

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call
2 the work session to order. Here it is June. It
3 doesn't seem like it was no time it was June last
4 year. It's amazing how time goes by.

5 All right. Has everyone had time to
6 review the agenda? Everybody on board? Any
7 changes? Okay. The minutes -- y'all have had the
8 previous meeting minutes. Anyone got any comments
9 or changes on that? Okay. That can go on the
10 consent agenda. Personnel report status, any
11 questions on that? Do what now? We've got an
12 intern down at the park, summer intern. We've got
13 Jacob in there as an intern for the office. They
14 did hire Denny Reyes at the sheriff's office. Now,
15 he was already a jailer and they moved him, change
16 of status. It was a status change. Then we've got
17 another change in Kathy's office there.

18 MR. SMITH: Kirby came back.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, yeah. That was a
20 wise move. They had a lot invested in that boy. I
21 was glad to see him go back. Any questions on that,
22 Commissioners?

23 Number four, we've got a couple of
24 actual board appointments tonight. We will consider
25 them anyway. On the Alcohol Beverage Control Board,

1 Eddie McBryar, Cowboy, was actually -- has been on
2 it ever since it started, originated and he's moved
3 out of state now, excuse me, and so he can no longer
4 serve. We had some people that came -- well,
5 actually recommended this person, Darrell Pardue
6 because it has to be in the south Dade. And Ricky,
7 you know, you're the south Dade commissioner.
8 Darrell has actually agreed to it. I was surprised
9 that he agreed to it. He did agree to do that.

10 MR. SMITH: I want to ask Robin a
11 question. Okay. How close does the person have to
12 be related-wise that you need to step aside?

13 MR. ROGERS: Well, it has to be
14 immediate or in-law, so one degree.

15 MR. SMITH: Okay. It's through
16 marriage, but it's two or three further down.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Is he kin to somebody or
18 something? Are you talking about Darrell?

19 MR. SMITH: He's my -- kin to me by
20 marriage, but further than one or two.

21 MR. RUMLEY: I didn't know that.
22 Anyway, have you got any other recommendations,
23 Ricky?

24 MR. BREEDEN: No, not if he's accepted
25 it.

1 MR. RUMLEY: It surprised me when we
2 talked to him about it. That board, you might think
3 it's a gravy board, but it's not. You get a lot of
4 calls because there's not only questions or
5 complaints from the different stores, but when
6 there's any kind of issue that comes up, when the
7 sheriff has a sting, you go in and you take these
8 clerks, these young people or whatever, you know,
9 you take them to jail. Their phones light up like
10 they can do something about it. You've got a book
11 of law you go by and that's it. Is everybody fine
12 with Darrell on that?

13 And then we have -- if you'll look in
14 there, I've got a resignation from Mr. Schober, John
15 Schober. He was -- for the past three years, he was
16 a representative, our private representative on the
17 Regional Commission Board and the -- he did resign.
18 John, after he was appointed, he really got real
19 busy. He only attended like three meetings in a
20 year. We meet every month. So he did resign and
21 I've had -- actually, I found out we could actually
22 appoint Peter Cervelli to that board. Peter is our
23 IDA person and he would be really an asset if y'all
24 feel that that would be a good choice and I know
25 Peter will attend the meetings. That's a very

1 critical vote sometimes we need when there's money
2 through the state and federal. And if y'all do
3 that, fine. If you don't -- because I just got --
4 actually got his resignation this morning and -- but
5 we've talked about it at just about every regional
6 commission meeting I've been to in the last probably
7 three months. They were kind of pressuring me to
8 kind of, you know, talk to him about resigning.
9 Once we put them on there, it's hard to pull them
10 off the board, you know, but he did resign. So I'll
11 get your feeling on that. Mitchell, what do you
12 think?

13 MR. SMITH: Well, he stepped aside.
14 There's no problem there. And I don't have any
15 problem with Peter myself.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Allan?

17 MR. BRADFORD: I don't have a problem
18 with Peter either.

19 MR. SMITH: Well, according to -- when
20 you get with Don according to his dates here, fill
21 the unexpired term, which was six months or
22 whatever.

23 MR. RUMLEY: He can fill it and if we
24 want to change it, we can change it. It's up to us.
25 Ricky, are you all right with that? Just asking for

1 an opinion.

2 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah. Is this the same
3 board or this is probably a different one that Fred
4 Stephens, what was he serving on?

5 MR. RUMLEY: JDA. He's still on that.

6 MR. BREEDEN: This is a different one.

7 MR. RUMLEY: This is the Regional
8 Commission. They have it the first Thursday of
9 every month in Calhoun, Georgia and sometimes
10 they'll have maybe twice a year, we'll have to meet
11 in Rome. Every first Thursday of my life for the
12 past many, many years that's where I'm at. Evan
13 will tell you that. It's a very, very important
14 board because it is 15 counties north of Atlanta.
15 And now, especially now more than ever, most of your
16 federal money and state money through grants and all
17 comes through that. If you don't stay on top of it,
18 you don't -- you'll be left out because they don't
19 just call you up and say, we've got this, we want to
20 hand it to you. You've got to be there. You've got
21 to show your need and interest. That's the most
22 important meeting other than this meeting that I go
23 as a commissioner.

24 MR. SMITH: That should be a plus
25 having him there.

1 MR. RUMLEY: It really will. So it
2 will be a win-win. If not, like I said, we'll pull
3 him off. He's got six months to prove himself.
4 Scottie, are you all right with that?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. Like you said,
6 he's got six months and during that six months, if
7 anyone comes to you or me or Mitchell or Allan or
8 Mr. Breeden, they can mention whoever they want.

9 MR. RUMLEY: And it can be anywhere in
10 the county. It don't have to be like south Dade.
11 This is a county-wide thing. This is a rep for the
12 county. And also on that board, too, is the mayor
13 of Trenton, Mayor Emmanuel. That's mandatory that
14 whoever is in that seat, the City is represented.

15 MR. BREEDEN: The main thing is the
16 whole thing deals with is --

17 MR. RUMLEY: This regional commission
18 deals with everything from WIC, which is Women,
19 Infant and Children, the low income, poverty, the
20 Meals on Wheels. You know, we actually have to
21 approve all that, contracts that comes through the
22 chief elected officials first. You know, we meet
23 before and it goes in this other room and there's
24 about forty people on this board. That, plus they
25 actually are doing -- they do grants or loans to

1 small people that are just starting up business. I
2 know Case Hardware here, they got some of their
3 relocation funds through them, not on a grant, but
4 actually borrowing the money at a real cheap rate.
5 So there's been a lot of businesses started in north
6 Georgia from that. It's important. You know, it's
7 a really important board.

8 MR. SMITH: How many reps do we have,
9 just the one?

10 MR. RUMLEY: Myself and then you've got
11 to have a private sector person and then you've got
12 the mayor. Now, if we had five cities, we would
13 have five more representatives, but we only have one
14 city. I mean, I never will forget when I started
15 going to these meetings back in 2000, you know, I
16 always try to get along. That's the first time I
17 had ever seen a notice that -- we would have a
18 county commissioner chair sitting here and you would
19 have maybe three cities in there and they would all
20 sit in a different part of the room because they
21 hadn't spoke in a year. There was something that
22 maybe came up and they just didn't get along. I
23 couldn't understand it.

24 You know, one of them -- one incident
25 was in Paulding. They were brothers. One of them

1 was a mayor and one of them was chief or the
2 chairman and they were always butting heads. They
3 just couldn't agree on their share, especially when
4 it came to S.P.L.O.S.T or to L.O.S.T. They would
5 always argue over it. All you do when you do that
6 is hurt the whole county.

7 MR. BREEDEN: Don't it seem this should
8 complement what Peter is already doing?

9 MR. BRADFORD: Same area.

10 MR. RUMLEY: All right. We took care
11 of those two appointments. S.P.L.O.S.T and capital
12 equipment.

13 Okay. The tax commissioner, several
14 years ago, there was -- actually the vehicle that
15 the tax appraisers use now was bought out of this
16 same fund here. It's took all these years to
17 actually put this money together from the tax
18 commissioner's office, which is Jane Moreland. She
19 came to us the other day, which we've got two of our
20 county cars here that are on their last -- that we
21 actually -- they use to travel, you know, when they
22 go to schooling or whatever. You remember years
23 ago -- some of you weren't on here, but we were
24 paying mileage and I picked up -- a lot of times
25 when they would get back, we would pay their eats,

1 which was minimal, but there would be like 400 or
2 500 of travel, 450, 435. I thought what in the
3 world. So we were paying 65, 70 cents a mile, you
4 know.

5 So -- well, Robert brought it up. We
6 bought a car, you know, and in the first year and a
7 half it paid for itself. But anyway, these things
8 have a lot of miles on them. They cost us money.
9 Anyway, she's got this fund she's actually going to
10 turn over to us. She may have already turned it
11 over.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: She has.

13 MR. RUMLEY: And it's enough to
14 purchase a vehicle. We bid it out. Was it an
15 Explorer?

16 MR. BRADFORD: It says Ford Explorer.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: It is. It's 25,895 from
18 Mountain View Ford. Prater Ford was 26,404 and
19 Jackie Jones was 36,537.

20 MR. RUMLEY: This is actually money
21 that -- it's not property taxes. I couldn't
22 understand really where the money came from, but
23 it's an account that they have set aside where they
24 receive these state incentives and then they have
25 vendors. I thought that was a lot, but where they

1 receive money from vendors, you know, that actually
2 pay in. And it's actually also like when they have
3 a tax sale, the actual fee that actually that goes
4 back into this and it can only be spent -- it can't
5 be spent for anything. You can't go out and pay
6 wages with it or anything, but it can only be spent
7 on equipment. So she's actually -- she's renewed
8 some of her equipment in her office out of this
9 money, but what she has left, she's chosen to do
10 this. So it won't be just a car for them to use.
11 It will be a car for anyone, anyone in the county
12 here that goes -- that we've been paying mileage on.
13 Let me put it that way, to travel.

14 MR. SMITH: When you get one of these,
15 are you going to go ahead and get rid of one of the
16 others?

17 MR. RUMLEY: We have to sell one. One
18 of them is a salvaged title anyway. It's one we
19 fixed.

20 MR. CASE: It's one the City gave --
21 the City gave it to Emergency Management and we
22 bought it back.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions on that,
24 because it's a win-win?

25 MR. BREEDEN: So y'all are going to get

1 the Ford?

2 MR. RUMLEY: Whatever the lowest bid is
3 there. Don has got it.

4 MR. BREEDEN: I was just wondering if
5 it was a travel vehicle to go a lot of places, Fords
6 don't get good gas mileage.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: This one is rated at --

8 MR. BRADFORD: Twenty miles per gallon.

9 MR. BREEDEN: I didn't know whether we
10 were just locked on Ford or what.

11 MR. RUMLEY: The only reason we that
12 try to, you know --

13 MR. TOWNSEND: Parts.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Most of our vehicles are
15 Ford. You know, I don't care if it's Chevrolet or
16 whatever myself.

17 MR. BREEDEN: I was just thinking if
18 it's a long-distance vehicle, there's some sedans
19 out there. You take Volkswagen that's got that
20 diesel that gets 1,500 miles on a tank or whatever.
21 I didn't know whether that would be -- because you
22 can also figure gas mileage in there as far as --

23 MR. RUMLEY: As far as the expense.

24 MR. BRADFORD: Sometimes you may have
25 three or four people going at the same time with

1 luggage.

2 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, Billy has in the
3 past tried to keep the fleet from Ford because of
4 tires, parts. They're all so interchangeable. When
5 you get into different -- like Saturn or any other
6 type of car, it gets expensive.

7 MR. CASE: We've already got six
8 Explorers now in the fleet.

9 MR. RUMLEY: That's right. So he can
10 keep a starter on hand. He can keep stuff on the
11 shelf. They last. They interchange. That's why it
12 was so great with Crown Vics. You know, with Crown
13 Vics, we could just about build a whole car with
14 excess parts. Any other comments, questions? Do
15 you think we ought to go Volkswagen?

16 MR. BREEDEN: I think you ought to go
17 with whatever gets the best mileage for you, but I
18 mean, I have a Ford truck. My wife has a Chevrolet
19 Tahoe. So we have two different vehicles. We don't
20 stock the same ones at home for parts. But I mean,
21 y'all have been in this business as the county
22 longer than me. If it pays for itself to have the
23 same vehicles, then I'm more reliant on that.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Not only that, we found
25 out -- just try to match --

1 MR. BREEDEN: I was just thinking out
2 loud on this whole travel deal because probably most
3 of the time it's people going somewhere, right?

4 MR. RUMLEY: Going to training. You
5 wouldn't think it even adds up, but you've got
6 mandatory -- especially in the tax assessor, tax
7 appraisers, elections, they're constantly mandated.
8 They've got to go. I mean, it's just like we got
9 out of compliance in the tax assessor's office one
10 year and didn't realize it.

11 MR. BREEDEN: Well, it's like Peter
12 Cervelli, too. He travels a lot. I guess he can
13 use this vehicle.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Who is that now?

15 MR. BREEDEN: Peter.

16 MR. RUMLEY: No. That's IDA.

17 MR. BREEDEN: What about when he takes
18 on this --

19 MR. RUMLEY: He can ride with me. He
20 can ride with me or hitchhike. We carpool. That's
21 just like when we go as commissioners, if we go to
22 a -- y'all may think this is crazy. I stayed in the
23 same room with Robert many times and Peter Cervelli.
24 We don't stay as singles. We double up, you know,
25 because there's usually two beds in there anyway.

1 We try to do that unless somebody snores too loud.
2 I had to hold my ears. You know, you laugh and you
3 think it's some little penny anything. Let me tell
4 you something, in the years it adds up.

5 MR. BREEDEN: Oh, yeah. I've done many
6 out-of-town jobs for a company and we slept six in a
7 two-bedroom before. I know what that's --

8 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. That's why Robert
9 used to kid Peter about his fuzzy shoes or
10 something. What was that, Robert?

11 MR. GOFF: Pink slippers.

12 MR. BREEDEN: I was just strictly
13 looking at that from a fuel standpoint because fuel
14 will eat you alive anymore on everything. That's
15 the only thing I was wanting to throw out there.

16 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Let's move
17 to -- okay. Number six. The FY2015 budget,
18 upcoming public hearing and meeting schedule. Do
19 you want to present that, Don?

20 MR. TOWNSEND: We just had the public
21 hearing today at 5:30. The next notice -- this
22 notice is for consideration to adopt the 2015 budget
23 as prescribed by law. Public hearing was held
24 today, again, at 5:30 and we'll be adopting the
25 fiscal year 2015 budget for Dade County, Georgia, on

1 June 19th, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. So here in this
2 room, June 19th.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Everyone understand
4 that? All right.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: There's no vote needed.
6 It's just information.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Public comment. Move to
8 number seven, Ordinance 07-03-14. This is -- first
9 thing is it's actually done under a home rule, but
10 this is amending the -- enabling legislation
11 provisions for call of elections and I'll let --
12 Robin, if you want to explain that. It's something
13 that came up.

14 MR. SMITH: All because of Robert Goff.

15 MR. RUMLEY: That's about right.

16 MR. ROGERS: Our local act requires
17 that the call for special elections go out at least
18 30 days, but no more than 45 days prior to the date
19 of the election. There's a state law that was
20 amended this past year that says the call for
21 elections, special elections have to go out at least
22 60 days prior. So we were in conflict -- our local
23 law was in conflict with the state law, which has
24 been amended. So what this proposed resolution
25 does, this home rule ordinance does is makes the

1 requirements in our local act consistent with that
2 in the timelines that are provided in state law.

3 You'll notice the way I had worded that
4 was -- the state law now requires 60 days. I
5 understand they're going to change that again next
6 year to make it 90 days. So rather than put a
7 specific number of days in there, what I did was
8 just say that our provisions regarding when call of
9 elections goes out will be consistent with that
10 required under state law. So that will give us the
11 flexibility as a state to amend their statutes.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions?

13 MR. SMITH: Are we going to have to do
14 this every year?

15 MR. RUMLEY: It's pretty much we've got
16 to do it. If we're going to do it, we've got to do
17 it. We were trying to overrule the state on that, I
18 guess.

19 MR. ROGERS: And under the home rule,
20 you have to do this two meetings. So tonight would
21 be the first reading and the second reading would be
22 July.

23 MR. SMITH: That would give enough time
24 to do what we need to do for the election.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Number eight,

1 Resolution R-24-14, declaring the results of an
2 election held on May 20th, 2014, and that's
3 pertaining to the 2015 S.P.L.O.S.T. So everyone --
4 have you got any questions on that? That's pretty
5 much happened and it did pass. We'll put that on --
6 yeah, it needs to be on the consent agenda as a
7 resolution.

8 Number nine is Resolution R-25-14,
9 surplus property. This is an HP Office Jet 9110
10 printer and an HP Laser Jet 2420d printer. Where do
11 they come from?

12 MR. TOWNSEND: Tax assessor's office.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Are they totally scrap?

14 MR. TOWNSEND: No. They -- well, the
15 computer towers are scrap probably, but the copier,
16 it still works. Not all the functions work, but --
17 and I don't know about -- it says big scanner. I
18 don't know what the big scanner is.

19 MR. RUMLEY: No. That scanner, they've
20 been having problems with it for a long time. Alex
21 probably knows more about that than anybody.

22 MR. CASE: They've had it a while.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. All right. We'll
24 need to -- we'll need to actually -- do we want to
25 keep that until we have another sale or go ahead and

1 do it online, put it on gov.com?

2 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, just re-register
3 with govdeals.com or whatever it is.

4 MR. RUMLEY: We don't need to let it
5 sit.

6 MR. TOWNSEND: No. A lot of times
7 we've found if we bid it -- if we put like one item
8 on there, you can't get a bid. And the guy I talked
9 to at govdeals said if you -- a lot of people put a
10 \$5 bid and then they figure out they're in Oklahoma
11 and it's going to take a whole lot more gas to get
12 here. Because when you're sitting in front of your
13 computer getting excited, then you're going to win a
14 bid and we get \$5, but we don't ship it. We require
15 them to come pick it up.

16 MR. BREEDEN: See, that's something I
17 don't know is --

18 MR. TOWNSEND: We're going to combine
19 some things and just say, here it is, good luck.

20 MR. BREEDEN: I'm just going to give
21 you a little bit of experience with govdeals. I've
22 had some with it. It detours a lot of people from
23 buying stuff if they have to come and pick it up.

24 MR. TOWNSEND: Oh.

25 MR. BREEDEN: I'm just saying, okay,

1 just for reference if you did say we would package
2 it and ship it, but we won't be liable for anything,
3 if you want it insured or whatever. You're going to
4 get more buyers on it is what I'm saying. That's
5 all.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Most of the stuff we sell
7 though, Ricky, is big stuff. We had a guy buy that
8 tar truck we had. I mean, they gave three times
9 what it was worth. They drove all the way from
10 Indiana.

11 MR. BREEDEN: I'm talking about small
12 stuff. When you're doing small stuff, if you would
13 offer that, I think you would get a whole lot more
14 buyers interested.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Which we could do that.

16 MR. BREEDEN: I'm not going to drive
17 that far just to go pick that up.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: Right. I wouldn't
19 either.

20 MR. RUMLEY: And on something like
21 this, we may do that. We'll let Don get in there
22 and put it in a box, put the peanuts to it.

23 MR. TOWNSEND: I don't care. I just
24 want to get it out. Since it's capital assets, I --

25 MR. PITTMAN: All separate items?

1 MR. TOWNSEND: They're basically boat
2 anchors.

3 MR. BREEDEN: Right. I would sell
4 them, but I would offer to ship them to somebody and
5 you're going to get a whole lot more bids on what
6 you're selling.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: If I was bidding, it
8 would cost more to ship it than it would to buy it,
9 but I understand what you're saying.

10 MR. BREEDEN: But they pay the
11 shipping. I mean, I'm not saying we pay the
12 shipping. If you want us to box it and ship it to
13 you, we will.

14 MR. SMITH: Come get it or --

15 MR. TOWNSEND: It's not that simple.
16 We've already passed a resolution that states we
17 operate -- so we have to amend that if we change the
18 shipping requirements, but that's fine. Thank you.

19 MR. BREEDEN: I'm just letting you know
20 on small items, you'll get them sold quicker and for
21 more money if you offer that.

22 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Let's move
23 down to Resolution R-26-14. That's our public
24 transportation operating grant, project T005046.
25 Don, I'll let you go into details on that.

1 MR. TOWNSEND: This is just an
2 amendment to the grant that we applied for. I think
3 it was back in February. It's the same exact grant
4 with the exception of they added the -- the State, I
5 should say, added \$7,600 for the purchase of an
6 iPad. The iPads are for each van and what happens
7 is because the iPad is moved -- apparently when the
8 van is in motion, it's registering all miles and
9 everything. And at the end of the day, it
10 automatically goes right into their system and syncs
11 and then from that, it goes into the State.

12 Right now they have to go back, list --
13 handwrite their miles and then take the mileage and
14 enter it into a computer. It's just multiple steps.
15 Whereas, the iPad is going to be doing it for them
16 and it's probably a lot more accurate. And the
17 State is paying for it.

18 MR. RUMLEY: It is a grant. I mean,
19 it's a win-win for us.

20 MR. CASE: It's also part of the
21 computer upgrade we're doing.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: It's part of the
23 computer upgrade that the IT department is doing.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Is everybody on board with
25 that?

1 Okay. Move down to number 11,
2 Resolution R-27-14, general liability insurance
3 through ACCG. This is our total liability of
4 everything. They cover vehicles, buildings and all.
5 We did have a company come in this year and give us
6 a valuation and actually was going to bid on it and
7 they were a major company and they called me last
8 week. It was Monday. And he said he appreciated us
9 giving them an opportunity. They really thought
10 they were going to save us a lot of money, but he
11 said there was no way they could touch it. He said
12 if the ACCG would actually stick with that number,
13 which they have, they gave us -- they said there was
14 no way they could even come close. I feel good
15 about it. We did do a reassessment this year, too,
16 on all of our buildings. We brought everything
17 up-to-date, the values, the depreciation on
18 everything and so it's real accurate. We've got a
19 real accurate --

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Vehicles, everything.
21 This number is -- includes automobile, crime,
22 liability, property, workers' compensation and group
23 health benefits.

24 MR. RUMLEY: They cover it all. Our
25 fire trucks, everything. Everything, emergency

1 vehicles, everything.

2 MR. TOWNSEND: Documentation is behind
3 that packet with the numbers.

4 MR. RUMLEY: That's \$1,007,985. That's
5 that total number? For everyone listening, that's
6 what that will run us a year, this county to cover
7 all of our vehicles, all our buildings, all
8 liability that Dade County or you as a government is
9 responsible for. That's \$1,007,985.36. We had --
10 we did have an 11 percent increase from last year.
11 Last year was \$970,000. But the reason being,
12 because we did do a reval on our buildings and some
13 of these buildings were really underinsured and that
14 was some of it. So it's very competitive.

15 I really appreciate the ACCG every time
16 we look at something like that. That's just like on
17 our health insurance. Any questions on it?

18 Okay. All right. Do y'all have
19 anything else you want to add?

20 MR. TOWNSEND: We did miss one thing.
21 It was number five as well. I forgot to list it on
22 top, but that is for the library. Marshanna, sorry
23 about that. She's probably thinking -- come on up,
24 Marshanna. Just tell us briefly what's going on.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, that's --

1 MR. TOWNSEND: It's not a lot, but
2 since it's a S.P.L.O.S.T project, we --

3 MS. SHARP: I'm pretty loud. Okay.
4 What we were asking for out of the S.P.L.O.S.T is to
5 purchase a tablet or an iPad. Right now we rent a
6 credit card machine and it costs us about \$400 a
7 year. We were wanting to put that money back in the
8 budget. If we buy a tablet, we can use that Square
9 and it doesn't cost us a monthly fee. So we
10 thought, well, if we purchased it and used it for
11 three or four years and that would allow us to put
12 that 400 we take out back in the budget. We're
13 trying to cut as much as we can. That's all we were
14 asking for.

15 MR. RUMLEY: The tablet, the \$299?

16 MS. SHARP: Yeah. It's 300. It's the
17 cheapest we found. We were just buying the cheap
18 one with the lowest memory and all that.

19 MR. TOWNSEND: The reason being, they
20 have a fee that's 50 cents and the charge is 50
21 cents or maybe the fee is \$1.50. I don't know.

22 MS. SHARP: We charge them a fee. You
23 know, like they charge you a fee to swipe it, but we
24 charge the patron that. Right now we're having to
25 pay rental agreement and all that and this will take

1 that rental agreement out if we get a tablet.

2 MR. RUMLEY: That's good.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: We already had some
4 previous technology costs and we can just add that
5 to it to make it more of a capital asset.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Is everybody on
7 board with that, \$300?

8 MS. SHARP: We don't have to pay taxes
9 or shipping. We usually try to negotiate no taxes,
10 no shipping.

11 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you.

12 MR. SMITH: \$100 to the good.

13 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Any other
14 comments or anything? If not, we'll adjourn the
15 work session for about five minutes here and take a
16 break. Then we'll go into our regular meeting.

17 (Thereupon, the work session was
18 adjourned.)

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1 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate all y'all
2 staying here with us. We'll go ahead and start.
3 Robert Goff, would you care to lead us in prayer and
4 Pledge tonight?

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

7 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regularly
8 scheduled meeting of the Dade County Board of
9 Commissioners which takes place at the same time on
10 the first Thursday of every month. Proper notice of
11 this meeting was placed in our -- the meeting was
12 given to our legal organ of Dade County and has been
13 posted in the hallway of the Administrative
14 Building. At this time I do need a roll call.
15 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 Let's move down to the committee reports,
25 commissioner reports. Mitchell, do you want to

1 start?

2 MR. SMITH: As Robert stated earlier,
3 our prayers and thoughts are with all of those who
4 have lost loved ones during this past month. I was
5 one of those -- I'm going to tell a little fib, a
6 couple of years ago when I was in high school where
7 Rabbit Williams was walking the sideline during
8 football season or in the stands during basketball
9 season, keeping stats for all the sports teams. He
10 was an asset to the coaches as well to give up his
11 time. He along with my dad and some others was
12 members of the first football team of Dade County.

13 I would also like to remember the David
14 Parris family along with the Chris Lowrance family.
15 We mentioned David last month and it's the same
16 situation. This time they've lost -- and I'm going
17 to say it wrong. I never have pronounced it right I
18 don't think. Tolena, close enough, Ann Parris
19 Lowrance. She passed away and she's also a member
20 of the North Dade Fire Department, so please
21 remember those.

22 For the month of May, the 911 call
23 center dispatched 296 EMS calls, 256 fire and rescue
24 calls, 12 forestry and public work calls, 1,385 law
25 enforcement calls for a total of 1,549 calls for the

1 month. And you've seen in the papers and heard,
2 Carol Road will be getting a crossing and arm,
3 lights along with some others. It's in the budget,
4 but that's --

5 MR. RUMLEY: Not in our budget. GDOT
6 budget.

7 MR. SMITH: Not our budget. We will
8 correct that. The GDOT budget for 2015, but as far
9 as the time frame, unless they've told Ted anything
10 different, it's still up in the air, unknown when it
11 will happen.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Mitchell.
13 Scottie?

14 MR. PITTMAN: I would like to remind
15 everybody, again next month, the 12 and under Dixie
16 Youth State Championship will be coming to the Four
17 Fields. It will be a pretty big event for Dade
18 County. It's the week of July 19th. So we need
19 to get out. We will have one guaranteed team from
20 Dade County in the championship. So we need to get
21 out and spend a little time down at the ball fields,
22 support our local youth. It's a really big deal and
23 it's something that's kind of -- you've got a fire
24 burning and we're looking at maybe incorporating
25 maybe -- maybe advertising getting a few more

1 tournaments in, softball tournaments, baseball
2 tournament. There are some improvements that will
3 have to be made to the ball fields, but we're going
4 to form a committee. I'm going to reach out to some
5 of the members of the community that are active in
6 athletics.

7 We're going to form a committee and try
8 to get Dade County's name out there in the sports
9 facility world. Our Four Fields -- what we call
10 Four Fields. There's actually seven fields now.
11 They're a really nice complex. If you've traveled
12 around the area and watched your kids, grandkids
13 play ball, you'll know our ball fields are right up
14 to par with anybody in the area.

15 So we're going to try to do that to get
16 some revenue streaming in the county. We could
17 charge fees to use the fields. Maybe the concession
18 could bring in money, but behind the scenes, people
19 that come in to watch their kids and grandkids play
20 ball will spend money in local stores, local
21 restaurants, local gas stations. That in turn will
22 bring in more S.P.L.O.S.T. money, more L.O.S.T.
23 money. So that's something we are looking at doing
24 to raise revenue.

25 I would like to thank all of the people

1 that got out and voted in the last election. We had
2 a pretty good turnout in Dade County. It was a
3 little over 23 percent, which is better than normal.
4 It still -- you know, it still could have some
5 improvement, but that's all I've got.

6 MR. RUMLEY: I was going to call you
7 Peter Cervelli there for a minute.

8 MR. PITTMAN: I don't have any numbers.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Rick, Brother Breeden?

10 MR. BREEDEN: I have stuff. I have
11 stuff. Rabbit was my nextdoor neighbor. He lived
12 just a few doors down from me and I'm going to miss
13 him more than y'all are because he brought me fresh
14 vegetables out of his garden. He was a good
15 neighbor. And y'all, if you can, visit Sarah
16 because she is going to go through some tough times
17 in the days ahead, I'm sure.

18 MR. RUMLEY: They've been married a
19 long time. I'm not sure of the years. I know it
20 was over 50 years, 54 years, something like that.

21 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah. But I had to make
22 mention of him because he is our neighbor and we
23 enjoyed him tremendously, him and Sarah both.

24 On the -- another note, we have the
25 roads that are getting repaved in the south Dade

1 area that are just about completed, the ones that
2 were slated to be done.

3 MR. RUMLEY: We've got -- the actual
4 plant had a malfunction there at one of the major
5 parts went down and they're going to be closed
6 through next week. Actually, the middle of next
7 week. So we won't be up and paving until then. Of
8 course, when we finish your district, we're going to
9 go up and try to knock Burkhalter out there.
10 They've done a good job. We've got all the little
11 bad roads.

12 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah. And I don't know.
13 I think Eddie puts stuff in his paper every now and
14 then. You might put in there don't stop and cuss
15 Billy out when he's paving a road, you know. Tell
16 him thank you or hi, but don't cuss him out and tell
17 him he's paving the wrong street. Billy knows what
18 he's doing when he's doing it and he does a great
19 job. And I'll tell you, you've got some good people
20 working for this county and Billy does a great job.

21 Also, the barbecue is Saturday at the
22 Community Center at South Dade. So anybody wanting
23 to eat fresh barbecue, it will be prepared on
24 Saturday at the Community Center.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Pork and chicken. And

1 they're going to start about 11:00 serving.

2 MR. BREEDEN: Until it runs out. You
3 might expound on this, Ted. We met with The
4 Preserve deal the other day on --

5 MR. RUMLEY: Yesterday.

6 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah. With the Land
7 Trust. And, you know, I've lived in the south Dade
8 area for 42 years and I can't tell you how many
9 wonderful ventures I've seen people wanting to go on
10 with this Johnson Crook property and they all fail.
11 This I don't think has failure on it, what they're
12 trying to do, which is preserve it and leave it in
13 its natural state. And they had a very good
14 presentation on how it was going to be handled.

15 There is a private buyer that's
16 interested in it. There's no deals been made yet on
17 it, but he or anyone else that acquires the property
18 has to go by the guidelines of the Georgia-Alabama
19 Land Trust. So I think that's good for that piece
20 of property. It's like a sponge. You know, when
21 you get out of the valley part of it, you can't put
22 sewer in it or anything because it goes straight
23 into the cave system and I don't think we want that
24 because that goes into our water system. So it's a
25 good thing. It appears to be.

1 I'm going to touch on this. I don't
2 know. Ted said I could talk about anything I wanted
3 to.

4 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

5 MR. BREEDEN: This railroad -- this
6 train keeps blocking us over here a lot. And, you
7 know, I met with Jeff Mullis about the JDA because
8 I, like Ted, was like are we wasting our money in
9 funding the JDA. Now, I have nothing to gain by
10 saying that when I met with Jeff, I didn't feel like
11 he was blowing smoke or telling me some big fantasy
12 about the JDA. It was -- it's a good organization
13 to me it looks like and the more that I looked into
14 our dealings with them, the more I found out, you
15 know, we didn't have nothing to sell in Dade County
16 as far as two people looking for industry and we're
17 slowly getting that in place. And now with the
18 property that they have bought, they are -- they
19 have something that JDA can work with, but there's
20 another thorn in our side here in Dade County and
21 that's that train and its switch track over here.

22 You know, in the perfect world they
23 need to move it -- move the switch track south and
24 get it out of the city, but I don't think they're
25 going to want to do that. So we're looking at other

1 options to get the businesses across the tracks
2 instead of it being blocked all the time.

3 I know if I was a business, I wouldn't
4 want to come here and seeing trucks backed out from
5 the railroad track out into Highway 11 and down the
6 middle of Highway 11 waiting to try to get into the
7 Industrial Park. That's not very appealing for an
8 Industrial Park. So there are some things that are
9 being explored by making that more appealing as far
10 as Industrial Park to anyone that would be looking.

11 I guess the only other thing is
12 everybody needs to get out and vote on this upcoming
13 election. It's an important election and I'm just
14 encouraging everybody to get out to vote. That's
15 all.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Amen to that. Thank you,
17 Ricky. Good report. Allan?

18 MR. BRADFORD: There's not a whole lot
19 left. I was going to mention Burkhalter and Ted has
20 already got that.

21 MR. BREEDEN: I didn't --

22 MR. BRADFORD: And the asphalt plant,
23 what happened, the main grinder has shut down. They
24 said it would be a week to two weeks, I think next
25 week, before we can receive any asphalt to get

1 Burkhalter done. I know I get that question about
2 every day.

3 One thing I would really like to say is
4 I would like to thank the sheriff's department for
5 allowing us to use the trusties in different areas.
6 I don't know how many of you know they had a fire
7 down at the American Legion day before yesterday and
8 they were able to come down and help and they
9 cleaned all that up and they were back to work the
10 next morning. All of you that haven't eaten
11 breakfast there or dinner there, they really have --
12 I mean, lunch and breakfast, they have an excellent
13 breakfast and an excellent lunch to go down there
14 to.

15 Anyway, I appreciate him doing that and
16 I've also seen him cleaning up roads coming off
17 Lookout Mountain with trusties. That's better than
18 them just sitting there on the tax dollar, be out
19 using them.

20 I would like to remind you there's a
21 firemen's dinner Sunday at Lookout Mountain for the
22 firemen. They're going to have turkey and dressing
23 and ham and what else, Ricky? That's about it,
24 isn't it? It starts about 12:00. So all the people
25 that wants to go, it would be a good place to go.

1 They always have good lunches, good dinners out
2 there.

3 MR. RUMLEY: That's Sunday?

4 MR. BRADFORD: Sunday, June 8th.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, that's good food.

6 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah. They have really
7 good food. I would like to thank Billy because
8 they've kept all our roads open today. They've had
9 trees broke down, blowed down. You wouldn't think
10 it done that much damage, but he's had several trees
11 that blown down all over the county and they've got
12 all the roads open. They even did one for the
13 State. So that was very nice of them.

14 And the transfer station is always
15 doing great. So other than that, everything is
16 going pretty good.

17 MR. PITTMAN: What time does it start?

18 MR. BRADFORD: 12:00.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Is that when you start
20 serving, right when people starts getting out of
21 church?

22 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah. I'm sure there
23 will be some there a little bit earlier than that.
24 You know, like the fish fry wasn't supposed to start
25 until 6:00 and I started giving fish out at 5:00.

1 MR. RUMLEY: I got there at 5:30. It
2 was good.

3 MR. BREEDEN: Can I ask you something
4 about that transfer station?

5 MR. BRADFORD: Yes, sir.

6 MR. BREEDEN: That signs says if it's
7 got a triangle with a two in it, you can throw it in
8 this can, but some things that's got a triangle and
9 a two in it gets pulled out and throwed in the
10 garbage, right?

11 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

12 MR. BREEDEN: Why is that? I mean, how
13 come that sign says it goes there, but then they --

14 MR. BRADFORD: Somebody is taking it
15 out and putting it in other containers.

16 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah. Because they
17 say -- I go to the transfer station a lot.

18 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah. I go every day.

19 MR. BREEDEN: And I put stuff in there.
20 Well, there was some little pill bottles that had
21 the triangle with the two on it and I went to put
22 them in there and the guy gets them and says they
23 won't take them, but it's got the triangle with the
24 two on it. And I was just wondering why there were
25 some things that were not being accepted.

1 MR. BRADFORD: Well, I didn't know
2 that. I never knew that was a problem. I've never
3 seen that until now.

4 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah. There's several
5 things that -- like the -- it's kind of like the
6 meat tray or something that you get at the Bi-Lo.
7 It's got a stamp with a triangle with a one on it.
8 I've seen them separate them out and put them in the
9 garbage and not run them through the number one
10 stuff. So I was just wondering.

11 MR. RUMLEY: You're talking about on
12 recycling.

13 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah, on the recycling.
14 I was just wondering why the sign says it's okay,
15 but then they're having to go through it and --
16 because ideally I generally look at the triangles
17 and take everything that I can.

18 MR. BRADFORD: I haven't seen that
19 happen, but I will definitely check that out. I'll
20 do that tomorrow.

21 MR. BREEDEN: Okay.

22 MR. RUMLEY: All right. We had a
23 pretty busy month, I have this month. Not only on
24 this -- our budget that we've been working on for
25 weeks. As Rick touched on, we've got -- this turned

1 into a big issue with this railroad group down here
2 as far as the blocking and the crossings. We had a
3 meeting here three hours, I guess, and Allan was in
4 it. We had two railroad officials, one that's over
5 safety. We were meeting mainly on the crossing
6 safety and I'll go into that in a minute. But it
7 just so happens when we left -- because we already
8 voiced our opinion on this and tried to explain how
9 critical it was that these trains were blocking and
10 keeping our -- in fact, we've got some people that's
11 threatening to leave possibly our Industrial Park
12 because of it.

13 And so we left here and we were going
14 up to where the fatality happened in the north end
15 and my phone started ringing and it was JMS calling
16 and Bull Moose and they said, you know, the train
17 had been on the track for about an hour and a half.
18 So we pulled down there and they witnessed the
19 train. That train sat there for three hours and 45
20 minutes and had our tracks blocked.

21 You know, so it couldn't have
22 happened -- it was bad it happened that day, but it
23 couldn't have happened at a better time because this
24 guy, I actually -- the coordinator between -- he's
25 actually our coordinator between our government and

1 the railroad. He gave me a couple of numbers there
2 that I've never had before that's really been a help
3 to me as far as breaking that train and getting them
4 on the ball. Because these people here, this one
5 guy controls it. He's the train master and -- but
6 that's still not fixing the problem.

7 They assured us, you know, they're
8 going to be better about breaking the train. If
9 it's on there more than thirty minutes there at
10 south industrial, that's going to help the problem
11 temporarily, but we've got -- we've got some things
12 that we're looking at. One is actually moving the
13 crossing from the Olgiati property on down the rail
14 there going north and trying to acquire maybe some
15 property there going in and making a new entrance to
16 the property, the industrial property.

17 The railroad is kind of -- you know,
18 they've not gave us a yes or no, but they said
19 that's possible if we close the Olgiati crossing,
20 which that's what we would do and reroute the road.
21 The other is like Rick said, is actually lobbying
22 for them to actually move the side track that's in
23 Trenton and actually move it on south of here and
24 put it in. Of course, to do that, they would have
25 to acquire property and it would cost millions of

1 dollars to do that probably. But that would get it
2 out of the -- or at least, you know, lengthen the
3 side track they've got, you know. But they're
4 throwing that over.

5 The other problem solver would be to
6 build -- actually a bridge over the Olgiati
7 crossing. That's been thrown out. Of course, it's
8 expensive. We've got an estimate, you know, we're
9 trying to work up now to see what that would cost.
10 I have found that there is some money out there that
11 possibly we could get to -- since it is so critical
12 through maybe three different agencies that might
13 supplement that.

14 MR. BREEDEN: The railroad possibly
15 would sell --

16 MR. RUMLEY: They would contribute
17 ten percent of whatever it costs. They said that
18 would be the maximum of what they would contribute.
19 So that's a start. You know, that might be -- you
20 know, it sounds like a major undertaking. It is not
21 a bridge, a four-lane bridge. This is a two-lane
22 DOT-approved bridge. We're not expanding like two
23 sets of roads like the interstate. A lot of it --
24 most of it could be done in-house. So that would
25 fix it forever.

1 The other thing we're looking at, I met
2 with the City on this. Tommy Lowery is the City
3 Street Commissioner and, of course, Mayor Emmanuel
4 is still under the weather, but is actually
5 temporarily using the Sunset for emergency out for
6 those trucks. Now, we're -- when we're getting in a
7 bind, that's what we're doing. We're moving them in
8 and out with a police car. We're trying to help
9 them move the material in and out because the other
10 day, you know, JD Mitchell shut down because of
11 that. They were waiting on these rolls of steel to
12 come in and we can't have that.

13 Anyway, just real quickly, we are --
14 we're really going to stay on this until we get
15 something done and get an answer because it's not
16 only hurting our industries in there, but it could
17 deter people from coming in and looking at our
18 property and moving here. We can't have that.

19 So anyway, we did have -- I did meet
20 with Mullis -- Senator Mullis in Atlanta this week.
21 We had a really good meeting with the Department of
22 Transportation. They have their own department
23 that's actually in charge of railroad crossings.
24 It's safety. And I didn't know this, but the
25 railroad, all they're responsible to put up on the

1 railroad crossing is not the stop signs. They're
2 not even responsible for that, just a regular stop
3 sign. All they're responsible to put up is these
4 black signs that's got the crossing, just the X on
5 it and they're not -- they don't even have to put up
6 a stop sign. That's the responsibility of either
7 the state or the county, just like the cross arms.

8 So we did get them to agree to fund a
9 set of cross arms and lights up at the Carol Road,
10 which is where we did have a fatality and they
11 did -- want to work with us on possibly doing three
12 more crossings, which one of them is Sarah's Chapel.
13 That's a very dangerous crossing. The other two
14 they're going to make recommendations on.

15 But to do that, they're asking the
16 county or they can close them. They want to close
17 one crossing in this county from the very central --
18 or very southern part to the northern part and
19 they're going to make recommendations on the
20 crossing or one crossing that they think -- but it's
21 got to be a crossing that's on a county road. So I
22 don't know how we're going to work that out, what
23 crossing because, you know, crossings -- every
24 crossing we've got is real critical to the people
25 that's one or the other side. So we're going to

1 meet with those people in the next couple of weeks
2 and we may have three more crossings that we can put
3 cross arms on. So anyway, we'll keep you posted on
4 that.

5 Touching on The Preserve meeting that
6 Rick said, I'll give you just a little more
7 information on that. We did meet yesterday. It was
8 a pretty good turnout. Mainly it was people there
9 that owned houses in The Preserve. They did a real
10 good PowerPoint presentation. The owner or the
11 prospective buyer was there. They are associated
12 with P&C Construction out of Chattanooga. Actually,
13 they're the owners of that. It's a family-owned
14 company.

15 The actual Georgia Land Trust, they
16 have a strict guideline as far as the conservation
17 easement that will be -- that they'll enter into.
18 From what I understand, the trees and all the
19 caverns and all that will be protected, but there
20 will be some homes built down there. One good
21 thing, you know, about this is if they -- because I
22 kind of hated to sell it and it actually leave the
23 actual land conservancy group, but it will come back
24 onto our tax docket. So we will start receiving,
25 you know, some property tax on that because he did

1 it -- he did tell us he intends to build some homes
2 there, minimal homes -- a minimal amount. He didn't
3 say ten or twenty or thirty. He's going to divide
4 some of that up into tracts and actually sell it to
5 justify his investment. And that's the reason that
6 the Land Trust is selling it. That's what they do.
7 It was explained to us upfront, but they've actually
8 -- they owe about a million two, a little over a
9 million dollars on their investment there. That way
10 they can actually find and pick and choose the
11 people they want to actually conserve the property
12 and go into that covenant, call it what you want and
13 the land that will be protected.

14 And my question to them was, you know,
15 how binding is this. A lot of people that own
16 houses and people that live there like Rick and I,
17 we want -- we hate to see the timbers scalped and
18 all that out of it, you know. But it's a binding
19 contract forever as long as that -- well, even after
20 the company sells it. That's what I was wondering,
21 if they actually sold that. When they sell it, it
22 gets written into the deeds and it's actually a
23 legal binding contract.

24 So hopefully like Rick said, they're
25 going in the right direction. They don't have a

1 signed contract. They did say that it could take up
2 to, you know, six months to a year just to finish
3 the covenant itself or the actual conservancy
4 agreement. So we'll keep you up on that as we find
5 out about that. Of course, the newspapers -- I'm
6 sure Eddie and Evan will keep you up on that because
7 it is a pretty important item right now in the south
8 end anyway.

9 MR. SMITH: They do have a -- I'll call
10 it conservative police. They go around once a year
11 and check these sites out, making sure they're being
12 took care of the way they're supposed to be took
13 care of. If they're not doing what they're not
14 supposed to be doing.

15 MR. BREEDEN: The buyer of it is not at
16 liberty to put homes wherever he wants to. See, the
17 Land Trust will determine land sites in the deed or
18 however and they'll be located wherever they say
19 they determine, you know, whether it's one home or
20 200 acres or whatever. That will already be
21 predetermined locations and that's the only place a
22 home, a barn or anything can even be established and
23 that will be set in stone once it's all been worked
24 out. So the landowner won't have the liberty to
25 just say, I'm going to build a house over here. No,

1 there will be a set amount of homes that can even be
2 built down there and the locations will already be
3 determined.

4 MR. RUMLEY: A lot of that will depend,
5 too, on the sewer. Like you said, the percolation
6 of the property. That's why they want to be real
7 critical on actually that designation. Anyway, it's
8 good. I feel better about it since the meeting.

9 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah.

10 MR. RUMLEY: They brought a lot of
11 things out to the public.

12 MR. BLACK: Ted, I've got a question.
13 It may be out of order or not. I don't know. But
14 are they going to address those dams that are down
15 there that are basically substandard?

16 MR. RUMLEY: That was brought up at the
17 meeting yesterday. The actual -- the critical one,
18 the one that we've had problems with in the past,
19 they have fixed that. They went in and raised it
20 and they've actually lowered the spillway. That's
21 the big one right at the bottom that spilled over.
22 The rest of them -- of course, there's not any of
23 them that comes under the Safe Dams Act as far as
24 being -- you know, like our Lookout Lake Dam out
25 there because of the acreage of it. They were

1 never -- those dams were never permitted. They were
2 built through ASCS or whatever. There were never
3 any permits. They went in there and they dug the
4 core and built them.

5 Now, the Safe Dams have been there.
6 They're aware of every one of them. Because when
7 they look at our Lookout Lake Dam, they inspect that
8 sometimes twice a year, but every year. They drop
9 off and they do, you know, a survey. And that was
10 mentioned and this girl, this lady that's over the
11 Land Trust definitely -- that is a critical point
12 because of the liability of it. Because that was a
13 question. They said, okay, if this man buys this,
14 you know, and is he liable -- the homeowners asked
15 this. Who is assuming the liability of the dams and
16 who is assuming the liability if someone drowns?
17 That's what's taking all this time to draw this
18 stuff up because it's -- you know, it's critical.

19 MR. BLACK: I know when we had our
20 state conservation, he had a lot of concern about
21 those dams. And according to him, they were never
22 cored and that's the problem that they've got into
23 and they were just basically just filling hollows
24 in.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Well, they dug a core, but

1 they didn't have no -- no engineering. They went in
2 and did a four-foot core. They didn't go down. You
3 know, if you built a lake or a dam, you know.
4 You've got a certain procedure you do or you're
5 wasting your money because that's like a footing in
6 a house. You know, when you pour a footing, that's
7 the most critical part of the house being there
8 forever and there was not one of those dams -- well,
9 maybe the first one they built they did -- that was
10 before we had Joe Lee, but there was no paperwork on
11 it. There's two of them leaking right now. It's
12 seeping.

13 MR. BLACK: That was the question he
14 had. It's just one I've got. You know, how is that
15 being addressed because we're having to change
16 ownership again.

17 MR. BREEDEN: Well, the Land Trust has
18 that liability right now. They are fully liable
19 right now. Now, what's going to happen is they're
20 going to transfer that liability, whether it be an
21 HOA or to the private purchaser of the 1,800 acres,
22 but they're going to transfer that liability. But
23 right now they have that liability.

24 MR. RUMLEY: That's right. And they
25 know it because that was discussed.

1 MR. BLACK: That's why they want to get
2 rid of it.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Well, I'm going to tell
4 you something, you're talking -- because that one
5 dam, if it actually burst, it would be a chain
6 reaction and it would wipe all the way down through
7 to the commissary. I mean, because you're talking
8 there's a tremendous amount of water in that first
9 dam. I mean, big time. And there's no way the
10 other dams would hold that if it burst. Alex, do
11 you have something?

12 MR. CASE: They just put us under
13 another warning until 8:00 p.m.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll cut this
15 short. That's a good point, Tom. Okay. The only
16 other thing I want to touch on is the Memorial Day
17 event out here we had. That was one of the largest
18 crowds we've had in a long time. We had it in the
19 evening at 6:00 p.m. So I want to -- the veterans,
20 I appreciate them for actually attending, but all
21 the people that actually was there. It was just
22 amazing.

23 So the other thing -- well, that's it.
24 I could talk another thirty minutes. Okay. Let's
25 move down to the -- Marshanna with the library.

1 MS. SHARP: I'll be real quick. Summer
2 reading started Tuesday. We have -- by the end of
3 the week, we'll have 200 kids signed up. We have
4 over 180 kids signed up for summer reading. That
5 day we had 213 people that showed up.

6 On the 10th, we're going to do an adult
7 program on Alaska. If anyone wants to travel to
8 Alaska and has questions, there's someone coming to
9 do a program on that and we have programs until
10 August 7th. We'll have them every week. Just
11 come by and we'll give you a flyer that has the
12 dates and programs.

13 And also, speaking of the trusties,
14 come by and see what they have done. They decorated
15 the library for the kids. Come by and see what
16 they've done for the kids. Yeah, we have lots of
17 sponsors for the summer reading and it's free and
18 we're also doing the lunches there for the school.
19 Does anyone have any questions?

20 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Thank you very
21 much. Okay. Move down to the 4H. They called a
22 little while ago. They don't have a report tonight.

23 Chris with the Chamber, executive
24 director.

25 MR. MUSSER: I'll be brief as well.

1 This month there was a lot of meetings. I mentioned
2 a couple of them, the DOL monthly meeting took place
3 at Cloudland Canyon. This month a key part of the
4 JDA actually was the speaker and we talked a little
5 before and after about why we're involved in the
6 JDA, what it brings to the county. We talked about
7 a few of the projects in other counties and how we
8 as Dade County are going to get more from them, how
9 that can all work. I enjoyed hearing his report on
10 that and how they work the numbers and projects,
11 etc. If you have any more problems, I've been
12 involved as well.

13 Also, the Technology Vision Committee
14 took place this past week last Thursday, I believe.
15 It was up there in Dalton at the Whitfield Career
16 Academy that was established a couple of years back
17 and it's basically manufacturing and the local
18 economic development leaders getting together and
19 brainstorming how can we -- essentially the big aim
20 is how can we change the stigma of the manufacturing
21 industry, so there are kids graduating from high
22 school think I've got to go to a four-year college
23 or I fail completely in life.

24 So we're trying to work and see how we
25 can rebrand that industry in a sense and give the

1 people that may want to pursue a career in that the
2 incentive to do so and not just telling them that's
3 the second option.

4 Otherwise, I was also at a Thrive 2055
5 meeting today. Some of you may not know about that.
6 That's a 16-county regional training organization
7 that's been afloat for about two years now. And the
8 idea is to really create confidence and plan for
9 this region what we want to see, how can we all come
10 together and be a part of something that will
11 attract more industry from all over the world.

12 Actually, Dan Jacobs is (inaudible) to
13 transmit those to you. That was a good meeting.
14 For your sake, the important thing is there are
15 going to be some public input meetings coming up.
16 There's one actually this evening and they are going
17 to be public input meetings on the following dates
18 and these meetings are for citizens of one of the 16
19 counties to come and hear the presentation. It's a
20 great presentation of what has been done and then
21 they're asked to discuss what they would like to see
22 not just in their own county, but in the 16-county
23 region.

24 So the dates are June 10th in Dalton
25 there's a meeting. June 12th in Kimball,

1 June 17th in Scottsboro and June 19th in Rock
2 Spring at 6:00 for all the meetings. So if you're
3 interested, let me know. I can give you the dates
4 again.

5 Last thing I'll mention, Dade Days is
6 coming back this year. August 2nd is the day we
7 have set it for. It's a Saturday in August. It's a
8 one-day event. We're going to have a pageant of
9 some sort the night before, but that Saturday will
10 be a full day of festivities as in the old days. I
11 look forward to finding out about it as we move on.
12 Are there any questions?

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Good report. Rick
14 just got a report. His power is out down there on
15 the south end, so --

16 MR. BREEDEN: My alarm called from my
17 chicken houses. We've still got 62,000 birds down
18 there, so...

19 MR. CASE: The storm is right on us
20 now. It's probably safer for everybody to stay.
21 The main front is right at --

22 MR. BREEDEN: I've just got to step out
23 and make a phone call.

24 MR. RUMLEY: So we're all right right
25 now? Don -- there's no representative from the City

1 of Trenton here tonight. Don, go ahead and give us
2 our financial report, if you would.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. As of May
4 31st, 2014, the general fund had a balance of
5 \$1,062,035; Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288;
6 Sheriff's Special Fund, \$19,469; Drug Abuse
7 Education Fund, \$70,007; Supplemental Juvenile
8 Services Fund, \$23,059; Victim Assistance Fund,
9 \$2,813; Jail Fund, \$26,185; Federal Asset fund,
10 Department of Justice, \$742; Employee Flexible
11 Spending Account, \$877; payroll account, \$237,092;
12 S.P.L.O.S.T Construction Fund has a balance of
13 \$2,337. Projects account \$39,514, proceeds account,
14 \$896,007.

15 Currently the only fire department that
16 has funds available for S.P.L.O.S.T is West Brow and
17 they have about \$2,189 and I requested them to use
18 that by the 20th day of this month so we can close
19 the account. In other words, we need the checks to
20 clear so that July 1st hits, the new year will
21 begin and we won't have to have that account audited
22 anymore.

23 Series 2013 bonds, the IDA Construction
24 Series B is \$344,363. IDA Debt Service Series A is
25 \$94 and County Debt Service Series B is zero. For

1 the month of May -- I'm sorry. For the month of
2 April, we had revenues of \$675,500 and budgeted was
3 \$954,478, so we show a shortage of \$278,978.

4 However, year-to-date was \$8,430,438. Budgeted was
5 \$8,878,947, so that's a shortage of \$440,509. The
6 expenses for the month of April was \$596,949.

7 Budgeted was \$844,193. So we were under budget on
8 expenses by \$247,244 and year-to-date expenses were
9 \$8,380,500. Budgeted was \$8,617,262 and we were
10 under budget \$236,762.

11 General fund projection cash, the
12 actual revenue less expenses for April was \$78,550.
13 Budgeted was \$110,285, so we're under budget --
14 sorry, over budget \$31,734. And revenue less
15 expenses year-to-date 49,937. Budgeted was
16 \$261,684. So we're over budget \$211,747.

17 Budget attained for this period should
18 be at 83.33 percent. Revenues attained were at
19 73.64 percent. Expenses attained were
20 81.77 percent. For the month of May, we finally saw
21 the S.P.L.O.S.T and L.O.S.T. make a turn. It's not
22 doing great, but it did make a turn. Local option
23 sales tax was collected at \$145,057 and Special
24 Purpose Option Sales Tax was \$181,322.

25 Following that report, you'll see your

1 packet breakdown of S.P.L.O.S.T, which is the 2009
2 S.P.L.O.S.T tracking report and it shows just how
3 everything has been spent so far on the current
4 S.P.L.O.S.T. Of course, we don't have anything for
5 2015 S.P.L.O.S.T. I did receive a letter from the
6 Department of Revenue stating that the current
7 S.P.L.O.S.T will end June 30th, 2015, and that we
8 have not received notification yet about the new
9 S.P.L.O.S.T starting July 1st. However, based on
10 what we approved tonight on the consent agenda, they
11 should be doing that in the next ninety days.

12 There is a breakdown for construction
13 account funds, project account funds and proceeds
14 account funds. The final page is the tax
15 commissioner's office collected current money. This
16 is as of May 6th. She's collected 95.92 percent and
17 I think I have on my desk right now about 102,000,
18 \$104,000 worth of checks. She's going to be right
19 at 100 percent by the end of this -- at the
20 beginning of this month and I'm sure by the end of
21 the month, she will have exceeded her revenue
22 projections. So that's a good thing. Thank you.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions? If
24 not, I'll entertain a motion to approve our
25 financial report as presented by Don Townsend.

1 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

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

3 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

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

5 Mr. Smith?

6 MR. SMITH: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

8 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

10 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

12 Robin, do you have anything you want to --

13 MR. ROGERS: I do not, Ted.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. No unfinished
15 business, new business. Okay.

16 Okay. The reading of the minutes of
17 last month's regular meeting and any special-called
18 meeting will not be required since all commissioners
19 have been furnished copies in advance. The minutes
20 are public record and available for review in the
21 county commission office. The minutes are included
22 in our consent agenda. Don, if you'll go over our
23 consent agenda and we will entertain a motion to
24 approve.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. On the consent

1 agenda for tonight we have approval of the agenda,
2 approval of previous meeting minutes, review of
3 personnel status report, Resolution R-28-14,
4 reappointment of a member to the Alcohol Beverage
5 Control Board. That actually should say
6 appointment. That would be Darrell Pardue.
7 Resolution R-29-14, appointment of a member to the
8 Northwest Georgia Regional Commission upon
9 resignation of a member and the new member will be
10 Peter Cervelli to fill the unexpired term for
11 December 31st, 2014.

12 The Resolution R-29-14 to -- a
13 resolution approving capital equipment purchase
14 awarded to Mountain View Ford for -- which was a
15 2015 -- '14 Explorer for \$25,895. Ordinance
16 07-03-14, Home Rule amending enabling legislation
17 provision for call of elections. Our first reading
18 was approved, awaiting a second approval in July.
19 Resolution R-24-14 declaring results in election
20 held on June 20th, 2014. And that is to amend --
21 I'm sorry. Resolution of the Board of Commissioners
22 of Dade County declaring results of an election held
23 on May 20th, 2014, and certificate of election of
24 superintendent. And that's for the S.P.L.O.S.T --
25 S.P.L.O.S.T received a total of 1,238 yes votes and

1 579 no votes.

2 Resolution R-25-14, surplus property
3 which includes eight different items, an HP Office
4 Jet 9110, an HP Laser Jet 2420d. It's a computer
5 tower -- three computer towers from the assessor's
6 office, copier, a scanner and another HP Desk Jet
7 printer.

8 Resolution R-25-14 -- I'm sorry.
9 Resolution R-26-14, Federal Transit Authority 5311
10 fiscal year operating grant, project number T005046
11 Public Transportation. It's federal funds in the
12 amount of \$131,508. Approval for that to be issued.
13 Resolution R-17-14, which approves the insurance
14 program for Dade County, Georgia, which includes a
15 resolution for the combined automobile, crime,
16 liability, property, workers' compensation and group
17 health benefit insurance coverage for Dade County.

18 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Are there any
19 questions or corrections pertaining to the consent
20 agenda? Okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion to
21 approve our consent agenda as presented.

22 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

23 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Do I have a
24 second?

25 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

1 MR. RUMLEY: All right. I'll call a
2 vote. Mr. Smith?

3 MR. SMITH: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

7 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

9 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

11 Okay. Anyone want to come up and talk to us
12 tonight? I'll give you time to voice your opinions
13 or questions or whatever. Feel free to come up.

14 Okay. All right.

15 MR. TOWNSEND: I have one correction.
16 And if you want to amend the agenda or just vote on
17 it separately, and that was the approval of the iPad
18 for \$300 for the Dade County Library from
19 S.P.L.O.S.T.

20 MR. RUMLEY: We'll have a vote on that
21 right now. That will be the best thing to do. Do I
22 have a motion to approve --

23 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve the iPad.

24 MR. RUMLEY: For the library. Okay.
25 Do I have a second?

1 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call a vote.
3 Mr. Smith?

4 MR. SMITH: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

6 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

8 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

10 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

12 Okay. All right. I appreciate all of y'all being
13 here tonight.

14 MS. KELLEY: I have an announcement
15 about the community center. We through medical
16 reasons and other reasons, we've pretty much lost
17 our entire community center board, so we are
18 starting from scratch and we have to have a
19 community board to be able write our checks and
20 everything else. So we really need people to show
21 up at our meeting next Tuesday night --

22 MR. RUMLEY: This is New Home Community
23 Center. What she's saying is next Thursday night --

24 MS. KELLEY: It's Tuesday night at six
25 o'clock at the New Home Community Center.

1 MR. RUMLEY: It's very critical that
2 the people in the community try to turn out for this
3 because due to health reasons, as Summer explained,
4 the board has dwindled down. So try to come out and
5 participate in it.

6 All right. Remember, the South Dade on
7 Saturday, some good food there. Remember New Salem
8 on Sunday. So you won't have to cook every day.
9 You can come eat lunch with us and go out there on
10 the mountain in New Salem and eat out there, so some
11 good food. I appreciate all of you being here. If
12 there's nothing further, we'll call this meeting
13 adjourned.

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