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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

WORK SESSION

JULY 3, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: I'll go ahead and call
2 the work session to order. We appreciate y'all
3 being here tonight. We do have Allen on a two-week
4 vacation. He won't be with us tonight.

5 Has everyone had a chance to look at the
6 agenda?

7 MR. SMITH: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: The only change I'd like
9 -- we do have a young man who wants to talk to us
10 about some work they're doing in the county and he's
11 going to speak to us here in just a minute at the
12 end of the work session about Lookout Creek and all
13 the work they've been doing there, if that's okay.

14 On the previous minutes of our last
15 meeting -- everyone has a copy of that. Any
16 correction on anything? Okay.

17 Personnel status, we've had -- you know,
18 we lost three over at the jail. He's not replaced
19 any of those full time, but he has replaced the part
20 time, which was -- just a second. Let me make sure.
21 Yeah, Nathan Baker, he did hire -- the sheriff did
22 hire Nathan Baker as a part time deputy. He works
23 full time for Catoosa over in Rossville. He did do
24 that. And also did replace a driver there. A man
25 had retired there from public transportation. I'm

1 not sure -- yeah. We lost one and replaced one. So
2 that's what we stand on -- let's see. We've got
3 Robert Goff's name in here somewhere. I noticed
4 that he -- it's showing him leaving, so.

5 MR. GOFF: Well, I'm not getting
6 paid.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Amen. You better not
8 be.

9 MR. BEARDEN: It didn't show him
10 leaving. It showed him terminated.

11 MR. RUMLEY: That's what it says,
12 terminated. I don't now who put that in there.

13 MR. BEARDEN: I'm going to highlight
14 it.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Anyway under --
16 anybody got any questions about the -- okay.

17 Under the board appointments we do have a
18 -- we don't have an appointment to make tonight, but
19 we do have a resignation from Laura Holder, which is
20 on our assessment board. She's out of the south
21 Dade district, so Rickey and everyone is trying to
22 find a person to replace her. So hopefully by next
23 meeting we'll have someone that will be able to do
24 it.

25 MR. PITTMAN: That's really hard

1 work.

2 MR. RUMLEY: It is. It's hard to
3 find someone to serve on that because it is a very
4 touchy board there when you're dealing with what's
5 going on, appeals and all. So it's just a --
6 anyway. Hopefully we can find a good person to
7 replace her. She did a good job. She was actually
8 our chairman of the board of that group. Okay.

9 Under number five, there shouldn't be
10 anything under there.

11 Okay. Move down to number six, this is
12 something we did have, we talked about this, have a
13 reading on the ordinance, 7-03-14. It's a home rule
14 amending and enabling legislation provisions for
15 call of elections. Don, if you want to explain
16 again, you can.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: And Robin can chime in
18 here too. But we had to change our local amendment,
19 our local act, to match that of the state. So it's
20 the home rule ordinance to amend local acts
21 regarding the call by the county election
22 superintendent for special local elections. So if
23 that sounds -- if that's not confusing. What that
24 means is one was 60, one was 90. We just matched
25 the state.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Which we have to. It's
2 not a choice. It's something we have to do.

3 MR. SMITH: Instead of where the
4 state changes it's automatically --

5 MR. RUMLEY: Right. Is this the
6 final on that?

7 MR. ROGERS: It is.

8 MR. RUMLEY: It is final. Okay. All
9 right. Any other questions on that?

10 Resolution R-32-14, agreement for service
11 of groundwater/methane testing on Back Valley Road
12 and landfill with S&ME. This is something we do
13 every year. We pay other people that actually do
14 our testing and have for some time. And we are
15 aggressively still trying to get out of that. We've
16 got some people working on that trying to -- there's
17 still cobalt showing in our -- one of our wells over
18 there, or at least a trace. We still have to have
19 that monitored. What we're trying to do is do a
20 one-mile radius, you know, actually showing how many
21 wells people drink out of in that area. And they
22 may have to extend it a mile and a half. And if
23 there is none, which everyone in that mile radius
24 has city water, you know. And so possibly, you know
25 -- but it's going -- it's still a six, eight month

1 process. So we may be able to eliminate these
2 people and eliminate the -- and be able to close --
3 totally close the landfill. Hopefully we can do it.
4 Anyway, that's what that is. And S&ME has been our
5 -- we did bid that out two years ago and S&ME still
6 came in under, you know -- any question on that?

7 Let's see here. Move down to Ordinance
8 08-07-14. This is pertaining to repeal of sales
9 tax, energy sales tax on manufacturers. A couple of
10 a years ago -- actually it's been a little over a
11 year ago the state came in with -- and agreed to let
12 counties -- or governing authorities to help promote
13 industry pull the energy excise tax from all their
14 actual plants or industry in their counties. And
15 most counties did.

16 And, you know, we talked about this, if
17 you remember when we did this, but no one really
18 knew what an impact it was going to be, whether it
19 was going to be \$10,000 for every county or a
20 hundred thousand or a thousand and so what we
21 recommended doing on our county and the city too was
22 to give it a year or a year and a half and just see
23 and monitor that and see what it -- what we were
24 going to actually -- how much money we would be out,
25 how much we would lose. And, of course, the City of

1 Trenton is going to be the great lossee (sic) on
2 this because the industry is in the city and that's
3 where all the big -- our plants are. But anyway,
4 nothing's really been -- has been decided as far as,
5 you know, removing it. We did keep it intact until
6 now.

7 We've got Accellent come to the table and,
8 you know, (inaudible) their plant and also JMS.

9 They're fixing to add on a massive addition there.

10 And they've come to the table and they have -- as
11 part of their extended tax, they want the county and
12 the city to waiver that tax, you know. And we'll be
13 hit with probably less than roughly \$5,000 on our
14 end of it, you know, somewhere around that. The
15 city is probably quite a bit more than that that
16 they'll actually -- but what they're doing is
17 actually giving them that incentive. Like

18 Accellent, they're bringing another 75 jobs to the
19 table. And JMS, we've met with them and I've not
20 got a real (inaudible) figure, but it's going to be
21 somewhere around the same and possibly even more.

22 But they've come to us. And, of course, we can only
23 eliminate our part of it, which will be the -- but
24 the city will have to -- and, Robin, I'll let you
25 come in here and comment on that. The city will

1 have to have their own meeting and make their own
2 decision on this on their part, right, because
3 they're totally different?

4 MR. ROGERS: Right. When it was set
5 up back in December of 2012 it was done -- and the
6 statute required that the county, if they were going
7 to continue the tax, if they entered an
8 intergovernmental agreement with any city within the
9 county that it would continue that tax. So the
10 county and the city entered into a intergovernmental
11 agreement to continue the tax and to split the
12 proceeds from that. So right now, I mean, for us to
13 (inaudible) intergovernmental agreement we would
14 need to amend that intergovernmental agreement with
15 the city as a part of the process for us to get out
16 of the whole thing. And so the first step and my
17 recommendation would be to authorize the county
18 executive to enter into discussion with the city
19 regarding their intents in the matter and, if so, if
20 they would agree to amend that intergovernmental
21 agreement or to terminate it.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

23 MR. ROGERS: That's the first step
24 that needs to take place before we can terminate the
25 tax on our side by ourself.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Everybody understand?

2 MR. SMITH: Well, we've got two
3 things; repeal of sales and use tax and then next is
4 removal of the excise tax.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: It's the same thing.

6 MR. RUMLEY: It's the same thing.

7 MR. SMITH: The same?

8 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. It's appealing
9 the ordinance. You know, repeal that. But what we
10 need to do, according to Robin, you know, to do it
11 correctly, we need to get to talk -- actually get
12 with the city and him get with his governing
13 authority, the mayor, and then -- because the first
14 thing we're going to have to do is appeal that
15 (inaudible) joint intergovernmental agreement. So
16 there's more to it than just us voting on it. So
17 tonight what you're saying we need to do is y'all
18 advise me to ask -- give your blessing to start
19 negotiations with the mayor and then --

20 MR. PITTMAN: Will we have to do this
21 for every business or just --

22 MR. RUMLEY: No. You either do it or
23 don't do it. It's not -- you can't just pick and
24 choose.

25 MR. PITTMAN: So it's either there or

1 it's not there.

2 MR. SMITH: Well, can we prorate it
3 out, drop it from three to two and a half, two? But
4 if a new company comes -- if company X gets it,
5 company Y comes in, it's not a total zero. They
6 start at three and work down. Can you or can you
7 not do that?

8 MR. ROGERS: So let's say that the
9 tax is at two percent and in 2016 it goes down to 1
10 and 2017 down to 0, for instance. So your question
11 is if we adopt that sort of strategy, if a new
12 company comes in, would they be taxed at the same
13 rate as -- or do they start out at zero?

14 MR. SMITH: That's what I'm saying.

15 MR. ROGERS: The answer is they would
16 start out at whatever the other company is.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: You can't pick out an
18 industry. It's industry wide. It's not -- it's
19 county wide. So it goes from, let's say four, to
20 three point five, to three, to two point five, if
21 you do that --

22 MR. SMITH: But whatever company
23 comes in, that's where they pick up?

24 MR. TOWNSEND: That's where they pick
25 up.

1 MR. ROGERS: That's right. That's
2 right.

3 MR. RUMLEY: But we are the only
4 county in northwest Georgia that actually chose to
5 go ahead and impose it, you know, because, you know,
6 I was -- we were -- I was afraid, you know, there's
7 no one -- even the Department of Revenue couldn't
8 tell us how much money we were going to be losing.
9 It could have been up to, you know, 40, \$50,000. It
10 could have been more. You know, we gave them over a
11 year and a half now and with the (inaudible) bills,
12 and that's roughly what it would cost us, you know,
13 to actually give that benefit to them.

14 MR. SMITH: And even though this says
15 four, it's only three percent that we can mess with
16 because one percent belongs to the school board?

17 MR. ROGERS: I think it's two percent
18 frankly, but I can go back and look and see what it
19 is, what the excise tax is, but I was thinking it
20 was two.

21 MR. SMITH: Well, part of it belongs
22 to the school board --

23 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

24 MR. TOWNSEND: It's just whatever's
25 for Dade County, school board, or whoever.

1 MR. SMITH: So it can't be totally
2 removed unless the school board removes their
3 portion too.

4 MR. PITTMAN: Is this a deal breaker
5 with Accellent?

6 MR. RUMLEY: It could be. That's
7 part of their concern with, you know, why -- if
8 we're not -- you know, why we're charging them and
9 other counties are not. I don't think it will be a
10 total deal breaker, but the deal breaker, you know,
11 could be this (inaudible) incentive they're going to
12 get, or they hope they're going to get. So we met
13 several times in the last two weeks with --

14 MR. PITTMAN: This is only the energy
15 tax, it's not --

16 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, it's small. This
17 is small. They've already reached an agreement on
18 the (inaudible), the IDA. They're the only one that
19 can do that. We can't do that.

20 MR. PITTMAN: Right.

21 MR. RUMLEY: This will just be our
22 portion of it, you know. But we can't do anything
23 tonight anyway, but it's something we need to
24 consider.

25 MR. ROGERS: Yeah, I really think

1 that for tonight we need some direction of what we
2 want to do and -- if anything, and I think that's
3 what Accellent is looking for too -- at too, to see
4 what we're wanting to do or would be willing to do,
5 not necessarily if we actually have to repeal it
6 tonight or terminate it tonight.

7 To answer your other question about the
8 resolution and the ordinance, what happened when we
9 passed that, we passed the ordinance, and then we
10 passed a resolution approving the intergovernmental
11 agreement. So there were three things that were --
12 but the resolution and the intergovernmental
13 agreement's kind of the same thing.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: And under tab nine
15 you'll see all Georgia counties that participate in
16 it, so.

17 MR. RUMLEY: We were one of the few
18 in the state of Georgia that actually -- which it
19 wasn't a (inaudible), but I just -- we had to make
20 the call and not know because no one could help --
21 even -- well, Whitfield County did just a rough
22 audit of their own just by calling a different --
23 some of their biggest plants. Now, they were hit
24 hard, but they went ahead and did it because
25 (inaudible) chance of them -- you know, Shaw or

1 somebody, you know, losing some of their, you know,
2 (inaudible). We're talking hundreds of thousands of
3 dollars there because they're heavy with industry.
4 But right now we're just asking for permission to
5 authorize myself and Robin, you know, to talk and
6 get -- find out, you know, how they feel about it.

7 MR. PITTMAN: Do we need to put it on
8 the consent agenda or just --

9 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah, I think --

10 MR. RUMLEY: It would be good to do
11 that to show --

12 MR. ROGERS: I make a motion I think
13 to express your approval of the process to authorize
14 county executive to negotiate with the city attorney
15 concerning the removal of the excise tax.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

17 MR. BEARDEN: But there was a
18 contingency on the fact that they expand and add 75
19 more jobs and spend \$50 million in the county,
20 right, wasn't that the contingency?

21 MR. ROGERS: That's part of the --

22 MR. RUMLEY: That's what they're
23 asking for. That's part of about ten things that
24 they asked for.

25 MR. BEARDEN: But it hinges on them

1 doing they're part too?

2 MR. RUMLEY: That's right. Exactly
3 right. And --

4 MR. BEARDEN: Or it don't disappear.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Of course, they got
6 (inaudible), if they don't produce the job, they
7 don't produce the -- you know, they've already
8 gotten job credit (inaudible), they'll have to pay
9 hem back at the end of that eight year -- well,
10 actually it's a ten-year period. The jobs are, you
11 know, three years (inaudible).

12 MR. ROGERS: The IDA entered into an
13 incentive agreement as well as a -- it's called a
14 tax abatement contract, and as a part of that,
15 there's called (inaudible) provision. So they get
16 an abatement for so many years for a portion of the
17 taxes and if they don't hit those investment and
18 employment quotas, then they have to pay all that
19 back.

20 MR. BEARDEN: Okay. That's what I
21 was -- yeah.

22 MR. RUMLEY: And they're very strict
23 on it because they've -- the (inaudible) they did an
24 audit here a year or so ago and then come back and
25 they had not (inaudible), but they did go back --

1 the (inaudible) did go back and they did prove to
2 them that they had invested 7 million and they did
3 -- even though they didn't get the 35, 40 employees
4 they actually made up for it in square footage.
5 There's different things that they can do to meet
6 the criteria, but they got to meet it. And they'll
7 get their money. The state and federal we'll get
8 their money. Anyway. Everybody fine with that now?
9 Put that on the consent agenda.

10 We'll move down to number ten. This is
11 our scheduling of our meetings for our millage rate
12 hearings. We've got to have three, right, Don,
13 three meetings?

14 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: And they will be
16 staggered. In other words, we'll have one like at
17 12 and one at 6:00 in the evening. And Don has that
18 schedule. It will be posted. I guess you'll post
19 it in the paper, right?

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, I've got to send
21 it off.

22 MR. RUMLEY: That's what I mean. If
23 you want to read that, you can, just to --

24 MR. TOWNSEND: There's a correction
25 already on it.

1 Wednesday July 16th, we'll be advertising
2 our first and second public hearings, also advertise
3 five year history and issuing press releases
4 regarding the millage rate. Seven days later we'll
5 also advertise the third public hearing on Thursday,
6 July 24th at 12 noon in this room, the Dade County
7 Administrative Building's Commission Room. I say
8 all that for the record. At 12 noon we'll have a
9 first public hearing and then at 6 p.m. we'll have a
10 second public hearing. We're allowed to do that.
11 So we'll have two in the same day and to get that
12 out of the way. And also seven days later on
13 Thursday, July 31st at 6 p.m. we'll have the third
14 public hearing, and at 6:30 p.m. we'll have a
15 special called meeting to adopt the final millage
16 rate.

17 And one reason we have to have it at that
18 time, is we traditionally wait on the school board
19 to bring theirs and we acknowledge their rate and
20 whatever they're doing. So by state law we have to
21 do that. And then on Friday, August 1st Jane
22 Moreland, Tax Commissioner of Dade County, will
23 drive to Atlanta to the Georgia Department of
24 Revenue for certification of the millage rate.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

1 MR. PITTMAN: All right, I've got a
2 question.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

4 MR. PITTMAN: I talked to you about
5 this earlier this week. My vacation is that week.
6 We've already got plans to go to Disney so that's
7 going to leave (inaudible).

8 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we can't help it.
9 I mean, that right there's written in stone. We got
10 to --

11 MR. PITTMAN: -- move this around.
12 There's no way I can change --

13 MR. RUMLEY: There's no moving that
14 the way that is. That's right on -- that's right
15 down to the last day and we hand it to her and she
16 actually hand delivers it to Atlanta.

17 MR. PITTMAN: Robin, can I call in?
18 Can I do that or do I physically have to be here to
19 vote?

20 MR. ROGERS: I think to vote you have
21 to --

22 MR. RUMLEY: No, you can't -- I mean,
23 you can't -- you can't --

24 MR. PITTMAN: Well --

25 MR. RUMLEY: You can listen, but as

1 far as casting a vote -- even though we know you're
2 on the line, legally you cannot, from what I
3 understand, cast a vote. We went through that with
4 the hospital.

5 MR. ROGERS: Are you concerned that
6 if someone else is out that --

7 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

8 MR. ROGERS: Okay.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: If we delayed it --

10 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, there's no way --

11 MR. TOWNSEND: -- (inaudible).

12 MR. RUMLEY: Which other counties --
13 you know, I know some counties right now that's
14 going to be August and September before they do
15 theirs, but we've never -- we've always been on time
16 and there's no reason -- unless somebody dies or
17 something.

18 MR. PITTMAN: We've had the vacation
19 scheduled for months. I had no way of knowing this.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Allen will be back.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, he'll be back. He
22 may find out, you know, the day -- he don't know
23 it's scheduled. He may increase his vacation a
24 week.

25 MR. PITTMAN: (Inaudible) scheduled

1 where we don't have -- where I'll be back by the
2 first of the -- first Thursday of the month so I'll
3 be at the meeting.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

5 MR. PITTMAN: I would have rather
6 missed a regular meeting as this one because it's
7 the --

8 MR. RUMLEY: It's important, but, you
9 know, we gotta do what we gotta do and that's
10 just --

11 MR. SMITH: Thursday the 24th I'm
12 scheduled to be off.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Well, are you saying you
14 can't be here? Is that final? I mean, because --

15 MR. PITTMAN: I'll be here for the
16 public hearing.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Well, the public hearing
18 is important, but -- you know, that's going to be
19 questions and answers, we can give it. The critical
20 day is the is the --

21 MR. SMITH: Right.

22 MR. RUMLEY: You know, that's --

23 MR. BEARDEN: It's my birthday.

24 MR. RUMLEY: You might get a whoopin'
25 then. You might get that -- something you haven't

1 had since your daddy turned you over your knee.
2 Well, anyway, that is what it is. We'll just have
3 to make it work.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: It's all about the
5 advertising of the agenda. I mean -- yeah, of the
6 agenda and the advertising of the public hearings,
7 the weekly legal organ that we have to put it in by
8 state law and we can't waiver from that.

9 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: Down to the -- telling
11 us what size to put in the paper, how many column
12 pages it has to be, and because it comes out
13 traditionally on Wednesday (inaudible) trying to
14 make sure it's the next business day, which is
15 Thursday. And that's our situation. It's not -- I
16 mean --

17 MR. RUMLEY: No, it's --

18 MR. TOWNSEND: -- 14 days worth of
19 advertising. It's just literally this is about as
20 quick as we could do it after the -- following this
21 meeting.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Right. Well, anyway,
23 that's what it is. The schedule will be posted.
24 Any other questions or comment on that?

25 I've got a couple of things I'll go over

1 with you here after these people here who want to
2 talk to us. I'll ask them to come and introduce
3 yourself. These people have been doing actually
4 some research on our watershed here at Lookout
5 Creek. It was funded through -- I started to say
6 Coosa Valley, but it's --

7 MR. HUSERY: Our group is Limestone
8 Valley --

9 MR. RUMLEY: Limestone Valley. And
10 that's who the grant was through and he's talked to
11 us before, but he's going to give us an update on
12 what's going on with that.

13 MR. HUSERY: So, yeah, folks, I'm Dan
14 Husery (phonetic). This is Josh Smith here. We
15 work for a group called Limestone Valley Resource
16 and Conservation -- Limestone Valley Resource and
17 Conservation and Development Council and it's a
18 non-profit covering an 11 county area in northwest
19 Georgia.

20 Well, we have a grant to write up a
21 watershed management plan for Lookout Creek to
22 improve water quality. We started this grant in
23 November 2012. The grant is wrapping up currently.
24 We have a draft currently in place and we think it's
25 a good solid draft and we're looking for comments.

1 So I have here a handout. What we're seeking here
2 is we have a small grant to write kind of a
3 prescription to improve water quality in the
4 watershed. And what we're seeking is to bring a lot
5 more grant money for volunteer conservation -- or
6 volunteer conservation to the county. So we want to
7 bring money to do ag (phonetic) projects, cost
8 shares on ag projects for people that are
9 interested. We want to bring money into cost share
10 on (inaudible) to help people out. And in the
11 process we want to clean up water quality. And so
12 that's the idea.

13 The water quality is not terribly bad or
14 anything like that, but we did get this grant. Josh
15 and I wanted to get a grant within Dade County and
16 so -- we are seeking comment on our first watershed
17 management plan draft and we will have --
18 preliminarily we have meeting scheduled July 24th.
19 That might change due to y'all's meeting on that
20 date, but we're just seeking comments that.

21 MR. RUMLEY: At the library? Is that
22 where --

23 MR. HUSERY: Yes, yes. And so we are
24 seeking comments on our first draft and after that,
25 we will have this one last meeting and address all

1 comments and seek public approval. And after that,
2 we plan on submitting an additional grant seeking
3 this voluntarily conservation money for ag projects,
4 for (inaudible) repairs, potentially storm water
5 projects. We've talked about potentially utilizing
6 trustees as labor to match our grant costs. So
7 potentially we could have a storm water project down
8 here, or two. And that's kind of the idea long term
9 is to write this plan and then we implement the plan
10 with additional grant money, which would bring money
11 to Dade County. And so that's the idea. Thanks,
12 y'all. I just wanted to make an announcement. My
13 contact information is on here should you want to
14 call me with comments or e-mail me with comments.
15 Take a look at the plan, see if you have any issues
16 with it.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Do you have enough
18 handouts to give everyone?

19 MR. SMITH: I don't think so.

20 MR. RUMLEY: I can make some copies
21 if I need to in a minute.

22 MR. HUSERY: Okay. Thank, y'all.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Y'all got any
24 questions on that? Pretty much what it amounts to
25 -- actually a real strenuous survey of the creek and

1 actually the contaminants in it and where -- if they
2 do find like if you got sewage, you know, septic
3 tank failure (inaudible) close to the creek,
4 whatever (inaudible) and then the initial grant from
5 what I understand will possibly go toward helping
6 the people if there are failures to fix it, you
7 know. Right? I mean, that's what it's all about.

8 MR. HUSERY: That's right.

9 MR. RUMLEY: So, I mean -- of course,
10 Lookout is our -- that's our main body of water for
11 Dade County. That's where we get our drinking
12 water. So it's critically important, you know.

13 MR. HUSERY: It's a voluntary program
14 (inaudible) --

15 MR. RUMLEY: Right.

16 MR. HUSERY: -- to do conservation
17 work on their property and -- yeah, essentially if
18 these grants are out there, we want to bring them to
19 our community.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Right. Any questions?
21 Okay. Appreciate y'all giving us that update.
22 Hopefully on the 24th that meeting will go through
23 and we can have a big crowd there. Because that's
24 what you need.

25 MR. HUSERY: Yeah. Thanks.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate all the work
2 you've done.

3 MR. HUSERY: Thank you.

4 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Number
5 eleven, kind of related to this, but not really.
6 We've got an issue on Lookout Mountain here since we
7 are actually a member of the Chattanooga (inaudible)
8 Organization, MPO, during the last census the actual
9 -- the way it was turned into the Federal
10 government, the Federal government, there's a strip
11 of land here that goes from the Lookout Mountain
12 Tennessee line there down to where Burkhalter goes
13 off the mountain, just that stretch, that they
14 actually brought in as a metropolitan area and they
15 predict that will happen in the next 35 years
16 through the census. I think they're wrong. I mean,
17 they're showing the population as being pretty
18 heavily -- it's showing heavily industry possibly
19 happening out there in the next 35 years.

20 But, anyway, so they came in and they
21 prepared through the EPD and they're saying we're
22 going to actually being (inaudible) discharge plan.
23 Well, after reading that, you know, it is designed
24 for, you know, a hundred thousand plus, you know,
25 people, or if you're less than a thousand, you can

1 be exempted from it. But to do that -- (inaudible)
2 in that little section there's only (inaudible), but
3 to do that (inaudible) meetings in Atlanta just in
4 the past two weeks and we've got to hire a Georgia
5 approved person to go in and draw -- and do a map,
6 do a setting and show them (inaudible) that we're
7 actually contributing to (inaudible) analysis of
8 that here. And then they'll have a meeting after
9 all that (inaudible) and the EPD will come out.
10 They have a special department that does that. And
11 we will meet and we will -- we're trying to get a
12 five year exemption from it. And there's a real
13 possibility of them doing that because of where it's
14 at. This is going to cost us a high end \$5,000.
15 She says probably -- the lady that's going to do it
16 for us can do it for around \$2500, do her part. So,
17 you know --

18 MR. BEARDEN: It's not really by
19 population then.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Well, that's just one of
21 the big factors. It didn't really say. It just
22 said, you know, if you're less than a thousand --

23 MR. BEARDEN: But --

24 MR. RUMLEY: When I applied for that,
25 filled out all the paperwork, they came back and

1 said, well, you know, you've got to prove that
2 there's not -- that what you're saying on paper is
3 what it is.

4 MR. BEARDEN: Well, then they need to
5 change their little number there. You're either
6 exempt or you're not.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

8 MR. BEARDEN: Now that --

9 MR. RUMLEY: But it is what it is.

10 MR. BEARDEN: -- approved. You may
11 as well have a hundred thousand, we'd still have to
12 prove it, wouldn't we?

13 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah. So it don't
14 sound like a big deal, but if they come in and we do
15 have to initiate this, it will be big. It's big.
16 It's big. I mean, it's a cost to the county.

17 MR. PITTMAN: (Inaudible) big for us
18 right now.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Cut your funding out.
20 Cut your government money. And -- but it's -- we
21 have a -- after talking and meeting with them -- we
22 went down and asked -- I met with the commissioner
23 and -- of the EPD and we had a couple of federal
24 people there with us and Mullis was there at the
25 meeting and after looking -- I carried (inaudible)

1 saw the property and (inaudible), and they feel good
2 about the five year. Then they'll come back and
3 re-evaluate everything, you know. Actually they'll
4 look at it yearly and see if there's any industry
5 building and (inaudible). That's what they're
6 looking at (inaudible), you know, where it's going.
7 They'll do that. But we'll, you know, get the five
8 year and then they'll come back and re-evaluate in
9 five years. And at the end of ten years, of course,
10 there will be another -- we'll have another federal
11 -- what do you call it? Census. And then they'll
12 start this thing (inaudible). But, anyway, I just
13 wanted -- that's nothing we have to vote on. Just
14 tell you what's going on. We're doing what we can
15 do to get out of it (inaudible).

16 On number twelve there, Don added this in
17 there. It's pretty important to the north end of
18 the county. There's going to be a postal service
19 meeting at Wildwood Post Office on Thursday, July
20 10th at 1:00. And they're actually trying to, just
21 like at Rising Fawn, to actually close the post
22 office. You know, they're going to cut the hours,
23 you know, back, but then, you know, (inaudible) if
24 you read, hear what they've got to say, they're
25 trying to eliminate a lot of these smaller post

1 offices. They did that to us in Rising Fawn a few
2 years ago. We're down to I think three days a week,
3 you know, full time. The front lobby's open all
4 time, but it's something -- the post office is doing
5 it and we need to have everyone up there that we can
6 just like we did at Rising Fawn to let them know we
7 want to keep the post office, so. You got anything?
8 You found out since then?

9 MR. TOWNSEND: I'd just like to say
10 amen. We want to keep our post office. We love our
11 post office.

12 MR. RUMLEY: I mean, in Rising Fawn,
13 I was telling y'all about -- I didn't realize this,
14 but like if we mail a letter at Rising Fawn and say
15 I mail it to my next door neighbor, you know, just
16 say Christmas card or whatever, you know, you know,
17 used to they sorted it and it went right in the box
18 like (inaudible). Now, when you mail it, it goes to
19 Nashville, and then it comes back (inaudible), and
20 then back Rising Fawn. That to me was -- if that's
21 saving money, I don't know (inaudible). But that's
22 really true (inaudible).

23 Y'all got anymore questions about
24 anything? If not, we'll got.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: Next Thursday at 1:00.

1 MR. SMITH: If there's too many,
2 they'll move it to --

3 MR. RUMLEY: Or if there's a lot of
4 people, they're going to move it to the community
5 center, which is right behind it. So try to come
6 out and support that or, you know, at least come out
7 and be informed, you know, what's going.

8 We'll go ahead and adjourn and if y'all
9 have anything else real quick, and then we'll go
10 right back into the meeting, and we'll go into our
11 real meeting.

12 (Work session adjourned.)

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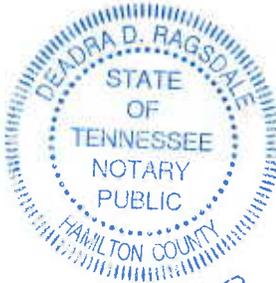
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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 3, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll go ahead
2 and call the meeting here on this July the 3rd, 2014
3 to order. Appreciate all of y'all being here
4 tonight and (inaudible) our work session. Robert
5 Goff, if you would, would you come up and lead us in
6 prayer and Pledge of Allegiance? All stand, please.

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

9 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert.
10 Appreciate you doing that.

11 All right. Don, I'm missing my laminated
12 page. My announcement. Evidently (inaudible).

13 Any way, this is the regular meeting held
14 the first Thursday of every month.

15 Okay. You did find it.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah. It was in a
17 stack.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Anyway, it is the
19 meeting held the first Thursday of every month. And
20 proper notice was given to our local organ and
21 posted in the hall. At this time I do need a roll
22 call.

23 Mr. Smith?

24 MR. SMITH: Here.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

1 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breaden?

3 MR. BREADEN: Here.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford is absent
5 and chair is present.

6 Mitchell, you want to start with your
7 report?

8 MR. SMITH: This past month at the
9 911 Center there was 1600 EMS ambulance calls. 245
10 fire and rescue. 12 forestry and public works.
11 1,301 law enforcement calls through the Center.

12 Tonight in Ringgold, Georgia the 10 year
13 old Dizzy Dean Wolverines is playing for the
14 district championship and they are currently
15 undefeated in that tournament. It will be two
16 losses for them to be out of the tournament. If
17 they were to have two losses, they'd be out, put it
18 that way. Not looking for two losses, but.

19 It was mentioned in the work session
20 there's a meeting next Thursday, the 10th, at 1:00
21 at the Wildwood Post Office concerning the closing
22 of the post office, to keeping the post office,
23 changing the hours, changing the routes, just --
24 there were several different items in the letter
25 that I saw that there was possibility that they may

1 be doing at the post office. That's what I have
2 tonight.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Mitchell.
4 Scottie?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Along the lines of what
6 Mitchell was talking about with the Dizzy Dean,
7 we've got the 11, 12 year old World Series, state
8 championship --

9 MR. RUMLEY: State championship.

10 MR. PITTMAN: -- state championship
11 tournament coming in down at the Four Fields on July
12 19th. Stacy's been working to get the fields up,
13 looking good. They always do look good. Sometimes
14 we have a drainage issue. They've been working on
15 that. Hopefully everything will go smooth for the
16 tournament. It's going to be kind of like a trial
17 run to see how we can handle a larger tournament,
18 get some more local tournaments in here to bring in
19 some tax money, sales tax money. He has got two
20 portable mounds and two ball fields they'll be
21 playing on. So you'll have a chance to watch
22 several teams play. If you get a chance --
23 tournament starts July 19th and it will last until
24 -- depending on how many teams is in it, it will
25 last for three or four days.

1 Another thing, since Allen's not here, I
2 would like to thank the New Salem Fire Department
3 for putting on the annual fireworks. Anybody that
4 does not take advantage of this, these guys do a
5 tremendous job. It's competitive with any fireworks
6 show in the area. They spend a lot of time, a lot
7 of money just for the citizens of Dade County to
8 come out and have something to enjoy and they do a
9 tremendous job. They have BBQ all day. They have
10 local talent get up and sing. Local celebrities,
11 right, Ted?

12 MR. RUMLEY: I guess. It's all free.
13 They pass a boot around there or a bucket if anybody
14 wants to contribute, but that don't cover, you know,
15 the cost. I mean, they do a good job. That's one
16 of the biggest expense we have in the county. We
17 appreciate it.

18 MR. PITTMAN: Our local firefighters
19 are just outstanding people. They donate their
20 time, spend a lot of their own money, and they get
21 out and they help people, help people in need and
22 that's what it's all about it. Rodney, he deserves
23 a good pat on the back if you haven' talked to them.

24 Another thing along the lines of people
25 getting out and supporting people, early voting

1 started Monday. We've had in the neighborhood of a
2 hundred people get out and early vote. There was
3 83, 84 yesterday.

4 MR. RUMLEY: A hundred and twenty I
5 think at 4:30 (inaudible) in Dade County.

6 MR. PITTMAN: This is an important
7 race. We've got three local races, three things
8 that effect us. We've got Mitchell and Lamar
9 running. Summer running (inaudible) Jennifer.
10 Robert and John. If you do not know these people,
11 every one of them are open to phone calls. Get out
12 and meet them, decide who you want to vote for, but
13 get out and vote. This is (inaudible) 4th of July,
14 Independence Day where we fought to gain our
15 independence. One of the rights we gained was the
16 right to vote. The right to get out and elect our
17 people. So take advantage of that. But like I
18 said, all six of these people, they're good Dade
19 Countians. They would be willing to sit down and
20 talk to anybody that's willing to call and talk to
21 them, so. I'll support anybody. They're all six
22 good people.

23 That's all I have.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Scottie.

25 Rickey, what do you got for us?

1 MR. BREADEN: Not much at all. Of
2 course, finding a replacement for Laura. She
3 resigned from the assessor board, so. And -- I
4 mean, other than that --

5 MR. RUMLEY: Tell me about the paving
6 down there. They've moved down on that. I noticed
7 they've been kind of hung up down on your end, but
8 when the rain, you know, came in and the (inaudible)
9 it's been broke over three weeks and they finally
10 got it back. So hopefully they can finish that and
11 move to Burkhalter and get that knocked out.

12 MR. BREADEN: Yeah. All that
13 equipment's just made a good landmark down at Rising
14 Fawn.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, I agree with you.

16 MR. BREADEN: Yeah, they've had some
17 trouble there and the weather hasn't been
18 cooperating either so.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Right.

20 MR. BREADEN: But everybody needs --
21 I just want to encourage everybody to get out and
22 vote for sure. It's an important election and like
23 Scottie said, you know, you don't really understand
24 what privileges you have unless you lose them, and,
25 you know, if we didn't have the privileges of

1 putting people in positions that we put them in and
2 not by a dictator over us, you know, we might have a
3 greater appreciation for it, but to not show up and
4 to vote, is just really not -- it really shouldn't
5 be acceptable, really, you know, for the lives that
6 have died and give us that privilege, so. I'm just
7 going to encourage everybody to get out and vote.

8 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you,
9 Rickey.

10 This has been a trying month. I've been
11 real busy on different things. Of course, the most
12 critical thing is the budget and the millage rate
13 and that's -- we've got our work cut out for us, but
14 I think we -- we're going to spend an amount of time
15 next week (inaudible) what's fair and hopefully
16 (inaudible). It's one of the hard thing about being
17 a commissioner, you know, when you -- because
18 actually you have -- you have good years, bad years,
19 good months, good weeks, but -- and this is a time
20 (inaudible) millage down and we know it's going to
21 go up some. We're going to keep it to a minimum.
22 So just bear with us on it and we'll keep -- we'll
23 keep of you informed. Of course, we'll have the
24 meetings, you know, as we have scheduled, but
25 hopefully, you know, day to day I don't mind people

1 calling me and coming into the office or at my
2 house. I mean, I'm open, you know, on any ideas or
3 if you want me to -- to be brought up to date on
4 what's going on. But we will be (inaudible)
5 plugging numbers and (inaudible). But just bear
6 with us on it. Have to spend a lot of time on that.

7 With the MS4 thing, don't look like a big
8 thing, you know, on Lookout Mountain, but it will be
9 a big issue on that if -- on that part of the
10 mountain if they make us -- make the county -- or
11 the state comes in and implements this because it
12 pertains to a lot of -- a lot of things -- that are
13 -- Hamilton County's living by now that they would
14 force us to -- or that group of people there to live
15 by. And not only that, but it would be such a great
16 expense to our county. You know, we're looking at
17 just the minimal just to start that program that
18 will be forced on us by the federal government,
19 we're looking at anywhere from 30 to \$50,000 of
20 money that, you know, we really shouldn't have to
21 spend. So it really looks good that we'll be able
22 to get out -- not get out of it, but get a five-year
23 variance on it. But keep us in your prayers on that
24 and (inaudible). It's hard to -- it's hard to defy
25 federal government and say we're not going to do it,

1 but (inaudible) on everything that we have other
2 than our property tax money, even our sales tax
3 money if they want to. (Inaudible) as actually a
4 (inaudible) that they can hold over us if we are not
5 in compliance. And that's what we -- it would go
6 down a (inaudible). So, anyway, that's another
7 thing I spent a couple of trips -- one long day and
8 one partial day there in Atlanta.

9 On a good note we had the ribbon cutting
10 or gathering at Cloudland Canyon last week, last
11 Friday. That's a big event, you know, for a lot of
12 people there. They tied the -- actually the trail
13 into through Walker County. And they are planning
14 on tying that trail all the way in and go down to
15 the Riverwalk in Chattanooga. You can actually be
16 able to take a trail on a trail bike or whatever and
17 go down to that point from Cloudland Canyon. So
18 there's a lot of people came to that. It was a big,
19 big event.

20 And we've had -- I've had a couple of
21 meetings this month with actually Accellent. That
22 was real critical. I met with those people and
23 trying to work with the IDA on keeping those people
24 here and bringing those jobs in the county, about
25 seventy five more. We had a really good meeting,

1 planning meeting, with JMS Steel. They're planning
2 on a large expansion to their plant and we -- that
3 was the first meeting, initial meeting we've had
4 with them and that will be a big boost for the
5 industrial property down there. And we still have
6 (inaudible) people on the new property, that's
7 looking at the new property. So that's kind of a
8 light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully that will
9 pan out. I feel good about JMS and Accellent.
10 Hopefully if we can just get one of those
11 manufacturers that we've met with, it will be -- it
12 will be such a blessing to our county.

13 I attended a meeting for 4-H. She's back
14 there. Our 4-H at the Ag building yesterday. We
15 have a group -- actually a board that meets. We try
16 to meet quarterly if possible and we have our --
17 they actually give a report on what's going on,
18 what's happening and what's happening in the future.
19 Had a really good meeting, you know. Of course,
20 Robert wasn't there. He was in Ringgold, but we'll
21 forgive him that. But he's one of the board
22 members. We have Roy Gass and Robert McKaig, Robert
23 Goff, and we have David Ryan, and myself, and the
24 other gentlemen, Mr. Rich. But we try to meet and
25 try to take care of our youths' needs there that are

1 in 4-H. It's a great program. Not just in 4-H, but
2 the whole -- the whole age group that we're
3 touching. It's just a very critical age in a group
4 that we're -- those people are touching and
5 influencing.

6 Y'all got anything else? You want to add
7 anything else? Okay. If not, that's pretty much my
8 report. And as I said we'll -- if you feel
9 (inaudible) before these hearings, feel free to come
10 in my office. (Inaudible) talk to people in the
11 county and be in contact with them. We share our
12 numbers, and where we stand, and what we're doing,
13 be glad to have you. Because this building -- and
14 we work for you the people. We're public servants.
15 We know what that is. And this building, these
16 doors and walls, they belong to the people out
17 there. We're just fortunate to have the actual job
18 that we have to do -- to actually have
19 representation -- to do representation and hopefully
20 prove to be good public servants. Do our best.

21 But anyway, we'll move on down here to
22 appearances. Marshana, is she here tonight?

23 MR. TOWNSEND: She's not here.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. That's unusual.

25 She --

1 MR. TOWNSEND: She had a family
2 situation.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, really. Very
4 unusual for her not to be here.

5 Ms. Hammond, I know you're here, so come
6 up and give us a report. Tell everybody who you are
7 and your position over there.

8 MS. HAMMOND: Y'all moved the podium
9 on me.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Well, you can move it
11 out. If you need a mic, we'll give you a mic.

12 MS. HAMMOND: No, I just need
13 something to stand behind.

14 MR. RUMLEY: You talk pretty loud.
15 You did yesterday, so.

16 MS. HAMMOND: I try. I'm Katy
17 Hammond. I'm the extension manager here in the
18 county. I like to give a little update every
19 meeting just so y'all know what we're doing. We had
20 a board meeting Wednesday like Mr. Rumley mentioned
21 and it was good. They had a lot of good ideas, lot
22 of good input for me.

23 We took 17 4-Hers on a fishing trip to the
24 Summerville Hatchery at the beginning of the month.
25 The kids loved it. Mommas weren't so excited when

1 they came home with lots of catfish that had to be
2 cooked up.

3 We took 20, 4-Hers to Cloverleaf Camp at
4 Rock Eagle for a whole week. It was a great
5 experience. And almost every child said they can't
6 wait to go back next year.

7 Mr. Rich attended junior camp at Burton,
8 which is on Tybee Island for a week. And Cody
9 Doyle, who normally gives the report, he is
10 returning from senior camp at Wahsega up in
11 Dahlonega. So he was sad he couldn't be here
12 tonight. He enjoys this.

13 I took Cody Doyle, Casey Howard, and Jody
14 Daffron to state council down at Rock Eagle for a
15 weekend. And that's our annual 4-H business
16 meeting. So while they're there all participants
17 listen to speeches from 4-Hers who want to be on
18 state board, and they make the decision who they
19 think would best serve 4-H on state level and they
20 actually vote. They go through a voting process.
21 Cody is a rising senior this year, so he was
22 acknowledged in the Citizenship ceremony there in
23 front of the whole group and they all took
24 (inaudible) rising seniors to vote and participate
25 in elections, which I know was mentioned earlier.

1 I have a new boss, I guess you could say.
2 She's my new program development coordinator for the
3 northwest district. Her name is Julie Lynn Macey.
4 She had never been to Dade County. So she made a
5 trip up her on the 18th and we drove around the
6 county. I did not know she did not like heights
7 until we got to the top of Sulphur Springs gap and
8 she had a death grip on the handle. But we had a
9 very good visit and she said she was going to come
10 back, even after I scared her to death taking her up
11 Sulphur Springs.

12 For any of you who are interested, they'll
13 be an alfalfa field day in Walker County on the
14 14th. We have specialists coming up to discuss the
15 possibility of having alfalfa in the area. If
16 you're interested, see me and I'll get you more
17 information on that.

18 For our upcoming events, we'll be taking
19 4-Hers on a wild cave tour at Raccoon Mountain.
20 We'll take them to the Etowah Indian Mounds, and
21 Tellus Museum in Cartersville. And we have land
22 judging practice beginning on the 22nd of this
23 month.

24 And also, while I was at state council I
25 became a certified forestry coach. There is a lot

1 of information involved in forestry and the
2 competition is in August. So we do not have enough
3 time to get the kids together this year, but I hope
4 next year that we'll have a forestry team.

5 MR. RUMLEY: It would be good. Any
6 questions? Good job. We appreciate all you and
7 Rich do. We really do. It's a good thing.

8 All right. Chris? Mr. Musser, he's our
9 executive director for the Chamber of Commerce.

10 MR. MUSSER: Good evening. I skipped
11 my second quarter report, so I'll be speaking for
12 quite some time and I'll keep it relatively short.
13 I won't bore you with the meetings I've been
14 attending. We have been doing all the regularly
15 scheduled meetings for chamber execs. A couple of
16 Georgia chamber or commerce power lunches, they call
17 them, (inaudible), et cetera. It's been good
18 connecting with people, making some connections,
19 hearing about people's perception of the region, how
20 we can be a part of it.

21 The most notable meeting and initiative is
22 thrive (phonetic) 20/55. It's the regional planning
23 authority, development authority that is
24 encapsulating the 16 counties in our region.
25 Commissioners actually have a survey for you to fill

1 out. They've asked us to have Dade County to fill
2 this out. They're essentially asking what the
3 people of the county want for the region. There are
4 four envisioned futures they've drawn up. Had some
5 experts draw up some plans on what the county and
6 region might look like in 40 years depending on how
7 we choose to proceed. We'd love to get a feedback
8 of the citizens on how we would like the region to
9 develop. So you can look at that. They did ask me
10 to have anyone who's interested to fill out the
11 survey. So I have more of these in my car if you're
12 interested. I'll provide some for the media as
13 well. You can e-mail the chamber, come pick them
14 up, or fill it out online as well.

15 A couple of other notable endeavors this
16 quarter. We've been involved with an organization
17 called Great Promise Partnership. I talked to Ted
18 about it. Ted was extremely receptive. Myself and
19 Meryl, the lady who was here talking about it, very
20 much appreciated his support on that. What this
21 program is, it's a program that comes to us from the
22 DCA. So Mike Maybree (phonetic), the commissioner
23 of DCA, launched this and the idea is to help at
24 risk kids find meaningful employment in local
25 businesses. So it targets a different segment of

1 the high school population than a lot of the FBLA
2 type programs, who are also very helpful.

3 It targets those who are having maybe some
4 troubles at home and other economic situations in
5 their lives. And for these kids if something is not
6 done, they will most likely drop out of school. So
7 we're trying to get them to stay in school by
8 providing a job for them that would pay them
9 significantly more than they could get at a job they
10 would work at independently after hours.

11 So we'll discuss this more in the future,
12 but right now just be aware that Meryl, she's the
13 coordinator for this region, is up here. She's
14 talking with our business owners. She's talking --
15 she's met with the superintendent. She's met with
16 the principal. Work based learning coordinator, Pam
17 Barton, as well. And everyone's been very receptive
18 and we're looking forward to moving forward with
19 this. If you have any questions about that, please
20 contact me. I'd love to share.

21 MR. SMITH: Chris, can you explain to
22 everybody how that came about. How Great Promise
23 Partnership even heard of Dade County.

24 MR. MUSSER: Sure. So at the Georgia
25 Academy that I was fortunate enough to attend the

1 past four months through the Chamber, myself and Bob
2 Schlepp (phonetic) with Accellent had been attending
3 and Meryl Wilcox (phonetic) was one of the
4 presenters at the Georgia Academy. And after the
5 meeting Bob and I both just approached her and said,
6 sit down right here with us. We'll buy you lunch
7 because it's free. We'll sit here and watch you eat
8 and tell us all about this program. And when she
9 finished telling us about the program, we thought
10 this would be a tremendous fit for Dade County for
11 the students that we know are involved in the Heart
12 for Kids. I work with youth as well. We thought
13 this could be something extremely beneficial to the
14 kids in our county and to the businesses. It's a
15 value added program, not a charity organization.
16 The businesses gain from it. The students gain from
17 it. So we said, Meryl come on up here. And Meryl
18 met with the superintendent, with the principal,
19 with Ted and the mayor and everybody extended
20 (inaudible). She's been up here three or four times
21 and is eager to come back next week on Wednesday to
22 meet with more business owners, so. It really was
23 very fun for her.

24 I'll continue on with a couple more
25 things. The Chamber's created a new committee

1 called the Vision Committee. William Back
2 (phonetic) is a local architect, carpenter,
3 attorney. There's a bunch of different things.
4 He's on the Chamber board of directors and he really
5 had this passion to create a committee called the
6 Vision Committee that brings together passionate
7 people in different sectors and enables them --
8 gives them the powers with the authority of the
9 Chamber to accomplish some of their dreams,
10 providing resources, connecting them with different
11 people in the county who, you know, they would need
12 to be connected with and wouldn't have those
13 connections on their own. We're very excited about
14 that.

15 We have a few projects underway I wanted
16 to mention to you. We sent out letters to a few
17 people that this is relevant to today and I'll
18 announce it at the next meeting what exactly we're
19 up to with this committee. But we're very excited
20 about the potential for this kind of committee. If
21 you would like to be on this committee or attend
22 some of our meetings, we would love to have you. It
23 is really for those concerned citizens here who have
24 a passion and a dream and don't really have a
25 channel through which to work on it and would like

1 to set at a table with people who have influence.
2 Commissioners are invited. You'll be receiving
3 e-mails about it. So we would love to have anyone
4 who would like to be a part of this.

5 Two more things I'll briefly touch on.
6 The Tours and (inaudible) from Atlanta came back
7 again. Most of you are aware of this. They came a
8 couple of months ago for a visit and could not get
9 enough of the county. They typically never go back
10 to a county for a second day after they've done
11 their primary analysis. They go home to Atlanta, do
12 some number crunching and then come back to the
13 county with a finalized report. And I was waiting
14 for them to tell me when they were going to come up
15 with the report, they called and said, actually we
16 hate to do this, but there's just too much in Dade
17 County. We've got to come back and see more before
18 we report. So I said, welcome back.

19 They came back and had a full day again on
20 June 26. That was last Thursday, I believe. We had
21 a great time. I think USA was playing soccer at
22 the time and losing to Germany. So we watched that
23 at Guthrie's in the middle of the day as well. So
24 they're going to come back in September most likely
25 to present to the county. They might do a little

1 before that, but it will be in September for sure.

2 The last thing is the Chamber's been
3 offering business classes starting last month. We
4 are trying to help our small businesses and our big
5 businesses alike. So we brought in a consultant
6 from UGA to come and teach a marketing class.

7 (Inaudible) three-hour presentation. The local
8 business owners who attended got free Huddle House
9 breakfast for dinner. And stuck around for an hour
10 after the meeting for training, to network. It was
11 really a good time. We were very encouraged to see
12 the attendance and to see the impact on the business
13 owner. So we plan on more classes on the future.
14 Just be on the lookout for those.

15 Dade Days is finally -- August 2nd is the
16 day to remember. It will be an all day event, 10
17 a.m. to dark. We'll have inflatables. We'll have
18 music. We'll have a pony ride option for the kids.
19 Duck race. And vendors. All kinds of things you
20 want to see at a festival. And we're always looking
21 for more people to come and sell things or be a part
22 or do crafts, provide entertainment. So please
23 contact us if you're interested in being a part of
24 the festival.

25 And that concludes my report. Sorry for

1 going a little long. Any questions at this time?

2 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions. I
3 volunteered one of our board members (inaudible) for
4 the dunk tank. (Inaudible). You didn't know that,
5 did you, Tom? That's part of being on the board.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'll do it.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate the board.
8 Appreciate the job you're doing.

9 All right. We have anyone from the city
10 of Trenton, IDA? He was supposed to be here
11 tonight, but he's not. Well, pretty much the report
12 I gave is what he would give because that's what
13 he's been spending most of his time on this month is
14 Accellent and JMS.

15 All right. Don, we'll move down to you.
16 Give us our monthly financial report. Appreciate
17 it.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. As of June
19 30th, 2014 the General Fund has a balance of
20 \$679,612. Federal Assets Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288.
21 Sheriff's Special Fund, \$19,469. Drug Abuse
22 Education Fund, \$72,383. Supplemental Juvenile
23 Services Fund, \$23,386. Victim Assistance Fund,
24 \$3,045. Jail Fund, \$27,920. Federal Assets Fund,
25 Department of Justice, \$742. Employee's Flexible

1 Spending Account, \$260. Payroll Account, \$239,477.

2 The 2009 SPLOST Funds, all we have left in
3 the Construction Account is \$149. So we'll be
4 closing that out. We were hoping to have all the
5 projects completed by the end of the fiscal year,
6 which happened three days ago, June 30th. So we'll
7 be closing that out \$149. Projects Account,
8 \$39,517. Proceeds Account, \$1,086,071. We are
9 currently (inaudible) for our bond payment coming
10 up. As you know, we're trying to approve for action
11 all bond payments. We have three bond payments.
12 One is interest only. And then that SPLOST will be
13 complete and paid off.

14 At this point now all the fire departments
15 have closed out all their current SPLOST purchases
16 and bond payments and leases. So everything's been
17 paid for, which is good.

18 The Series 2013 Bonds IDA/Construction -
19 Series B is \$344,392. IDA Debt Service - Series A
20 is \$94. And the County Debt Service -- Series B is
21 0.

22 On the next page you'll see the actual
23 revenue for the month was \$1,544,576. Let me say
24 this is as of May 31st, 2014. Again, we always give
25 you a report on 30 days out, so receipts payable and

1 receivables are similar. Again, the actual received
2 for the month of May was \$1,544,576. We had
3 budgeted \$1,754,041. So that we were short
4 \$209,469. And for the year-to-date revenue through
5 May 31st, 11 months, we collected \$9,986,469.
6 Year-to-day budgeted, \$10,6363,913. So we were
7 short \$250,444. I will tell you that a large
8 portion of that though was the unused tax and
9 dissipation (inaudible) proceeds. So by not using
10 -- I mean, not using it showed a deficit, but that's
11 a good thing, believe it or not. We haven't had to
12 use that so far.

13 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: That's actually a
15 positive thing. You wouldn't think that being
16 negative or short, but. So looking at the actual
17 expenses for the month, it's \$823,475. Monthly
18 Budget was \$695,346. So that was over \$129,129.
19 But the year-to-date was budgeted at \$9,213,117.
20 The budgeted, \$9,311,609. So we actually are under
21 budget \$98,492. So that's -- again, that's a very
22 positive thing to be there. Budget Attained so far
23 should have been ad 91.67 percent. Revenues
24 Attained is currently at 87.23 percent. Expenses
25 Attained is 88.40 percent.

1 Turn on the next page you'll see the
2 SPLOST. I'm sorry. The LOST, local option sales
3 tax. For the month it was up. This is probably the
4 highest it's been I suppose since September of 2013.
5 We collected \$151,990. Under the SPLOST, Special
6 Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, came in June at
7 \$189,987. Again, the last time that was that high
8 was September of 2013. So that's a good thing.

9 And I think the next couple of pages is
10 (inaudible) SPLOST. And the final page is the Tax
11 Commissioner's collections for mostly real property
12 tax. You'll see it's collected at 98.64 percent.
13 This was through May 31st. Let's see. Budgeted was
14 \$3,729,200. That's the yearly budget. She was
15 \$3,677,550. So short about 50,000. And I believe
16 she turned that in today. So that's going to come
17 in right at 100 percent this year.

18 That concludes the financial report.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you. Any
20 questions or corrections or comments? Okay. If
21 not, I'll entertain a motion to approve it the
22 financial report as presented by Don Townsend. Do I
23 hear a motion?

24 MR. SMITH: So moved.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Hear a second?

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MR. BREADEN: I'll second.

MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Call the vote.
Mr. Smith?

MR. SMITH: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Rickey?

MR. BREADEN: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Okay.

Robin, you got anything on our legal?

MR. ROGERS: I don't have anything on
legal matters.

MR. RUMLEY: We may not know maybe
you might could share with us. I don't know of
anything out there.

MR. ROGERS: I don't.

MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right. No
unfinished business. Okay.

New business. The reading of the minutes
of last month's regular meeting and any special
called meeting will not be required since all
commissioners have been furnished copies in advance
of minutes. The minutes are public record and are
available to you in the county commission office.
The minutes are included in our consent agenda and

1 are will be considered for approval under new
2 business. At this time, Don, would you go over the
3 consent agenda?

4 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. We have the
5 approval of the agenda as amended to include
6 (inaudible) council announcement of presentation
7 further study of Lookout Creek watershed management
8 plan, approval of previous meeting minutes, review
9 approval of personnel status report as presented,
10 approval of ordinance 07-03-14, which is a home rule
11 amending enabling legislation provisions for call of
12 elections in Dade County. This is the second
13 reading and the final reading for this approval;
14 Resolution R-32-14, agreement for services of
15 groundwater/methane testing on Back Valley Road
16 landfill with S&ME, Incorporated of
17 Chattanooga/Knoxville; and approval of resolution
18 R-33-14, which is the repeal of sales and use tax
19 for energy sold to manufactures. That is saved for
20 the county executive and attorney to -- authorizing
21 the county executive and attorney to enter into
22 discussion and negotiation with the city of Trenton
23 to amend or consider -- consider repeal the tax, the
24 excise tax. Then also -- I don't know if we need to
25 do it or not, but 2014 millage rate, announcement of

1 scheduled meetings, upcoming meetings that are
2 recommended. And that is Thursday, July 24th, 12
3 noon, the first public hearing will be held here in
4 this meeting room. The second will be the same day,
5 Thursday, July 24th at 6 p.m., and there will be a
6 third public hearing held on July 31st at 6 p.m.,
7 and a final consideration, adoption of the final
8 millage rate at 6:30 at the special called meeting
9 of the commission.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any comments or
11 changes? If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve
12 our consent agenda as stated. Do I hear a motion?

13 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay, Mr. Smith. Do I
15 hear a second.

16 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. A second from
18 Scottie. Call the vote. Mr. Smith?

19 MR. SMITH: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breaden?

23 MR. BREADEN: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: And chair votes yes.
25 Mr. Bradford is absent. Okay.

1 All right. Let's move down to our citizen
2 participation. Anyone want to feel free to come up
3 and talk to us.

4 MR. BLEVINS: Let me be first and get
5 it over with.

6 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Come on up
7 Rex. You've got one minute.

8 MR. BLEVINS: One minute.

9 MR. RUMLEY: No, you can make
10 yourself at home. You can talk to us all you want.

11 MR. BLEVINS: Well, first of all, let
12 me say I sympathize with you on your budget. So
13 I've been there, done that, so.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, you've set here a
15 few times.

16 MR. BLEVINS: Exactly. One thing I
17 wanted to ask is why the decrease in the digest for
18 this year.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Well, the actual --
20 there was a tremendous -- well, I won't say
21 tremendous. There was more people that's filed for
22 the exemptions. That was one of the big reasons.

23 MR. BLEVINS: Thank you.

24 MR. RUMLEY: That was on of the
25 reasons. There's several, but that's --

1 MR. BLEVINS: And you know that's
2 going to get worse?

3 MR. RUMLEY: The school board's been
4 helping. It was worse than that.

5 MR. BLEVINS: My next question is is
6 can the county -- the school and county commission
7 go together and ask for an audit of the assessor's
8 office?

9 MR. RUMLEY: You say can we?
10 Actually that's going to happen. I mean, it's not
11 something we --

12 MR. BLEVINS: I think you should
13 because I think there's people that's --

14 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

15 MR. BLEVINS: -- wrong. And also I
16 think in the assessor's office when people are going
17 in there if they're complaining about their taxes,
18 they're telling them to sign up for conservation.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Well, conservation right
20 now, you know, you have to do a conservation
21 easement. If you just come off the street -- you
22 have to have the backing (inaudible) person, your
23 actual agency that actually says you're a farmer.
24 Now you can't go in and have a billy goat and a half
25 a acre --

1 MR. BLEVINS: Well, that's not true.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it is --

3 MR. BLEVINS: That's why I was
4 asking --

5 MR. RUMLEY: I was at that meeting
6 last week and they're fixing to really -- this is
7 something that's coming down.

8 MR. BLEVINS: That's what it should
9 be.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Well, that's fixing to
11 happen.

12 MR. BLEVINS: Well, it's not because
13 I know when I signed up for it, there were no
14 questions --

15 MR. RUMLEY: This is something that's
16 questioned just in the last -- evidently in the last
17 legislation because this was discussed at the
18 meeting in Atlanta. They were talking about adding
19 exemptions and forestry exemptions and you got
20 people here that are exempting when they're not
21 really -- that's not what it was put forth to
22 happen. This was to help actually agriculture --

23 MR. BLEVINS: Well, the acreage
24 changed from 50 acres down to 5 acres. But the
25 county and the school system both --

1 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

2 MR. BLEVINS: -- are losing a lot
3 more money on the conservation (inaudible) 5 acres.
4 You know, you're losing a lot more money on that
5 than you are on anything.

6 MR. RUMLEY: That's true.

7 MR. BLEVINS: That's it. Thank you.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Rex. That
9 was Rex Blevins. He didn't tell us who he was. He
10 was a past commissioner in Dade County for several
11 years. Appreciate Rex.

12 MR. BLEVINS: Boy, we had some good
13 times fixing the budget, didn't we, Ted?

14 MR. RUMLEY: We went through -- I
15 never took blood pressure pills until I was on the
16 commission with you. And I had a full head of hair
17 and some bangs. Anyway, appreciate it.

18 Anybody else want to come on up and talk
19 to us? We welcome your input. That's what we're
20 here for.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think the
22 optional word he used was you fixed the budget.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. I do want to add,
24 we had a meeting today pertaining to some issues
25 there we've been going through, been going through

1 for years, (inaudible) in the jail. (Inaudible) at
2 the last meeting, and he had been to a meeting,
3 which he represents Dade County well on our mental
4 health board and (inaudible) chief jailer and we'll
5 keep you informed on that. There's really some good
6 things that possibly can happen here in the next few
7 months. We've got another meeting scheduled in
8 August and it will really be big as far as saving us
9 on the jail budget.

10 MR. BLACK: I am still open for if
11 anyone has any suggestions. We're working on 2016
12 plan and if you have any input for mental health,
13 developmental disability, or addictive diseases, I
14 need to hear what you've got to say. I ask the
15 commission to (inaudible) and actually when they
16 were asked the question, I took that question back
17 to the committee and this meeting today came out of
18 that question that you asked.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Exactly.

20 MR. BLACK: So we need questions
21 asked to get answers.

22 MR. RUMLEY: It was a positive
23 meeting. I had a good feeling when I walked out of
24 there, you know.

25 Anyone else? Any commissioners? Y'all

1 got anything you want to add to the meeting?

2 MR. BLEVINS: Can I say one other
3 thing?

4 MR. RUMLEY: Yes, sir.

5 MR. BLEVINS: I guess you've been
6 seeing a lot of my letters in the paper about the
7 add on. I tell you what, people better start paying
8 attention to what Georgia Power and PSC (phonetic)
9 is doing to this county and other counties and that
10 is just as crooked as a barrel of snakes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: It's true. I get as
12 many complaints, which is something I would never
13 had said last year or the year before, from actually
14 power customers on their rates and their bills.
15 Almost as many as I do road complaints and other
16 complaints in the county. That started in the past
17 year really. Not only that, but also you're paying
18 for services now, like, you know, I had a fellow on
19 Lookout Mountain (inaudible) they're trying to build
20 like some big old house out there, you know, the
21 actual -- used to you never really heard of
22 (inaudible) to run a line to your house and now, you
23 know, it's not uncommon for people to pay anywhere
24 from 5 to \$20,000 before they set a pole. It's just
25 -- that's -- there's a lot of things that need to be

1 addressed. And it's going to have to be. It's not
2 just in Dade County. It's all through Georgia. But
3 it's amazing to hear -- to actually see some of
4 these stories and they're true. I mean, you can
5 look at (inaudible), he's over our whole district.
6 He's really a good person to work with. He's
7 actually a person that I contact when I get a
8 complaint. And he goes out and he tries to look and
9 make sure there's not any mistakes made. But when
10 it comes right down to it, he comes back and he says
11 here's the figure and he still -- it is what it is.
12 I mean, it's what they charge. Somewhere, I don't
13 know whether it's going to be through the
14 legislation or I don't really know -- Mullis is
15 onboard with this. We've got to do something, you
16 know, through public service, you know.

17 MR. BLEVINS: Well, it adds about 25
18 percent to you bill, those add on. And Jeff Mullis
19 was the main culprit in getting those add ons. He
20 won't admit it, but he was the main culprit that had
21 that done. And Vogle (phonetic) is having all kind
22 of problems. And I've been writing some of my
23 letters about Jeff paying attention to Vogle because
24 it's going to be outrageous how much Vogle is going
25 to do. They only have one reactor built, not even

1 built yet and it's already \$2 million over budget.

2 MR. RUMLEY: What that means is --
3 what Rex is saying is we're getting -- if you'll
4 look on your power bill, you know, we've got that
5 new -- that was all passed through our legislators
6 and our senate. You know, they actually -- the
7 southern group, southern power and all, they lobbied
8 for this and it went through like a breeze and
9 immediately on your power bill, if you'll look, you
10 know, on the bottom, you know, we're paying for a
11 plant that's, what, 300 miles from here.

12 MR. BLEVINS: Augusta.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, Augusta. That
14 will never benefit Dade County, but yet all
15 Georgia's paying for it. It just don't make sense
16 really. But there's a lot of things in the works,
17 you know, about this and, you know, we've got -- it
18 all comes back down to our legislators and our law
19 makers and our people that pass these.

20 MR. BLEVINS: Well, see they didn't
21 used to put that -- they used to include that in
22 your bill. And somebody took them to court and said
23 we want those items itemized and then people started
24 noticing. That's when I noticed it, this add on
25 stuff and I got to checking on it and it's --

1 they're really messing us over.

2 MR. RUMLEY: That's true.

3 If there's no further comments, if y'all
4 haven't got anything, I'll go ahead and entertain a
5 motion to adjourn. I do appreciate everyone being
6 here tonight. I want to remind people out there in
7 TV land that these hearings we're going to have,
8 we've got three hearings, and, you know, try to
9 attend and pack this house full with people because
10 that's when we really find out. You know, right now
11 we're looking at a two mill increase, which will
12 equal roughly -- it's tentative right now, but it
13 would be roughly a hundred, a hundred twenty dollars
14 more taxes on a hundred thousand dollar home every
15 year that you would be paying. And, of course,
16 we're doing everything to do, putting numbers
17 together to make up what our -- new numbers to make
18 this work, so. So just come to these meetings and
19 we'll explain anything. Or if you can't come to the
20 meetings, and you work, you know, odd hours, just
21 come to the office or call me. I'm here late and I
22 try to get here early. So that's what we're here
23 for. I can't stress that more. And I hope, you
24 know, we have a good turnout, like I said, at these
25 hearings because that's what they're for. And I'll

1 try to remind you the morning before and as we get
2 closer to them. Appreciate everyone keeping us in
3 their prayers because this is a hard job. It really
4 is. Like Rex said, we've been there, you know,
5 years ago when we had to go up and it's just --
6 appreciate everyone.

7 And I have a motion to adjourn. Do I have
8 a second?

9 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'm going to go
11 ahead and call the vote on it. Mr. Smith?

12 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

14 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breaden?

16 MR. BREADEN: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

18 Mr. Bradford he -- I appreciate all of you coming.

19 Have a happy 4th of July and a safe 4th of July.

20 (Meeting adjourned.)

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