: We get a guaranteed team.

10 MR. RUMLEY: We get a guaranteed team.
11 That's one thing that they told us. That's
12 something I didn't realize. We'll have an all-star
13 team of our own that will be able to be one of the
14 teams. Right now there's 12 teams. There could be
15 up to 15 teams, but we will have one of our own
16 teams be represented here. So it's a possibility,
17 you know, our team could win. That would be
18 something.

19 Also, this month we had -- I'm sure
20 Chris is going to touch on this, but we had our
21 tourism group with the State of Georgia come up. We
22 spent a whole day with those people, taking them
23 around the county to different places, Cloudland
24 Canyon, the Flight Park. We went up to the
25 different facilities on the side of the mountain,

1 cabins there and also had actually taken them over
2 to the very northwestern corner of Georgia, which
3 there's a marker over there, if you've never been
4 over there, and it's got the states laid out. You
5 can actually put your hand down or your foot and
6 actually be in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Out
7 of all the places we had taken them -- and they were
8 really amazed with Cloudland Canyon, but for some
9 reason, that little area over there, they really was
10 talking about it. They said, you know, man, this is
11 something really. And it does put kind of a
12 different feeling, you know, when you can actually
13 walk there and feel the history that was there, that
14 is right there in that little spot and be able to
15 actually stand in three states at one time. But we
16 had a really good visit. Chris, I'm sure he'll
17 touch on it. Like I said, those were really good
18 people and they were very impressed with Dade
19 County.

20 We had Arbor Day this past week and we
21 honored not only Arbor Day, honored the day itself,
22 but also Eloise Gass. She is not here today, but
23 she puts a lot of hours and hours into our Tree City
24 group and we were proud to honor her. Actually, we
25 made it Eloise Gass Day that day, too. Her head was

1 about this big around. We do appreciate Eloise. It
2 was pretty interesting. We had about seven or eight
3 people that shared memories of Eloise, you know,
4 when they first met Eloise and first impressions.
5 It amazed me. All those people were honest and
6 Eloise was going -- you know, she was shaking her
7 head, did I do that.

8 But it was a good day, good hour. We
9 had a lot of participation from all walks of life.
10 We had the sheriff. We had the DA there. We had
11 people that I haven't seen in a long time that
12 turned out for it. So we're proud of Eloise and
13 just hope she keeps up the good work.

14 We did have the fish fry, like Allan
15 said, out on the mountain, out in New Salem. Did
16 attend that. It was well-attended and it was really
17 good fellowship. Those people, as all of our fire
18 departments, they really work hard. Whenever you
19 see them have -- West Brow, New Salem, Davis, try to
20 get out and support those people. If they have a
21 lunch or dinner or whatever, pancake breakfast, try
22 to go and support our fire departments.

23 The only other thing I want to touch on
24 is actually the storms that came through on Monday
25 night. It was a scary, you know, evening for all of

1 us. We dodged a bullet, I guess you could say. The
2 Lord was looking after us. That brings up -- I
3 mentioned to Allan there just a second ago, and
4 Ricky, hopefully in the future -- in the near
5 future, we'll be able to come into the different
6 communities and the City of Trenton and build
7 similar shelters that they are building right now in
8 DeKalb and Jackson County. If you're down in the
9 Valley Head area or on Sand Mountain and you go into
10 Alabama, it's not going to be hard for you to pick
11 these things out because there's many of them that
12 they're building. We have that written into our
13 S.P.L.O.S.T as one of the projects, but I think it's
14 a real critical -- 15 years ago I wouldn't have said
15 this, but now after seeing what we went through
16 three years ago, it's a scary thing. Mother Nature
17 is really a powerful thing and it seems like
18 we've -- I don't know whether the climate has
19 changed or what has happened to our little valley
20 here, but it seems like we're a magnet, you know, a
21 course that's traveled from out of the west.

22 So hopefully, we can pass the
23 S.P.L.O.S.T. And even if we don't pass the
24 S.P.L.O.S.T, hopefully we can actually start, a
25 starting point and build some of these things

1 because a lot of people -- I've heard people say why
2 do you want to do that, I've got a basement. Well,
3 a lot of people don't have basements. A lot of
4 people have single-story houses. They have mobile
5 homes. We have a lot of mobile homes in this county
6 and they are panicking now when they call myself or
7 call the commissioners and they're looking at us to
8 tell them where do we go. So there's just very few
9 places in this county that really, you know, you
10 could tell people to actually take their children
11 and go, you know, to be safe for that five minutes
12 that a tornado comes through. So hopefully we can
13 put a dent in that. Hopefully, we can help by
14 building some of these shelters.

15 MR. PITTMAN: It would be a
16 dual-purpose shelter.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Well, these shelters right
18 here -- this is not like a building that will house
19 fire departments and all that. These are shelters
20 that will hold -- some of them will hold up to 250
21 people and they are designed -- they're a low
22 design. They're actually a bevel design and they
23 have -- it's just to withstand that storm. It's
24 just to withstand that storm. It's to bring those
25 people in. You'll have a weather monitor in there,

1 you know, battery powered where you can keep up with
2 what's going on. When you have a warning or even a
3 watch, you can just -- you've got a place to go.
4 You know when it happens when that warning or that
5 watch comes on, you know, you can say, well, we
6 might ought to drift on down wherever, whether it's
7 Cloverdale or whatever, over here in Piney. At
8 least you've got that place in your mind mentally,
9 you know where you're going. I think that's all
10 people are asking for. Anyway, do y'all have
11 anything else you want to discuss tonight?

12 MR. BRADFORD: The only thing I would
13 like to say don't forget early voting is going on
14 now. Don't forget to vote because it's very
15 important.

16 MR. RUMLEY: May 20th is, of course,
17 the big day, but the early voting, like Allan said,
18 it's already started and it's real -- it's simple.
19 There's no line at all. You come in and take your
20 time. Bring your mother, grandmother, whatever,
21 grandfather, take your time and vote. It's a good
22 thing.

23 MR. BRADFORD: You'll be gone 10 or 15
24 minutes easily.

25 MR. RUMLEY: And if you've got anything

1 to talk about, you can come in the office here.
2 It's just right here. You can walk in. Allan is
3 usually around. I'm always here, you know, or
4 Mitchell. If you've got a complaint or a praise,
5 come in and talk to us. One of us is always here.

6 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah, they're going to
7 come in and praise you.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Well, the good outweighs
9 the bad or you couldn't do the job. I'll tell you
10 that.

11 All right. Let's move down to
12 appearances. Marshanna from the library. Come up
13 here where everybody can hear you and see you.

14 MS. SHARP: Actually, I'm going to
15 let -- I'm actually going to let Mr. William Beck
16 speak tonight. He's the county representative on
17 our board, but I did want to tell you about two
18 things, two programs. Mr. Tom Black is going to do
19 a gardening program in May on raised beds. We'll be
20 doing on one on raised beds. He actually did one
21 for us a couple of years ago and we had quite a bit
22 of participation for that and people are looking
23 forward to that.

24 Also, summer reading is fixing to
25 begin. June 3rd will be our first program and it

1 will go to August 7th. I'm going to let
2 William -- William is wanting to talk to y'all
3 tonight.

4 MR. BECK: My name is William Beck.
5 I'm on the Dade County Library Board and during this
6 difficult budget season, we would like our county
7 commissioners to be mindful of the cost efficiency
8 of lifting our library from 27 hours a week to 36
9 hours a week. That's nine additional hours. The
10 cost is \$15,000. That's 33 percent more hours for
11 about 12 percent more money in the budget. We think
12 that's a great efficiency and something that makes
13 sense economically for our system, our school board
14 and our county to come up with. An investment in
15 increasing from 27 hours to 36 hours would allow the
16 library to remain open five days rather than the
17 present three days per week, and particularly during
18 times when school children are out of school and
19 most need the library, particularly on Saturday,
20 perhaps one additional weekday night. That cost
21 ends up about \$33 an hour and \$33 an hour includes
22 utilities, wages, materials, everything to run the
23 library. So that's kind of a bargain. It comes to
24 about \$1,700 per hour per year, so one hour a week
25 times 52, a little under \$1,700.

1 We have some statistics and I'm not
2 going to spend an awful lot of time on that, but
3 from 2013 to 2014, the library users increased from
4 over 12,800 to about 15,700 and that's an increase
5 of about 22 percent. So in that context of many
6 more users, it makes sense for our library to be
7 open additional hours to provide the services those
8 people are looking for.

9 We've, of course, been talking to
10 members of our school board and a lot of attention
11 is focused on the school board for having dropped
12 funding two years ago in the amount of about --
13 running about thirty-eight five. If the school
14 board would reinstate the entire thirty-eight five,
15 that would be enough money to take us to 27 hours a
16 week, most of Saturday and, one additional
17 weeknight. We don't know what the school board is
18 going to do. We think we have a glimmer of hope
19 from them. We've about threatened to do somersaults
20 all day long if we have to to get their attention.
21 Everyone in the school board has been favorable in
22 principle to supporting the library. They have
23 budget constraints as the County does and that's
24 something we're all going to have to address.

25 In the meantime though, on behalf of

1 the school board, on behalf of the people who use
2 the library and the library staff, I do want to
3 extend a warm thanks to our County Commissioners for
4 the help we've received so far. It means an awful
5 lot for the people who use the library and it means
6 a lot, I think, in terms of the image of our county
7 for companies that may wish to come here and bring
8 additional jobs. Thank you.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Have you asked the school
10 board -- mentioned the 12 percent to them or did you
11 actually go to them for the whole amount or -- you
12 said if you had 12 percent, you could actually keep
13 it open those hours?

14 MR. BECK: That's right.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Have you threw a figure
16 out to them?

17 MR. BECK: Yes, absolutely. There is
18 one additional thing though, one aspect of that, the
19 thirty-eight five includes \$15,000 for additional
20 hours. It also includes the money to make up our
21 current deficit. The deficit is running about
22 \$23,000 and we're making those funds up or we have
23 in the past for two years, made that deficit up from
24 private contributions. And we reminded the school
25 board officials of what we on the board are hearing,

1 that those people who put in money on their own are
2 a little wore out, frankly. They wanted to help in
3 an emergency, but their sense of it is -- what
4 they're telling us is they don't want to continue
5 doing this on a regular basis. They're happy to do
6 it for special projects, but not for basic operating
7 costs.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions for
9 William? Thank you. Anyone else? Jenny, do you
10 have anything to say for the library?

11 MS. SAMS: Well, I just want to
12 emphasize what William said and that is that this
13 would -- most of the money that we received in the
14 last year that was from -- it was just from the
15 County and the City. We didn't receive any from the
16 school board for two years and that funded about --
17 being open about 18 hours a week. We have a
18 beautiful facility that is a community center, a
19 community learning center.

20 If you were a business owner and you
21 opened up a store and put -- stocked it with
22 inventory and decorated it and marketed it and
23 advertised it and then you were only open three days
24 a week, you would not be getting a good return on
25 your investment. We right now have this wonderful

1 facility and if you've looked at the schedule,
2 there's something happening every day or two that's
3 for the community. We need to open it five days a
4 week, not just three days a week. And the
5 additional money required to do that is only
6 one-third the amount of what we're paying per hour
7 now. So it's like we're Costco. We're giving you a
8 three for one bonus. It would be very efficient use
9 of the money.

10 We appreciate the support that we've
11 always gotten from the County. The County has
12 always been consistent about supporting the library,
13 but we've got a bigger building, more activities,
14 more expenses and we need all the help that we can
15 get from both the County and the school board and
16 we're hoping for that.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Okay. Our
18 County Extension. Okay. Cody?

19 MR. DOYLE: I'm Cody Doyle. I'm the
20 president of the 4-H high school club. I want to
21 report on what we've been doing in 4-H. And for the
22 last month of April, we had no monthly 4-H meetings
23 due to the CRCT going on at the elementary and
24 middle schools. They had their fourth and final
25 CCRPI lesson. We had practices for shotgun and

1 robotics. Both the junior and senior poultry
2 judging teams placed third in district competition.
3 The high-schoolers for the senior team was myself.
4 I was seventh. And Vanessa McCowan, which was ninth
5 in the junior division.

6 The Northwest Area Shotgun
7 qualification and match was hosted here in Dade and
8 thanks for everybody that helped with that,
9 especially Stacy for the help with the fields. It
10 was attended by Dade County, Chattooga County,
11 Bartow County and Gordon County. Five for Dade
12 qualified for State and that was myself, Bailey
13 Gass, Leslie Burns, Joey Reese and Jacob Anderson.
14 And out of the top ten senior shooters, four of our
15 five qualifiers were in the top ten. Joey Reese
16 took fourth. Leslie Burns took fifth. Bailey Gass
17 took seventh and I took tenth.

18 With the natural resources part of
19 Katie's job, we had a pesticide workshop with 17
20 participants who received a one-hour pesticide
21 credit. We had a request for site consultations and
22 garden questions increasing. We had a rabies clinic
23 that was held at the Ag Center and over 200 animals
24 received rabies shots.

25 For the upcoming events, we're going to

1 have Ag Day, which is for Pre-K and second grade.
2 Our last monthly 4-H meeting will be held. Summer
3 fun days will be in July. And the awards will be
4 moved from December to May this year.

5 And for Ms. Katie, she attended the
6 Georgia Cattlemen's Association 53rd Annual
7 convention and trade show in Perry. She attended
8 her county extension coordinator meeting in Calhoun,
9 Lookout Creek watershed meeting, boomless sprayer
10 calibration clinic in Walker County, 4-H Program
11 preview and budget workday. Any questions?

12 MR. RUMLEY: Good job, Cody.

13 MR. DOYLE: Also, I just want to add
14 I'm a member of the North Dade Fire Department and
15 on the day of the storms, we had two guys that
16 stayed overnight.

17 MR. BRADFORD: Were you one of those
18 guys?

19 MR. DOYLE: I was. Myself and Stretch.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we appreciate it.
21 Okay. Chamber of Commerce. Chris?

22 MR. MUSSER: Good evening. First, I
23 want to say thank you very much to the community for
24 the great turnout at our banquet last Saturday. We
25 had a lot of key people in the community, a lot of

1 people that make this community a great place. So
2 we very much enjoyed that. Thanks to the library
3 especially for partnering with us. I've heard from
4 some people that was one of the best venues they
5 could have imagined. And, again, as Jenny and
6 William and Marshanna all said, I believe it's a
7 well-kept place and we're delighted to be able to
8 partner with them for that. So thank you very much.

9 The surveys that we have talked a lot
10 about are at Covenant College right now. About 800
11 of them have been entered into the data spreadsheets
12 by students pulling all-nighters during finals week.
13 So this week is their finals week and they are
14 putting all those surveys in and putting lots and
15 lots of hours in. So we're very appreciative of
16 them and their hard work. They should be done --
17 they will be done by the end of finals week, which
18 is next Wednesday. And then we'll be crunching some
19 numbers and getting the results as soon as we can
20 after that. So be on the lookout for that and as
21 soon as we have those results, we'll be contacting
22 the appropriate people and establishing partnerships
23 to act on what we find the community wants.

24 The tourism day Ted talked about, I
25 think he understated it. They were not impressed.

1 They were bedazzled.

2 MR. RUMLEY: They were ready to move to
3 Dade County, I believe.

4 MR. MUSSER: That's very close. They
5 stayed two-and-a-half hours longer than they ever
6 stay anywhere, probably because Ted talks a lot.
7 Probably just because they couldn't stop. They kept
8 saying, hey, we have one more thing, one more thing,
9 I know it's time, you should leave, one more thing
10 and they really couldn't get enough of it. So we
11 have a phenomenal county and they are excited to
12 come back and share their analyses with us in about
13 a month or a little longer than that. So I'll be
14 getting in touch with the community and with the
15 Commission and letting you all know when they'll be
16 coming back. They want to make this a
17 community-wide presentation, so not just a
18 Commissioner or Chamber, but maybe at a meeting like
19 this. They would like to present to the most people
20 possible, let us know how we can be maximizing our
21 use of our current assets.

22 The Chamber is going to be offering
23 classes starting in June, early June. We'll be
24 offering our first class with UGA, the Small
25 Business Development Center. We've partnered with

1 them. They do this with Chambers around the state
2 and are offering marketing classes. It's what our
3 membership voted on. It will be about \$30 probably
4 for a three or four-hour class on an evening in
5 early June. We'll be getting that out to our
6 membership and the paper and we would love to have
7 anyone who's interested in starting a small business
8 or has one or know someone who has one and would
9 love to learn a little bit about the marketing side
10 of it join us. That's just our effort to provide
11 more resources for our small businesses.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Have you set a place yet?

13 MR. MUSSER: We haven't set a place
14 yet. We'll be talking with them. It will likely be
15 at the Chamber. We'll see how many people sign up.
16 If there's too many people to fit in the --

17 MR. RUMLEY: We could maybe have it
18 here.

19 MR. MUSSER: We might beg you for some
20 space here. We'll be in touch about that certainly.

21 Also, we've come up with a banner that
22 we've had Brikwoo across the street create. It's a
23 new membership banner. And the reason I bring that
24 up is because we're trying to really support or
25 local businesses. That's why we're doing a class.

1 That's why we have a banner. We have a lot of
2 discounts. We're trying to brainstorm some shop
3 local type programs if our community is interested
4 in that. So if you see a banner that says new
5 member of the Chamber of Commerce, stop by and
6 welcome them. Welcome to the Chamber, if you will,
7 on behalf of us, but also shop, buy some stuff,
8 spend some money. Let them feel like they're
9 absolutely a part of the community and we're very,
10 very glad they're a part of this big network of
11 businesses.

12 The last thing I'll mention is Dade
13 Days. We will be working on that this year again.
14 The chamber has set August 2nd as the date for that.
15 We'll be getting a lot more communication out. We
16 wanted to let you all know that's the date we
17 established and we're looking forward to working
18 with a whole lot of people to get that to be a great
19 success as it has been in the past.

20 And I'll put on my Optimist hat now. I
21 am one of or the newest member of the Optimist Club
22 and -- or the youngest member of the Optimist Club
23 and I'm proud to be so. I wanted to announce on
24 behalf of the Optimist Club that May 8th will be the
25 annual Law Enforcement Appreciation ceremony at

1 12:30 p.m. at the Dade County Court Facility
2 building. Everyone is cordially invited to that to
3 honor our law enforcement people in the county. So
4 please join us for that and celebrate their great
5 involvement in our community. Are there any
6 questions?

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Chris, did you say the
8 6th or the 8th?

9 MR. MUSSER: It says the 8th, but it is
10 the 6th.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: This Tuesday --

12 MR. MUSSER: The 6th of May. My fault.
13 I read this wrong.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: You're all invited.
15 We'll give you a piece of cake.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for Chris?
17 We appreciate the job you do. You really are doing
18 a good job. We appreciate it as Commissioners and
19 as a county.

20 MR. MUSSER: I look forward to
21 continuing the partnerships. Thank you.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Ten dollars will buy you a
23 lot, you know. It will be \$20 next week, Chris.

24 We do appreciate that. We appreciate
25 the Chamber. They've really come a long way in the

1 years. We appreciate the work they do.

2 Do we have a city representative here
3 tonight that wants to talk to us, mayor? Anyone
4 from IDA? Where did Audrey go? Audrey, do you want
5 to give us a little report? Do you have anything
6 you want to tell us? Anything going on in TV land
7 or with the phone company?

8 MS. CLARK: We're busting loose down in
9 Rising Fawn. We're doing Mason Road, Cave Springs
10 Road, all the little offsets, Sandy Lane. They're
11 down there streaming and everything now, so we'll be
12 doing installs before too much longer. Sometime
13 this summer we'll be able to get that. We're
14 getting a lot of positive feedback from the
15 residents down in there. If you know anybody in the
16 area, we will be available. We're doing contracts
17 now, and Erin as well. We're trying to get it over
18 to Erin.

19 One thing, Ted, today is the first of
20 May. The big yard sale, the --

21 MR. RUMLEY: The second weekend. It's
22 next weekend really.

23 MS. CLARK: Next weekend. I hadn't
24 heard it mentioned and that's usually a big deal for
25 the town, all the way through --

1 MR. RUMLEY: If you can't hear Audrey
2 out in TV land, what she's saying -- maybe you can
3 hear, but she's brought up the fact that the world's
4 longest yard sale will be coming -- will be
5 happening next weekend.

6 MR. STONE: The week after Mother's
7 Day.

8 MR. RUMLEY: The week after Mother's
9 Day. Next week is Mother's Day. That is a big
10 event in the county, a lot of people coming through.
11 A lot of people traveling, tourists. So if you've
12 got any things, treasures that you really don't need
13 anymore, that's the time to get rid of them.

14 MS. CLARK: And also the traffic,
15 everybody be careful because people just stop right
16 dead in front of you all the way through the county.

17 MR. RUMLEY: And also, Saturday
18 morning -- save this for last. Saturday is the bike
19 event that we have every year here in the county.
20 So the traffic, you know, be aware that -- you know,
21 that the bikers will be -- actually, the last bike
22 should be going up the mountain, from what I
23 understand, about 4:00 I think is what they told us,
24 somewhere around 4:00, 3:30 to 4:00 they shut it
25 off. They're not going to probably be to Burkhalter

1 over there until about 10:30, maybe 11:00. That's
2 when the first bikes will probably be going up
3 Burkhalter. But they're coming all the way through
4 the north end, coming down Hales Gap, over on Creek
5 Road, coming down by the Vices and then going up the
6 mountain. If you're traveling Saturday morning or
7 on up in the day, be careful and kind of watch out.
8 We've preached the same to them, too. Ray has had
9 several meetings with them, the Bike Club and myself
10 and he's very -- been very firm this year in
11 stressing safety. He also has taken charge of the
12 actual cutoff of the event. If he feels that it's
13 inclement weather or raining or too foggy or
14 whatever, he's told them that he will shut it down.
15 Because, as you know, last year we had one person
16 get killed on Ochs Highway and one person
17 critically, badly injured on Hales Gap. So just
18 please be careful and watch out for them.

19 Do you have anything else, Audrey?

20 MS. CLARK: That's it for now, I think.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Make sure I'm not missing
22 any other clubs. Don, if you would, go over the
23 financial report for the past month.

24 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. The Dade
25 County account balance report as of April 30th,

1 2014, the general fund had a balance of \$179,485;
2 Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288; Sheriff's
3 Special Fund, \$19,469; Drug Abuse Education Fund,
4 \$68,884; Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund,
5 \$23,047; Victims Assistance Fund, \$2,804; Jail Fund,
6 \$24,217. Federal Asset Fund, Department of Justice,
7 \$742. Employee's flexible spending account, \$1,563;
8 payroll account, \$305,260, which by the way is up,
9 but we spent some probably yesterday, but no checks
10 have cleared. That' why.

11 Construction account, two thousand --
12 this is for S.P.L.O.S.T, \$2,336. Project account,
13 \$39,511. Proceeds account, \$714,625. And then our
14 Series 2013 bond IDA Construction Series B
15 \$1,544,295. IDA debt services, Series A is 94,000.
16 Series B is zero.

17 Looking at the revenues for the month,
18 we should be at 75 percent attainment with nine
19 months completed. So this is as of March 31st,
20 the revenues for the month, \$534,003, projected
21 budget -- monthly budget of 640,328. So we were
22 under budget about \$106,325. For the year-to-date
23 through March 31st, we have collected \$7,734,503 out
24 of a budgeted \$7,924,469. So we are short \$189,966.
25 For expenses for the month through March 31st, we

1 have spent \$868,116. Budgeted was 680,211. So
2 again over budget of 187,905. Year-to-date we've
3 spent \$7,770,745, a lot of sevens. But budgeted was
4 \$7,773,110. We're actually under budget by \$2,365.
5 That was right at 75.82 percent attained. Revenues
6 less expenses for March is negative 334,313 and
7 revenues less expenses year-to-date is 36,241 and
8 that's short for the year.

9 Looking at the next report -- let me
10 back up and say this on that final report. There's
11 a lot shorts. I kept saying short, short, short.
12 It's always bad to say short, but it is April and
13 May time frame and this is the time of year we have
14 normally used up -- we're not collecting any more
15 major taxes, so, you know, we're relying on things
16 like -- you know, we still collect some from the tax
17 commissioner. For instance, we've collected 251,000
18 and only budgeted 155,000. But we get things like
19 railroad tax once a year and all these different
20 things, so those things just slowly come in and
21 we're at the mercy of the railroad to send a tax.
22 In fact, that was one of the ones that didn't show
23 up last month. It's always budgeted around that
24 time of the month. We hope to get it this month.
25 And I'm not picking on the railroad. Maybe I am.

1 MR. SMITH: We'll talk to Scottie.

2 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. Tax
3 commissioner -- speaking of tax commissioner, she
4 has currently collected through April 1st at
5 93.29 percent. So Jane Moreland has collected
6 \$3,478,155 out of a total of 3,728,200, she only
7 lacks 250,000 for the rest of the year, which I'm
8 sure she will obtain.

9 We see the next report is our security
10 pledge listing for -- to back up our funds at the
11 banks, which is always sufficient. And then the
12 local tax, the Local Option Sales Tax revenue report
13 is the next thing in green in your packet. For
14 April, we collected \$139,949. A few months back,
15 you may recall, that was right at 180,000, 160,
16 170,000. So again, still significantly down from
17 years past, but all I can do is like Chris said is
18 shop locally all that you can. We understand
19 there's some things you may need to go out of the
20 county to buy, but if you shop locally, we would
21 appreciate it. I'm telling myself that, too.

22 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
23 for the month was 174,196. Earlier we said, a few
24 back, it was 228,000, 220,000. So these are just
25 proceeds the county will never see and that really

1 hurts when that happens. The next two reports are
2 just a breakdown of S.P.L.O.S.T. for the -- 2004
3 S.P.L.O.S.T and 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T and that concludes
4 the report.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for Don? If
6 not, I'll entertain a motion to approve our
7 financial report as presented by Don Townsend. Do I
8 have a motion?

9 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

11 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

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

13 Mr. Smith?

14 MR. SMITH: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

16 MR. PITTMAN: 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 Okay. Okay. The reading of last month's regular
23 meeting and any special called meeting will not be
24 required since all Commissioners have been furnished
25 in advance. The minutes are public record and are

1 available for review in the County Commission
2 office. The minutes are included in the consent
3 agenda. And, Don, I would like for you to go over
4 the consent agenda. We will have a separate vote on
5 one of the issues or one of the appointments there
6 after we go over the consent agenda.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: I have the approval of
8 the agenda as presented; approval of the previous
9 meeting minutes; the review and approval of
10 personnel status report and review -- I'm sorry,
11 approval of the 2014 Armed Forces Day Proclamation,
12 physical -- bid opening we had for financial
13 institution award of 2014 tax anticipation note is
14 awarded to Citizen's Bank & Trust at a rate of
15 1.5 percent with no loan fee. And Resolution
16 R-21-14, return to work program as part of the ACCG
17 safety discount program.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions? If
19 not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the consent
20 agenda as presented. Do I have a motion?

21 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve the
22 consent agenda.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

24 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

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

1 Mr. Smith?

2 MR. SMITH: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

4 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

6 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

8 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

10 Okay. Okay. One separate item is the appointment
11 of Mr. Pittman. Well, actually the reason we're
12 doing this separately from that is he is actually a
13 brother of our Commissioner, so you know, I don't
14 think you need to vote for your own brother. Eddie
15 Pittman has done a really good job. He's been on
16 this library board for a long time. It's for a
17 three-year term. And so I'll entertain a motion to
18 appoint Mr. Eddie Pittman for a three-year term on
19 the library board. Do I have a motion?

20 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion we
21 reappoint Mr. Eddie Pittman.

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

23 MR. BREEDEN: I'll second that.

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

25 Mr. Smith?

1 MR. SMITH: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

3 MR. PITTMAN: Abstain.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Mr. Breeden?

5 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

7 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

9 Thank you. Robin, do you have anything to go over,
10 any legal matter?

11 MR. ROGERS: No legal matters to
12 report.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any unfinished
14 business? Okay. Anyone want to come up and talk to
15 us tonight? We are going to go into executive
16 session in just a minute, but anyone got anything
17 they want to talk to us about tonight? Feel free.
18 I appreciate all of y'all being here tonight. You
19 know, we have some of our politicians here tonight
20 and -- we probably won't have a meeting between now
21 and, I guess, election. We have Robert Goff. He's
22 running for legislature. Well, do y'all want to
23 stand up and introduce yourself? Might as well.
24 Stand up and tell us who you are. Tell us what you
25 look like.

1 MR. GOFF: This is what I look like.
2 Please don't hold that against me. I've been
3 sitting out in the sun a lot these days. But I am
4 Robert Goff and I'm running for District One House
5 of Representatives, which is now currently held by
6 John Deffenbaugh, the incumbent. Also, Mr. Alan
7 Painter is running. I don't think either of them
8 are here, but I would appreciate your consideration
9 and I'm sure they would come May 20th or during
10 early voting. There will be a Saturday voting this
11 year, which is something new, but on the 19th, which
12 will be a week from this Saturday will be Saturday
13 voting in Georgia.

14 MR. RUMLEY: That will help a lot of
15 working people. A lot of people can't get in.
16 Next.

17 MR. LOWERY: I'm Lamar Lowery. I'm
18 running for Commissioner District One, which is the
19 north end, but it's countywide. I would appreciate
20 your support also. And I would like to say anything
21 about my opponent, Mitchell Smith is a good man. I
22 would appreciate your support.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Lamar. School
24 board lady?

25 MS. KELLEY: I'm Summer Kelley and I'm

1 running for District Two seat on the Dade County
2 Board of Education and mine is being voted on
3 countywide, too, representing the Sand Mountain
4 district. I would also appreciate your support.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you. Do we
6 have any more in here besides the people sitting
7 beside me here. Robin, you're not running for
8 anything, are you?

9 MR. ROGERS: No.

10 MR. RUMLEY: We've got two sitting
11 beside me right here. Mitchell, do you want me to
12 tell them who you are or anything?

13 MR. SMITH: Mitchell Smith, District
14 One commissioner, running for reelection and I would
15 appreciate your vote.

16 MR. PITTMAN: I'm Scottie Pittman. I
17 know most everybody in the room. And, again, like
18 everybody else says, it's not so much I would
19 appreciate your vote. I would appreciate you
20 getting out and voting. I mean, I would rather lose
21 by 100 votes and have the majority of the county
22 vote than to win by one and just ten percent of the
23 county vote. Voting is a privilege. You've got
24 guys that serve in the military, fight for it all
25 the time. So the least we can do is get out and do

1 our part and vote. Vote for me, vote against me,
2 just get out and vote.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Scottie. Okay.
4 If there's no one else, we do need to go in
5 executive session. Robin, I need you to help us
6 word that.

7 MR. ROGERS: As I understand, we're
8 going into executive session to discuss records that
9 are otherwise exempt from the open records law.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. You heard it. Do I
11 hear a motion?

12 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion to do
13 that.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Second?

15 MR. BREEDEN: Second.

16 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Let me call a
17 vote on that. Mr. Smith.

18 MR. SMITH: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

20 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

22 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

24 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll be in

1 executive session until we get out.

2 (Thereupon, the Commissioners
3 went into Executive Session.)

4 MR. RUMLEY: I need a motion to come
5 out of executive session.

6 MR. BRADFORD: I'll make a motion.

7 MR. SMITH: Second.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call a vote.
9 Mr. Smith?

10 MR. SMITH: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

12 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Breeden?

14 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Bradford?

16 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: And the chair votes yes.

18 In our executive session discussion, there was no
19 action taken and do I have any comments? If not,
20 we'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

21 MR. PITTMAN: Motion to adjourn.

22 MR. BREEDEN: I'll second.

23 MR. RUMLEY: I have a second. Okay.
24 I'll call a vote on that. Mr. Smith?

25 MR. SMITH: Yes.

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MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Thank
you very much. I appreciate all of y'all waiting
and staying with us tonight.

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