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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION  
WORKSHOP  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: Everyone had a chance to  
2 look at it? Any comments or changes? Everybody  
3 will be fine with that. She will be a replacement  
4 on the board of tax assessors. She will be  
5 replacing Holder on that. So everybody's on board  
6 with that. Okay. Put that on the consent agenda.

7 We do have the National Preparedness Month  
8 in Georgia. It's through GEMA/DEMA. It's something  
9 we've done in the past.

10 Don, haven't we done this for, what, the  
11 past couple of years on this preparedness month?

12 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone have any  
14 questions on that?

15 The National POW/MIA Recognition Day is  
16 September 19th, 2014.

17 The Adult Education & Family Week, which  
18 is September 22nd through the 28th.

19 Is Amanda here tonight? She's the lady  
20 that is taking Becky Page's place.

21 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: All right. The American  
23 Cancer Society Relay for Life. That's going to be  
24 October 10th, 2014 at Dade County High school. Last  
25 year they did not have it at the --

1                   They didn't have it at the high school,  
2 Diane, did they? They had its -- last year -- or  
3 did they?

4                   MS. RUMLEY: Yeah.

5                   MR. RUMLEY: They walked.

6                   MS. RUMLEY: They did, but we had to  
7 use the inside, not --

8                   MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

9                   MS. RUMLEY: -- the outside because  
10 they were working on the track.

11                   MR. RUMLEY: We'll be there. October  
12 the 10th.

13                   MR. SMITH: It will be on the field?

14                   MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, on the field.

15                   MR. SMITH: Or track?

16                   MR. RUMLEY: It will be on the track.  
17 Everybody fine with those?

18                   MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

19                   MR. RUMLEY: All right. Okay.  
20 Approval of SPLOST/Capital Equipment. There  
21 shouldn't be any on that.

22                   Move down to number six. Ordinance  
23 10-02-14, Supplement to the Code of Ordinances.

24                   MR. TOWNSEND: We went through a --  
25 American Legal Publishing Corporation is the group

1 responsible for updating our code of ordinances. So  
2 as we collect those throughout the years -- I send  
3 them in about every two or three years. I can send  
4 them every three or four months, but it would cost  
5 the county more. So they take all the ordinances,  
6 resolutions, anything that we've passed, and then  
7 incorporate it into the body of a whole book and  
8 make it seamless. So that's what this is. It's  
9 adopting that supplement. Since we're amending  
10 ordinances, then we have to use the ordinance to do  
11 that, I suppose.

12 MR. ROGERS: That is correct.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: It's necessary. It's  
14 required in the county to keep up your code of  
15 ordinances.

16 MR. SMITH: Or to make it look a  
17 little more --

18 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah.

19 MR. ROGERS: The ordinances are  
20 compiled into a code, which kind of synthesizes, so  
21 when you actually amend an ordinance, it will  
22 sometimes affect how it reads. So this just adopts  
23 to be sure that everything is on the same page.

24 MR. TOWNSEND: And they also  
25 require -- review, I should say, the state lays and

1 federal laws that they had to change and actually  
2 would change our code of ordinances based on a  
3 judge's decision, the Supreme Court, or something.  
4 Then it gets adopted through that so that when our  
5 officers or a judge, such as magistrate judge used  
6 that, has the latest version of everything right  
7 there at his fingertips. And it's a requirement by  
8 state law.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: And then this is just  
11 the first reading, not the second reading.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Any more questions?

13 Robin, you're on board too?

14 MR. ROGERS: Yeah.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right.  
16 Number seven, the R-44-14 Final FY2014 Budget  
17 Amendment.

18 Don, I'll let you go into that.

19 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. We just  
20 recently passed a budget amendment for FY'15. This  
21 is the final budget amendment. Traditionally we've  
22 been doing it in October, but the auditors are  
23 coming this October. First they were coming in late  
24 November or early December. So it's required of us  
25 to go through all of our expenditures and just clean

1 all that up. I don't know how to say it. We'll  
2 review all of the expenditures, such as board  
3 members use. If they didn't use anything, board  
4 members, in particular, elections, or any  
5 department, we either decrease or increase their  
6 budgets accordingly. It's, again, a requirement of  
7 GASB. And we've been doing this for years. I know  
8 there's been a lot of discussion as of late about  
9 amendments. But this is for FY'14, 2014, and this  
10 should be the final one that we do for the year,  
11 which means any versions that are out there, because  
12 there's plenty of versions, I'm telling you, of  
13 budgets available on the market these days, these  
14 are now incorporated into the final year-end  
15 statement. And this will be in our final auditor  
16 report, financial statement.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?

18 All right. Put that on the consent agenda.

19 Okay. Move down to number eight, R-45-14.

20 This is a service agreement with the chamber of  
21 commerce. This some things that the Chamber wants  
22 to discuss. There are some changes possibly that's  
23 going to be made in the contract and there may not.  
24 But we need to -- we'll wait and approve this or  
25 disapprove it, whatever. We'll vote on it in our

1 October meeting.

2           Okay. Move down to number nine,  
3 Resolution R-46-14, Approval of solid waste  
4 transportation & disposal agreement. We do have the  
5 lady here that traveled from Atlanta that's with  
6 Republic. You want to come up to the table?

7           MS. MOSELEY: Sure.

8           MR. RUMLEY: If y'all got any  
9 questions about this. They were low bidder on it.  
10 You flip over there to page nine.

11           MR. TOWNSEND: If you look under Tab  
12 9, the first page is the first letter with  
13 Environmental Trust. The second page is just the  
14 page relating to the bid document as far as the  
15 proposed pricing. And then following that is the  
16 actual complete bid.

17           MR. RUMLEY: It's going to save us  
18 because we -- it's really a good bid, you know. We  
19 appreciate that. They're considerably lower than --  
20 the bid opening was yesterday morning, Tuesday  
21 morning. And the -- if y'all got any questions,  
22 this is the lady that kind of put this together.  
23 And she's got the answers to your questions. My  
24 only question this morning was, you know, will you  
25 actually transport the -- our actual solid waste or

1 our garbage now is going to Tennessee, right? And  
2 the way I understood it, you will be transporting it  
3 to Collinsville, Alabama, right?

4 MS. MOSELEY: That is correct. Sand  
5 Valley.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Sand Valley, yeah.

7 MS. MOSELEY: Uh-huh. And there is  
8 recycling options in there as was well.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Uh-huh.

10 MS. MOSELEY: If you'd like to  
11 consider those.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Our biggest  
13 thing, our questions, has been, you know, like in  
14 the last -- you know, and I noticed -- I think I  
15 read, not so much here, that glass is kind of a  
16 wash. There's no -- you don't pay and you don't  
17 charge.

18 MS. MOSELEY: That's correct.

19 MR. RUMLEY: So there's no really --

20 MR. PITTMAN: So it's minimum 22 tons  
21 per load.

22 MR. BRADFORD: And that's normal.

23 MR. PITTMAN: It saves about \$3 a  
24 ton.

25 MR. BRADFORD: We won't have any

1 trouble getting --

2 MR. RUMLEY: No. Not on a trailer.  
3 That's what we use when we compact it. We use that  
4 bucket.

5 MR. PITTMAN: Okay. That's what I  
6 was going to say. They're going to have us actually  
7 compact it and use the trackhoe.

8 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah.

9 MR. SMITH: It will compact it. It  
10 does a pretty good job, most of the time.

11 MR. ROGERS: And I think he said --  
12 is this the lowest bid?

13 MR. RUMLEY: It was the low bid. It  
14 was quite a bit lower.

15 MR. TOWNSEND: There was two bids  
16 through Republic. They have a three-year contract  
17 agreement for \$25.90, with an annual CPI based on  
18 three years. Then rate of \$25.75 annual CPI based  
19 upon a five-year agreement. The competitor, which  
20 is Environmental Trust Company, which is Waste  
21 Connections, I think theirs was, compared to this,  
22 was \$27.37.

23 MR. PITTMAN: What are we paying  
24 right now, Ted, do you remember?

25 MR. RUMLEY: This is what, you know,

1 we're actually paying for.

2 MR. PITTMAN: This is what we are  
3 paying?

4 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. They may have  
5 went down. Billy can tell you exactly. But they  
6 changed very little.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's not  
8 what we're paying?

9 MR. TOWNSEND: What do we pay, Billy?

10 MR. RUMLEY: Per ton.

11 BILLY: 26.25 roughly right now. It  
12 depends on the fuel.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. And a good thing  
14 about -- and I called and verified this, you know,  
15 because the other fellow was here at bid opening.  
16 And there was, of course, a fuel surcharge. And  
17 when I called them -- I think I talked to you when I  
18 called this morning.

19 MS. MOSELEY: You did.

20 MR. RUMLEY: And you said  
21 everything's in your cost. This is total. There's  
22 no fuel service surcharge.

23 MS. MOSELEY: That is correct.

24 MR. RUMLEY: And that's a big issue.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, it's a big

1 issue.

2 MR. RUMLEY: It's a big issue.

3 MR. PITTMAN: So are you recommending  
4 the three-year or the five-year?

5 MR. RUMLEY: Well, I'd go ahead with  
6 the five.

7 MR. BRADFORD: I'd rather do a  
8 five-year, myself.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Be done with it.

10 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah, at that price.

11 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Just lock it in.

13 Any questions while she's here? And, of course,  
14 we've got her card. If you think of anything, you  
15 know, later on, you can call and talk to her.  
16 Because evidently you're the contact person.

17 MS. MOSELEY: I am.

18 MR. RUMLEY: You're going to be our  
19 direct contact.

20 MS. MOSELEY: I am.

21 MR. SMITH: When will this kick in?

22 MR. TOWNSEND: The current one is  
23 through the 30th of the month.

24 MR. SMITH: Of this month?

25 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah.

1 MR. SMITH: Okay.

2 MR. TOWNSEND: October. Whatever the  
3 first Tuesday is in --

4 MR. RUMLEY: October.

5 MR. PITTMAN: You're good with this,  
6 Robin? You've looked at it?

7 MR. ROGERS: Yeah. What I would  
8 suggest is a motion to approve this contract,  
9 subject to and authorizing the county to negotiate  
10 any sort of changes that may be needed. There will  
11 be things that we will need to --

12 MR. RUMLEY: To look at?

13 MR. ROGERS: -- tweak. Yeah. So  
14 certainly we can approve this. In fact, we probably  
15 need to approve it.

16 MR. RUMLEY: We need to. We'll be  
17 out of --

18 MR. TOWNSEND: And I mentioned to  
19 Monica about an agreement, but it was just really  
20 quick turnaround for their legal department to get  
21 it to us this quick.

22 But how long do you expect, a couple of  
23 weeks?

24 MS. MOSELEY: Probably two weeks. I  
25 can do it in about two weeks.

1 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. So she'll get  
2 the agreement to us within the next couple of weeks.  
3 And Robin can take a look at it and then we can...

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: Y'all just sign off on  
6 it.

7 MR. PITTMAN: Is there a clause in  
8 here, if we're not satisfied with services?

9 MS. MOSELEY: It will be in the  
10 agreement.

11 MR. RUMLEY: It will be in the  
12 contract?

13 MS. MOSELEY: They're in every  
14 agreement that we have.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Both ways.

16 MS. MOSELEY: That's correct. It's  
17 bilateral.

18 MR. PITTMAN: Looks good to me, then.

19 MR. RUMLEY: All right. I appreciate  
20 you coming.

21 MS. MOSELEY: Thank you.

22 MR. RUMLEY: What we need to do is  
23 make a separate motion?

24 MR. SMITH: Instead of on the consent  
25 agenda, do it separate?

1 MR. ROGERS: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right.

3 Number 10, Lookout Mountain Community Services and  
4 Dade Transit. We have already actually taken care  
5 of that in a meeting before. So that's already been  
6 taken care of.

7 Number 11 is just for discussion. But  
8 we've got several things we've working on and going  
9 to continue to work on as far the alternative county  
10 revenues versus our property taxes. Of course,  
11 we've talked about the business occupation tax.  
12 That's something that seems like we've got a lot of.

13 Robin, what is the actual first step on  
14 that? I know you've been looking into it.

15 MR. ROGERS: On the business  
16 occupation tax?

17 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

18 MR. ROGERS: We can adopt that one.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Uh-huh.

20 MR. ROGERS: Some of these go through  
21 several steps. But that is not one that requires a  
22 lot of, you know --

23 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

24 MR. ROGERS: -- so we can deal with  
25 that one fairly quickly if we decide to do so.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. And, of course,  
2 we need to -- he don't mean tonight. We've got to  
3 have something to look at. He can draft --

4 MR. ROGERS: Yeah, right.

5 MR. RUMLEY: You know, but that's --  
6 if everyone's on board with that.

7 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I've only had -- it's a  
9 couple of people that kind of was a little negative  
10 about it. But the majority of the people  
11 understand, you know, that -- we're one of the few  
12 counties in the state of Georgia that does not have  
13 that. The hotel --

14 MR. PITTMAN: But they're not talking  
15 about a substantial amount of money.

16 MR. RUMLEY: No.

17 MR. PITTMAN: We're not talking about  
18 a thousand dollars. It would actually benefit our  
19 tax assessor's office as well.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. And B, the  
21 hotel-motel tax. That's something else that we feel  
22 like we've had a lot of positive about -- you know,  
23 as far as I've not heard anything really negative  
24 about it. But I'm sure there's people out there  
25 that don't agree with it. But that's something

1 we -- Don -- we're fixing to have a meeting on that.

2 MR. TOWNSEND: I think it's Tuesday.

3 MR. SMITH: Tuesday.

4 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. At 10:00.

6 MR. TOWNSEND: 10:30.

7 MR. SMITH: Okay. Is it 10:30 or  
8 7:00 to 9:00?

9 MR. TOWNSEND: 7:00 to 9:00.

10 MR. BRADFORD: It's 10:00. I think  
11 we're having a meeting with Scottie that night.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: Mine says got 10:00 or  
13 10:30.

14 MR. RUMLEY: That's what I've got on  
15 mine.

16 MR. PITTMAN: And that thing says  
17 7:30 to 9:30.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: I don't know.

19 MR. RUMLEY: But you've got people --

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Ours is next Tuesday  
21 morning.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Several people  
23 from the state coming in.

24 MR. TOWNSEND: Jonathan Sharp and --  
25 oh, it's Wednesday morning. That's how much I know.

1 Yeah, Wednesday morning.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

3 MR. SMITH: At 10:30?

4 MR. TOWNSEND: I'll make sure and  
5 send y'all an e-mail. Linden Scott --

6 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah, Linden.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: -- from Department of  
8 Community Affairs will be here.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: And it's more or less  
11 to give information sessions for us.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: We went last year to  
14 Walker County Civic Center to this meeting. They  
15 had a presentation, the Department of Community  
16 Affairs, that Georgia had. It was very informative.  
17 Went to the same one this year over in Blairsville  
18 just a couple, three weeks ago. And, again, it was  
19 very informative. And I'm glad I went last year  
20 because I had a lot of questions that I asked  
21 afterwards. And I think it's going to -- it's not  
22 as -- we don't have any hotel/motels in the county  
23 at the present time. But in the future it does more  
24 than just hotel/motel. So, I mean, I think it's  
25 going to be a good thing. But anyway, we'll have

1 more information next Wednesday --

2 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: -- at 10:30.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Well, actually  
5 it's 11 C. Do what now?

6 MR. BRADFORD: It's at 10.

7 MR. RUMLEY: The TSPLOST. That's  
8 something that, of course, it didn't pass here in  
9 this region. And I don't think it's going to be  
10 called the TSPLOST. But there's a lot of things  
11 going on in the state right now, trying to come up  
12 with that plan, Plan B. Because the counties that  
13 actually passed it down in the coastal -- middle  
14 Georgia and coastal, they're really feeling it. It  
15 really is a good thing. It really is a good  
16 tremendous amount of money and it's -- of course,  
17 that's to be spent -- it would be to come back into  
18 our roads and bridges. And actually if it had  
19 passed here, you know, we could have actually done  
20 away with our road budget. Replace it with -- put  
21 that back actually as a millage rate.

22 MR. PITTMAN: It did pass in Dade  
23 County.

24 MR. RUMLEY: It did. But it doesn't  
25 matter. It had to pass regionally.

1 MR. PITTMAN: Right.

2 MR. RUMLEY: The people here seen a  
3 need for it. But the people like in some of the  
4 larger counties, they felt that they were going to  
5 be donors rather than, you know, actually receiving  
6 more money. So it did. But all the counties -- our  
7 mountain counties, as I call them, our smaller  
8 counties, it would really be something like we've  
9 never had before, as far as money to go back in  
10 there. So hopefully that's something that will be  
11 brought back up in January at the -- when the  
12 legislators reconvene. So we'll keep everybody  
13 informed on that.

14 D, which is the HOST, homestead optional  
15 sales tax. I'll let you comment on that, Don, a  
16 little bit. I mean, it's something that -- you  
17 know, these are just things we put in here that we  
18 want to discuss. Things that could be possible.

19 MR. SMITH: (Inaudible)?

20 MR. RUMLEY: Do what now?

21 MR. SMITH: We've got the LOST,  
22 right?

23 MR. TOWNSEND: We do. Description  
24 is: Subject to countywide voter approval, a sales  
25 tax and use of 1 percent may be imposed to fund

1 capital projects and provide tax relief on  
2 residential homestead property. 80 percent of the  
3 revenue has to be applied to rolling back county  
4 property taxes on homesteaded property, and up to 20  
5 percent of the revenue may be used for funding  
6 capital projects. A county must choose between  
7 imposing a local options sales tax or a homestead  
8 option sales tax, since the law does not allow for  
9 these two local sales taxes to be imposed  
10 simultaneously. HOST revenue may be shared with  
11 municipalities within the county through an  
12 intergovernmental agreement. We do have a local  
13 options sales tax where we receive 80 percent, and  
14 20 percent goes to the city directly. Our 80  
15 percent is used -- we use a hundred percent of the  
16 hundred percent to rollback property tax. And  
17 there's been a lot of discussion, I know, in the  
18 last few weeks about imposing another tax, sales  
19 tax, to do just that. And when we came across this,  
20 I thought, well, you know, if the state could tweak  
21 this, it's already in place in the law, without  
22 creating a whole new section of law. Of course, I  
23 heard, you know, this morning on the radio talk too,  
24 Ted was talking about maybe just a northwest Georgia  
25 thing or something, so. You know, it's up to the

1 legislator. It's not our decision, of course. But  
2 this sounds great. It's homesteaded. But it is  
3 property taxes. It's doing exactly what you would  
4 want it to do. Because it says "may" in here. 80  
5 percent of the revenue must be applied to rolling  
6 back county property taxes and homestead property  
7 and up to 20 percent of revenue may be used for  
8 funding capital projects. I would think if it says  
9 "may," maybe you could use 100 percent. I don't  
10 know.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, because that's  
12 something that you need to -- that's what we're  
13 looking for.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: Right.

15 MR. RUMLEY: We don't need any more,  
16 you know, capital projects or building right now.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: Right.

18 MR. RUMLEY: We just need --

19 MR. TOWNSEND: Right.

20 MR. RUMLEY: So that's one option,  
21 you know, we're looking at.

22 Also, I'll go into this. We're working --  
23 I'm with -- the commission and myself with four  
24 other counties -- well, three besides us, pertaining  
25 to a possible one cent tax that possibly could be --

1 it would be (inaudible) on, but it would actually be  
2 like, a five-year. It could be a seven-year. But  
3 for counties like the coastal region that have  
4 disasters, just to put them back -- kind of back on  
5 their feet, it does exist. Bebe Heiskell had called  
6 and talked to Jason. He had a conference call  
7 yesterday. So that's something we're looking at to  
8 actually to go and present to the legislators and  
9 senators. And there may be another county we pick  
10 up because there was five counties really hit pretty  
11 hard with that -- those storms. So that, you know,  
12 that would really be -- that would be another  
13 something, you know, as far as a revenue source.

14 MR. PITTMAN: How would that work,  
15 exactly, Ted? Would it all go into one pool and  
16 then split out equally or would you --

17 MR. RUMLEY: No.

18 MR. PITTMAN: Dade County get --

19 MR. RUMLEY: No, it would be  
20 whatever -- it would be a -- like I said a while  
21 ago, it would be a donor county. It would be a  
22 joint thing that you would have each county. You  
23 know, one penny now would generate roughly  
24 \$2 million a year. Just one penny. That would be  
25 big. Any of these we're talking about would be big.

1 If we did all of them, we would have a higher tax  
2 rate than Tennessee. But even just one of these  
3 right here that we could actually bring back to  
4 actually to rollback your millage rate and your  
5 property tax, that's a bit when you're talking  
6 \$2 million in Dade County. Now, some of the larger  
7 counties that's not a lot of money. For Dade  
8 County, it's a tremendous amount of money. But  
9 that's something we're looking at. I'll keep you up  
10 on that. (Inaudible) probably our next meeting.

11 MR. BREEDEN: We're talking about,  
12 too, Ted, maybe possibly amending the SPLOST. We  
13 met with Jeff and talked with him, and he feels very  
14 positive. I sent him an e-mail on it, and I'd like  
15 to see it amended; because I told him when SPLOST  
16 came out, it was a great thing for counties to be  
17 able to replace things that needed to be relaced and  
18 update things that needed to be updated, but now  
19 what it seems like, if try to keep SPLOST alive so  
20 we can use a little bit of to lower property -- you  
21 know, the burden on the property owners, but you've  
22 got to come up with all kinds of harebrain ideas to  
23 spend the rest of it on just to keep alive. And I  
24 said that's burdening counties. That's not helping  
25 them. And I asked, I said, Could we amend to where

1 at a county's discretion we could use it towards  
2 emergency services, public safety, debt incurred due  
3 to natural disaster, and also a creation of a  
4 reserve to use in the event of a natural disaster?  
5 Have something to fall back on if something  
6 catastrophic took place, instead of just all of a  
7 sudden a hit on the county? So he said, I believe  
8 that we could make this work. And so I sent him the  
9 e-mail. He responded back. He said he will get to  
10 work on it after the election in November is over  
11 with and present it to legislation at the next  
12 session.

13 MR. RUMLEY: But that would be a  
14 statewide?

15 MR. BREEDEN: That would be a  
16 statewide.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Be a statewide.

18 MR. BREEDEN: But he feels very  
19 positive that most counties would really jump all  
20 over this because most counties are probably like we  
21 are. They have replaced all they need to replace.  
22 They just need some help. I mean, when we took on  
23 the enhanced 911 system after 9/11, that really  
24 burdened this county, probably others, because it's  
25 a little expensive thing to operate. And when you

1 do away with your landlines and you go wireless, you  
2 know, with this enhanced system, it's just a -- from  
3 what I understand now, in talking to the sheriff and  
4 talking to Alex, you know, it's just a more  
5 expensive system to run. And so that's just a  
6 burden that we've had to take on because our world  
7 is changing. But, anyway, that's something else, in  
8 talking about alternative revenues versus property  
9 taxes, that we are working on to see if we can get  
10 that amended to where that we can use it towards the  
11 911, towards the ambulance service, towards the  
12 sheriff's department, you know, things like that.

13 MR. PITTMAN: One thing we need to  
14 keep in mind, and made Jeff aware of, is to make it  
15 where the active SPLOST could -- you could use the  
16 active SPLOST for that. Because we just passed the  
17 latest --

18 MR. BREEDEN: Well, I put a footnote  
19 down at the bottom and I said --

20 MR. PITTMAN: (Inaudible)  
21 retroactive, is what you're saying.

22 MR. BREEDEN: I said if possible or  
23 however legislation works: If this amendment passes  
24 then, any current SPLOST can be amended to include  
25 these services.

1 MR. PITTMAN: Okay. So you --

2 MR. BREEDEN: I put that as a  
3 footnote.

4 MR. PITTMAN: If not, we'd be tied  
5 into that for --

6 MR. BREEDEN: Right.

7 MR. PITTMAN: -- for four or five  
8 years.

9 MR. BREEDEN: Right.

10 MR. PITTMAN: Six years.

11 MR. BREEDEN: Anyway, I just  
12 wanted -- I didn't know if Mitchell knew about that  
13 or if Scottie knew that, you know, we were working  
14 on that with Jeff. But Jeff really feels -- because  
15 I, at first, called him and asked him why we  
16 couldn't have an option of putting on, once that  
17 sales tax, to relieve burden on the property owners  
18 and he said, Well -- he said, that'd be -- that'd  
19 just be such a hard thing to get done. It will have  
20 to be a statewide thing. And I said, Well, let's  
21 see what we can do with the SPLOST, amending it. He  
22 really thinks we can -- he really thinks this will  
23 go. He really speaks favorably of it. So we'll  
24 see.

25 MR. PITTMAN: He said at lunch he

1 thought he'd get it through.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Move down to the -- we  
3 had a really good meeting yesterday. Scottie had  
4 gotten together with some of our directors of our --  
5 actually, some of the ball teams and ball coaches  
6 and the rec league.

7 Scottie, if you want to talk about that a  
8 little bit.

9 MR. PITTMAN: We had probably 17, 18  
10 people show up yesterday evening right here. And  
11 the topic of discussion was utilizing our four  
12 fields as an attraction for outside ball teams, ball  
13 tournaments to come in and draw some more tax money  
14 in. We had pros and cons, both. We're looking over  
15 it. We've got another meeting scheduled for the  
16 24th at 5:00 right here. And the public will be  
17 invited.

18 Anybody that wants to come. It was people  
19 from football showed. People from baseball.  
20 Softball. We had people from the city. Had a  
21 representative from the Chamber. So it wouldn't be  
22 a substantial amount of money. And you may see more  
23 of it in sales tax than you actually see in entry  
24 fees or gate admission, but I'm going to contact  
25 the -- I've got a call into Chris Simpson, I think

1 is his name, in Catoosa County, the director of  
2 their parks and rec. I'm going to find out how  
3 exactly they run theirs. What's beneficial. What's  
4 not beneficial. In the whole process, we've got to  
5 keep in mind that we do have an active rec league.  
6 A lot of these places like Warner Park, or Jack  
7 Mattox, they don't have a rec league that uses their  
8 facility. That's all they're about, having  
9 tournaments. So we would have to work with our rec  
10 league to schedule ball tournaments, whether it's on  
11 weekends or after the season's over. But it is  
12 doable. And there were some really good ideas come  
13 out yesterday. The 24th at 5:00 we'll have another  
14 one. So everybody is invited.

15 MR. BREEDEN: I know another guy you  
16 can talk to. He's over the parks and recreations up  
17 in Rome, Todd Wofford.

18 MR. PITTMAN: Todd Wofford?

19 MR. BREEDEN: Yes. I will get you  
20 his number and contact information. But I believe  
21 he would be an excellent person to discuss various  
22 options.

23 MR. PITTMAN: We've done stuff down  
24 at the ball fields, you know, sporadically. We've  
25 had a -- when Peter Cervelli was here, Peter hosted

1 a -- or organized a carnival. And it really didn't  
2 go over that great. So I don't think they'd ever be  
3 interested in coming back. But when you have a  
4 carnival, people attend a carnival by their own  
5 choice. If you have a ball tournament and your  
6 five-year-old grandson's playing in it, you know,  
7 you kind of take the choice away. People are going  
8 to go watch their grandkids play, whether it's in  
9 Dade County or Chattanooga or even Pigeon Forge.  
10 They're going to travel. It may turn out to be a  
11 good thing. I know Chattanooga makes a ton of  
12 money. I think Holly Ellison had the stats  
13 yesterday. Holly Moore. And the City of  
14 Chattanooga has made somewhere in the neighborhood  
15 of \$30 million off of different tournaments,  
16 different sporting events they've hosted. And I  
17 don't know if we could make anything like that, but  
18 just a portion of that would benefit us. Right now  
19 Stacy's budget at the park is 124,500 a year. So if  
20 we could bring in enough revenue or if we could  
21 bring in revenue, sales tax to offset that, it would  
22 be a win for us. It may take us two years, three  
23 years to really get our reputation up. But we've  
24 got really nice facilities. I don't know if you  
25 guys have been to any --

1 MR. RUMLEY: Yes, we do.

2 MR. PITTMAN: -- of the surrounding  
3 counties, but ours would be one of the nicer ones  
4 the kids play at. And y'all are invited  
5 September 24th, 5:00.

6 MR. RUMLEY: The public and then --

7 MR. PITTMAN: Everyone.

8 MR. RUMLEY: We'll have to advertise  
9 it, if all the commissioners are there. It will be  
10 advertised anyway.

11 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah, we can do that.  
12 I mean, it's open for anybody.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

14 MR. BREEDEN: September 24th.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?  
16 Anything else you want to go over? Okay. If not,  
17 we'll go ahead and --

18 MR. PITTMAN: Are we going to talk  
19 about these others?

20 MR. RUMLEY: There's not really a  
21 whole lot to talk about. Unless you've got  
22 something you want to go over, Don. That's just  
23 something we just kind of -- we just came up with  
24 this kind of randomly. So it's not really anything.

25 MR. PITTMAN: I would like to throw

1 this out and get everybody so they can start getting  
2 feedback from their communities.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

4 MR. PITTMAN: The alcohol beverage  
5 tax.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

7 MR. PITTMAN: I don't know if it will  
8 be a popular choice or an unpopular choice. I don't  
9 know if it would benefit the county or not. But  
10 I've had several people call me and say, you know,  
11 without alcohol by the drink, you're keeping certain  
12 restaurants, certain businesses from coming into the  
13 county. You're holding things back. And I told  
14 them I would bring it up. I've been on the board  
15 for 12 years. It's not something that I'm trying to  
16 push on you guys. I just want y'all to get out and  
17 talk to your communities, find out how everybody  
18 feels. Because you know yourself you may get one or  
19 two phone calls, people adamantly for something, and  
20 then you go out and ask people, and you might find  
21 that other people are adamantly against it. It's  
22 not anything that this five guys can pass or push  
23 down people's throats. It will be on a referendum.

24 MR. RUMLEY: It will be voted on.

25 MR. BREEDEN: Is there any way of

1 doing straw polls on stuff like this?

2 MR. ROGERS: Through the party  
3 preference poll. But there's not a -- you're  
4 talking about a straw poll like --

5 MR. BREEDEN: Like a non-binding  
6 question.

7 MR. ROGERS: Not that. You know,  
8 those questions that are sometimes at the end of  
9 primary -- the parties put on primary ballots. You  
10 can do that. But that's all that you can do.

11 MR. RUMLEY: That's something we can  
12 do, you know, actually go out, like you said.  
13 There's talk --

14 MR. PITTMAN: There's people that are  
15 really for it and people who are really against it.  
16 So you just -- and I'm not pushing one way or the  
17 other. I just think when we're talking about ways  
18 to bring in revenue, we might as well talk about all  
19 ways that we can bring in revenue. This will be  
20 something that will be on the presidential election  
21 referendum. So you'll have a big voter turnout.  
22 Not anything -- I mean --

23 MR. RUMLEY: You're talking about  
24 2016.

25 MR. PITTMAN: 2016.

1 MR. RUMLEY: 2016.

2 MR. PITTMAN: That it could be on. I  
3 mean, it could not be on this '14.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Okay. Any other  
5 comments, commissioners?

6 Okay. We'll go ahead here and we'll  
7 recess for just a few minutes.

8 MR. BREEDEN: What is this impact  
9 fee, Ted?

10 MR. RUMLEY: That's just something we  
11 put down. We were just going to go through. I  
12 don't know if Don's got anything prepared on that.  
13 We were just making --

14 MR. BREEDEN: By definition what is?

15 MR. PITTMAN: An impact fee would be  
16 charging so many couple of dollars to use the --

17 MR. BREEDEN: Oh, okay. Okay.

18 MR. PITTMAN: People that are using  
19 it, that are impacted by it, pay a fee for it.

20 MR. BREEDEN: Okay.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

22 MR. BREEDEN: That's kind of an ugly  
23 term.

24 MR. PITTMAN: Well, yeah. It  
25 impacts.

1 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah, it's going to  
2 impact you, all right.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any other  
4 discussion?

5 We'll go ahead and recess for just a few  
6 minutes. Then we'll go into our regular meeting.

7 (Workshop meeting ended.)

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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: Go ahead and call the  
2 meeting to order. Appreciate all y'all being here  
3 tonight. We -- let me turn my mic on here. As  
4 always, before our meeting starts, we always have a  
5 prayer and a pledge. And Chris is going to lead us  
6 tonight in the --

7 Where did you go, Chris? Okay. Come up,  
8 if you would, and lead us in prayer and Pledge of  
9 Allegiance.

10 If everyone would stand.

11 (Whereupon, the invocation and Pledge  
12 of Allegiance were given.)

13 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Chris.

14 This is the regular scheduled meeting of  
15 the Dade County Board of Commissioners, which takes  
16 place at the same time on the first Thursday of  
17 every month. Proper notice of this meeting was  
18 given in the legal organ of the Dade County Sentinel  
19 and has been posted in the hallways of the  
20 administrative building. At this time I do need a  
21 roll call.

22 Mr. Smith.

23 MR. SMITH: Here.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman.

25 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breedon.

2 MR. BREEDEN: Here.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford.

4 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Chair is present.

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

8 MR. SMITH: In the month of August,  
9 911 dispatched 305 EMS calls, 220 fire and rescue  
10 calls, 12 forestry and public work's calls, 1,202  
11 law enforcement calls, for a total of 1,739 dispatch  
12 calls. That's not the number of calls that come  
13 through the office they handle, but that's the  
14 number of calls where somebody was dispatched out to  
15 the scene or whatever's taking place.

16 There's a public hearing planned for public  
17 input, unless this has changed, on the Erlanger  
18 foreclosure efforts against Hutcheson, on Tuesday,  
19 November the 18th, starting at 7:00 here in this  
20 meeting room.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's the  
22 date of that again?

23 MR. RUMLEY: What?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The date of  
25 that again?

1 MR. SMITH: November the 18th, at 7.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You said  
3 November?

4 MR. SMITH: November.

5 The District 1 voting precinct is moved to  
6 the Wildwood Community Center, which is located  
7 behind the Wildwood post office. And I'm going to  
8 recommend somehow, some way that we put some kind of  
9 signs or something now, a banner at the North Dade  
10 Community Center, and the best we can advertise, but  
11 somebody's still going to go to the North Dade  
12 Community Center the day -- I mean, school -- North  
13 Community School. It's North Dade Community Center.  
14 Yeah, to vote. And it should be at Wildwood. So,  
15 the best we can do, we need to start advertising and  
16 get it out there.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Well, Evan and the  
18 Sentinel too, we need to for sure. But there's  
19 still going to be people that --

20 MR. SMITH: -- people there. And it  
21 may be me and Rex, you know.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

23 MR. RUMLEY: Anything else?

24 MR. SMITH: And just attended the rec  
25 meeting with Scottie. And he'll say more on

1 whatever in a minute.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

3 MR. SMITH: That's all I've got.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Well, I was going to  
6 talk about our meeting with the rec league last  
7 night, but I think I covered that pretty well. In  
8 case you weren't here during the work session, we  
9 had a meeting here last night with some of the  
10 leaders from the rec league program. We've got  
11 another meeting scheduled for September 24th at  
12 5:00, anyone's input or that just want to come  
13 listen and see what's going on.

14 The purpose would be to start utilizing  
15 our sports complex to draw in tax money, outside  
16 people. And plus, a lot of these kids that play on  
17 these travel teams, the parents will take them to  
18 Chattanooga every weekend or to Cleveland or to  
19 Pigeon Forge. So it will be nice for the parent to  
20 get to stay home and play ball locally as well. So  
21 everyone's welcome to attend and give some kind of  
22 input. Because we are looking for any ideas we can  
23 to either save money or create more money.

24 That's all I've got.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you.

1 Rick?

2 MR. BREEDEN: The barbecue went good  
3 at Rising Fawn. They pretty much sold out most of  
4 the meat they had prepared. So had a good turnout.  
5 Appreciate everybody for supporting that for the  
6 fire department.

7 I know we are -- and I've kindly put the  
8 word out. They're looking at closing the crossing  
9 at Lambert Lane.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, the railroad.

11 MR. BREEDEN: The railroad's looking  
12 at closing that crossing. I understand it would  
13 close that one, and they will put the cross arms at  
14 two other crossings, is that correct?

15 MR. RUMLEY: That's what they're  
16 looking at. But we're for sure going to get the one  
17 where the (inaudible) there. Regardless of whether  
18 we do that, I mean, they're looking at closing it.  
19 That was kind of a bargaining thing to me. That's  
20 not a lot to bargain on. I mean, that's our --

21 MR. BREEDEN: Right.

22 MR. RUMLEY: It's our county road.  
23 So that's to be decided, you know. But that's the  
24 one -- if you don't know where that crossing's at,  
25 it starts going across the hill there at the --

1 going into Mason Road. And they did a traffic count  
2 on it, and it averages about three cars a day that  
3 go across it.

4 MR. BREEDEN: Right, right. And you  
5 can't take any heavy equipment, really, across it,  
6 because that peak of that hill.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, you'll drag.

8 MR. BREEDEN: And it's so narrow,  
9 so...

10 MR. RUMLEY: But that's something  
11 we'll get the word out in the south end there and  
12 have some comment on that, you know.

13 MR. BREEDEN: Other than that, you  
14 know, we had to replace Laura Holder, and we asked  
15 Nadine Woods if she would serve in that. And that's  
16 General Woods's wife, for any of you that don't know  
17 her. But I believe she will be a grand person to  
18 serve on that assessor's board. So I appreciate her  
19 for accepting that position at such a volatile time.

20 But that's all I have.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

22 Alan?

23 MR. BRADFORD: Well, it's kind of  
24 nice to have a quiet evening, compared to what we  
25 have had in the last six meetings.

1           But I'd like to commend Tank back there,  
2 that's what everybody calls him. But his name is  
3 Brandon. They do an excellent job down at the  
4 transfer station. Had a couple of people with me  
5 today and went by and told me how clean it look down  
6 there. And I appreciate what you do down there.

7           I asked Billy to give me a couple of roads  
8 that he worked on. And they had done 60 in three  
9 days. So I'm not going to read all these roads off.  
10 But they've graded roads, cut the trees, pulled out  
11 ditches and shoulders, and mowed, and done all kinds  
12 of work. And I want to commend all his workers back  
13 there. You guys do a great job. People really  
14 comment about the work that's done on our roads  
15 around here. Dade County (inaudible). Most workers  
16 are here. But I appreciate what you do for our  
17 county.

18           That about it.

19           MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Alan.

20           As Alan said, it's been a busy month. You  
21 know, we went through -- we actually went through  
22 six of the public hearings. And we did set the  
23 millage rate out our last -- well, last Thursday.  
24 Don and I -- well, all of us really spent a lot of  
25 time through the month and feel good about it.

1 Which we did not have a tax increase. And  
2 hopefully, you know, we can go through this year,  
3 and maybe this time next year we'll be looking at  
4 maybe decreasing it. I don't know. That's  
5 something we'll just have to see. A lot depends on  
6 that.

7 I did attend the meeting there, Alex and  
8 I, we met with some people, I think it was two weeks  
9 ago. Had a lot of input on the -- response on the  
10 storm shelter and people wanting to know, you know,  
11 if we're actively looking and where they're going to  
12 be and all this stuff. We've applied for a grant, a  
13 sizable grant, that's going to help us with that  
14 with the SPLOST money we have. And hopefully we can  
15 get the -- get on that when actually the SPLOST  
16 starts coming in. Alex did go down to Rainsville.  
17 And he did tour a couple of the units down there  
18 that hold around a hundred six and one that holds  
19 over two hundred people. And it's really amazing to  
20 see the, you know, exactly what they are and how  
21 safe they are. So we'll give -- Alex will be here  
22 at the meeting. He can kind of give us an update on  
23 that. And we are trying to kind of actually locate  
24 them in strategic places, you know, where people can  
25 actually come, you know, and have access to them,

1 without having to go, you know, way off the road.  
2 So he'll give us a report on that next time.

3           We did have our striping crews in the  
4 county. We may not be totally through yet. But we  
5 do -- a lot of you have called and showed  
6 appreciation. Up Burkhalter Gap, we've also got the  
7 caution back at the -- the red light there blinking.  
8 It may not sound like a big deal to a lot of people,  
9 but to people out on that mountain, it is. And, of  
10 course, that light has actually been shot for a  
11 second time. We took a couple of the old ones and  
12 we put it in -- Billy built one good light. So  
13 we've got that one back. We haven't replaced the  
14 one out at New Home yet because it was -- it had  
15 been there over two years, and someone had stolen --  
16 it was actually stolen two weeks ago. So we hope to  
17 replace it. And, I mean, it was -- it was  
18 actually -- someone said, Well, why didn't  
19 (inaudible). They knew what they were doing. They  
20 took like a saw and cut it. But we hope to get that  
21 replaced. And another thing, it don't sound like a  
22 big deal, but it is. When it's foggy and you live  
23 on these mountains, it's a big deal.

24           And we also have got the striping going  
25 down Burkhalter and all the way down the brow here.

1 So that's -- they should be -- and, in fact, he may  
2 have started putting the reflectors up.

3 Billy, did you start this week on  
4 reflectors?

5 BILLY: No. We've not caught a dry  
6 enough spell to put them down.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right. So  
8 those will be replaced. Okay.

9 We also attended the regional commission  
10 meeting. I attend every month. And got a lot of  
11 good things going on there. We've got -- actually  
12 I've got a couple of grants that we're working on  
13 this year that hopefully will help us on a couple of  
14 issues in the county.

15 But just, you know, like I said, it's been  
16 a trying month. You know, we've actually went  
17 through several of the hearings. And we've had a  
18 lot of people attend our hearings and we appreciate  
19 that. Had a lot of comments, you know, by phone and  
20 coming in the office. And we just appreciate all  
21 the input and the attendance.

22 Y'all got anything else you want to bring  
23 up?

24 And I appreciate the commissioners. I  
25 mean, we work really good together here. You know,

1 we work good together anyway. But, you know, the  
2 past month, it's really been a lot of work that's  
3 been done, and Don and Robin too, in our office. So  
4 we do appreciate y'all.

5 Let's move down to appearances.

6 Marshana? She's with our Dade County  
7 Public Library. Come up and give us a report.

8 MS. SHARP: We applied for a grant.  
9 Ted was there. The chamber was there. We didn't  
10 get the grant, which I'm still working on what we  
11 were aiming to do for the grant. But we did get  
12 kind of a consolation prize. They're going to send  
13 us -- loan us an outdoor projector screen to do a  
14 community movie. They just told us what date it  
15 would be. It just so happens it's going to be on a  
16 Friday night that there's no game, no football game.  
17 So it's going to be on October the 3rd. Which I'm  
18 going to get with y'all, the sheriff's department.  
19 So we'll be having a community movie, outdoor movie  
20 for the community. And they sent us like a hundred  
21 in free Redbox movies, codes to get movies. So  
22 everybody that comes, the first hundred and fifty  
23 will get a free movie.

24 We just had our board meeting, our  
25 regional board meeting. And due to the cuts, they

1 decided to reduce us to 24 hours, which means we'll  
2 be closing at 2:00 on Friday, along with -- you  
3 know, hoping to save some. We did lose 12 staff  
4 hours, which we lost a staff and then everybody took  
5 reduction in hours to try to adjust for the cut. So  
6 we will be closing at 2:00 on Fridays. We were  
7 trying to do it the least amount, you know, hours  
8 less than as possible. So that still put us,  
9 though, in a \$12,000 deficit. Which we're going to  
10 go in our fund equity. And hopefully times will get  
11 better.

12 Do y'all have any questions?

13 MR. RUMLEY: No. Appreciate it. Now  
14 the movie you're talking about, you say it's going  
15 to be outside. Is it going to be like in the  
16 gazebo? Is that where you're going to do it at?

17 MS. SHARP: Yeah. I want to meet  
18 with y'all, and we decide where we think would be  
19 best for the screen. They're sending us a big  
20 outdoor screen. We have to send it back. But  
21 they're loaning it to us.

22 MR. RUMLEY: And people bring the  
23 lawn chairs.

24 MS. SHARP: Bring the lawn chairs and  
25 blankets, yeah. And we'll have popcorn. I'm

1 working on getting some stuff donated. And we can  
2 have popcorn and things like that.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

4 MS. SHARP: They sent us some  
5 t-shirts for prizes and some other stuff.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

7 MS. SHARP: But I want to get with  
8 y'all, and we'll hammer out the details and then  
9 I'll have it. But it's so close to the first of  
10 October, I just thought I'd go ahead and let people  
11 be aware and check with the library, and we'll have  
12 more information.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

14 MS. SHARP: Thank you.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you.

16 Okay. We've got Kristy Hammond here with  
17 our UGA Extension. And we've got some special  
18 people here with her tonight. You want to come on  
19 up here and bring the crew here? We've got our land  
20 judging champions here. Are you missing one?

21 MS. HAMMOND: I am missing one. I'm  
22 missing Joel Hunt.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

24 MS. HAMMOND: But we went to the  
25 state land judging competition on August 9, and

1 these gentlemen, plus Joel Hunt, they won the  
2 Georgia State land judging competition. So they'll  
3 go in May to Oklahoma and compete at the national  
4 land judging competition. So they worked really  
5 hard. Oh, and Zane Henderson, he actually won the  
6 high individual in the state of Georgia for land  
7 judging.

8 MR. RUMLEY: That's something.

9 MS. HAMMOND: So Cody Doyle, Justin  
10 Walden, and Zane Henderson and Joel Hunt. Great  
11 job.

12 MR. RUMLEY: And that's really  
13 something to brag about. I mean, you're talking  
14 statewide.

15 MS. HAMMOND: Yes, state wide.

16 MR. RUMLEY: It's not like a region.  
17 This is state, real deal.

18 MS. HAMMOND: Right.

19 MR. RUMLEY: So we're proud of you.  
20 We really are very proud of you.

21 MS. HAMMOND: Cody's going to give  
22 the update.

23 MR. RUMLEY: All right.

24 MR. DOYLE: All right. Thank you,  
25 guys. I'm going to go ahead and give the update for

1 this August. I'm Cody Doyle, president for the high  
2 school 4-H club. Our land judging team placed  
3 first. Zane Henderson was high overall individual.  
4 We'll be having a -- Gordon County will have a sheep  
5 show. And participants were CarolAnn Cash and  
6 Gracie Hunter. They also had Brett Dyer and Jacob  
7 Gass in the goat show. Gordon County young farmers  
8 goat classic, Brett Dyer was the grand champion doe  
9 and reserve champion wether. Chattooga County Fair,  
10 Jacob Gass placed second in weighty class and third  
11 in showmanship. Mr. Rich and several 4-H volunteers  
12 assisted in renovating a house with Lookout Mountain  
13 Community Services. In-class fifth grade club  
14 meetings began with the introduction to 4-H lesson.  
15 Ms. Katie and Ms. Jill spoke to the middle school at  
16 their grade level meetings. Mr. Rich and Ms. Katie  
17 attended the 4-H kick-off at Rock Eagle. The county  
18 received a certificate for 243 percent increase in  
19 summer camp numbers from the previous year. The  
20 canning workshop we had, we had 17 participants.  
21 Upcoming events are going to be back-to-school bash,  
22 4-H bash at the Ag center. There's going to be an  
23 adopt-a-stream workshop with Limestone Valley RC&D.  
24 Livestock judging at the Northwest Georgia Regional  
25 Fair in Gordon County. And 4-H officer training.

1 Also, we are happy to be able to get back in the  
2 high school for club meetings. And Ms. Katie  
3 attended the agriculture and natural science update  
4 in Griffin and the Tri-state Cattlemen's Association  
5 Meeting in Kensington.

6 Any questions?

7 MR. RUMLEY: Sounds like you've been  
8 busy. All of you. Need to recognize Rich, too.  
9 He's with us. He's our -- he's one of the main  
10 people there that assists Katie. We're proud of  
11 Rich and glad you are a part of that and glad you  
12 came on several years ago. It was a good move for  
13 us. We appreciate it. We appreciate all of y'all.

14 MR. DOYLE: Thank you.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Chris, you got  
16 your report there? He's the director of our Chamber  
17 of Commerce. Executive director. I'm sorry.

18 MR. MUSSER: Good evening. First  
19 thing this month was our meeting for the hotel/motel  
20 tax with Don. And I wish you had been there, seeing  
21 Don back in his college days, taking notes, firing  
22 questions around. He was well prepared. So for the  
23 citizens, your county CFO is working hard to get  
24 some extra revenue in. He's to be commended.

25 We had our chamber luncheon with Cody Sims

1 with Ameriprise Financial. And had a good time with  
2 him. Very informative. I recommend anybody that  
3 needs some financial thoughts maybe to look around  
4 the community. We've got some very skilled people  
5 that address those issues.

6 Attended the Top of Georgia employer  
7 meeting. We visited D & B Powder Coating, the  
8 Gasses, who own that. They've been running for  
9 about seven years now and doing a phenomenal job.  
10 If you ever have a chance to go check it out, it's a  
11 fascinating process, the powder coating and the  
12 hydrographics. And people from all our counties,  
13 four counties, really enjoyed that as well.

14 Congressman Tom Graves visited us.  
15 Visited the county and came to the chamber to speak  
16 to our board last Tuesday, and we were glad to have  
17 him.

18 I attended the United Way kickoff for the  
19 tristate -- or the tri-county area. So Dade County,  
20 Catoosa, and Walker. They are very interested in  
21 coming into Dade County. They haven't had a lot of  
22 involvement in our businesses. But we know we have  
23 a lot of (inaudible) businesses who really enjoy  
24 getting their -- their workers, their employees  
25 involved in some campaigns like this. So I'm

1 looking to connect the United Way people with as  
2 many of our business owners as would be interested  
3 in starting a campaign at their business to benefit  
4 our local Dade County charities. So if you're  
5 interested in that, please let me know.

6 I attended the Thrive 20/55 meeting this  
7 afternoon. Thrive is, again, a 16-county regional  
8 planning group. And they've identified four special  
9 areas that they're working on hard. One is the  
10 regional transportation. One is the regional  
11 economic development. The education and training.  
12 And our natural treasures. So anyone who has  
13 questions about Thrive and who would like to be  
14 involved in some way, please contact me. I'd love  
15 to get you possibly on the mailing list or possibly  
16 to attend some of the meetings. They're very  
17 interested in starting to move forward with their  
18 three-year plan. They've been planning for two  
19 years. And the third year is the launch of the  
20 activities. So we're very excited about being a  
21 part of that. And they are very eager to have Dade  
22 County on board.

23 I've been contacting businesses to bring  
24 them to Dade County, specifically to fill our Case  
25 Ace Hardware building. We've called several

1 different retailers. Some food franchise, as per  
2 Evan Stone's suggestion. We listen to the  
3 community's desires and have been calling  
4 accordingly. We actually had one business approach  
5 us yesterday looking to possibly expand, possibly  
6 relocate. So we're talking to these people, as  
7 well, looking to bring in some increased revenue,  
8 increase our tax base, and provide more services  
9 through the business segment to our citizens.

10 The last thing I'll mention is our Vision  
11 committee that William Bach (phonetic) is chairing,  
12 has been active. William knows all the jargon of  
13 the things that I could try to stumble through. So  
14 I'll let him give you a two-second version of what  
15 we've been up to on the Vision committee.

16 And that will conclude my report. So before  
17 he comes up, are there any questions?

18 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Okay.  
19 Thank you.

20 MR. MUSSER: Thank you.

21 MR. BACH: I'm William Bach. Our  
22 Vision committee at the chamber has set up something  
23 we're calling the Downtown Trenton Project. And the  
24 purpose of our project is to make the look of  
25 Trenton a little brighter. Make the area more

1 attractive to people who may want to bring jobs to  
2 Trenton. We are doing all of this with private  
3 funding and volunteers. There's no government money  
4 involved at this point. We're talking to property  
5 owners and saying, We have some ideas on how you can  
6 spruce up your building. Now, we're not doing  
7 structural work, with a few minor exceptions. We're  
8 doing some things with sidewalks. We're going to  
9 people and saying in some cases, You've got extra  
10 asphalt, extra concrete on the ground, places you  
11 can't even park. We'd like to take up some of that  
12 asphalt, put in plants, perhaps put in a sculpture.  
13 Do some things that don't cost an awfully lot of  
14 money, doing it primarily with volunteer  
15 contributions. And we're getting a pretty good  
16 response. We got our first yes, a property owner  
17 saying that we would be thrilled to have you come in  
18 and do this work for us. And we've talked to a  
19 second property owner who's saying, you know, I  
20 think I'm pretty interested. I want to see what  
21 happens with the first property owner. So we hope  
22 to have more news for the county commission and the  
23 public and hopefully have some improvements in the  
24 way our little downtown looks.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you. Any

1 questions? Okay. All right.

2 All right. move down to D. Do we have  
3 anyone here from the City of Trenton or the IDA  
4 tonight? No.

5 Audrey, do y'all have anything to maybe --  
6 an update or something on our fiber? Where you're  
7 at now as far as where you're at with working and  
8 what's going on with that, you know, our cable?

9 AUDREY: We're at 136 and going south  
10 on 11. The hub is maybe three-quarters completed.  
11 So we should be able to start installing 11 South  
12 before too long. And also another section of Sand  
13 Mountain began this week, just the beginnings of it.  
14 But Allen Smith Road and Holder Road in that area,  
15 that will be able to do installs from the hub that  
16 we already have there. So that will may be  
17 completed before we begin install on 11 south. And  
18 we've just about completed the Rising Fawn, Mason  
19 Road, all of those, Holder Loop. And we've had a  
20 very good response from the people in that area.

21 MR. RUMLEY: 11 South, what do you  
22 mean? Are you going from the city limits and tying  
23 into that?

24 AUDREY: Well, we're going from 136,  
25 up here at the intersection of 136, south on 11 to

1 the four fields, possibly just past the four fields,  
2 whatever that hub will carry in that direction.

3 MR. RUMLEY: All right.

4 AUDREY: And Edgewood as well.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right.

6 That's Audrey. She's with our phone -- and Beulah  
7 Lionel's (phonetic) with her. But she's with our  
8 phone company and TV service now. So appreciate  
9 that report.

10 Okay. Don, we'll move to you for our  
11 county financial report, please.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. As of  
13 August 31st, 2014, we had a balance in the General  
14 Fund of \$227,449. Federal Asset Fund, U.S.  
15 Treasury, \$288. Sheriff's Special Fund, \$19,469.  
16 Drug Abuse Education Fund, 74,183. Supplemental  
17 Juvenile Services Fund, \$23,469. Victim Assistance  
18 Fund, \$2,691. Jail Fund, \$32,443. Federal Asset  
19 Fund, Department of Justice, \$742. Employee  
20 Flexible Spending Account, \$47,679. Payroll  
21 Account, \$140,705. Construction Fund, 2009 SPLOST  
22 had a balance of \$149. Projects Account, \$77,972.  
23 And the Proceeds Account, \$1,320,851. Series 2013  
24 Bonds, Construction Fund - Series B is 344, forty --  
25 I'm sorry. \$344,449. And Debt Services - Series A

1 is \$94. Debt Service - Series B is zero.

2 Next page over, you'll see the  
3 departmental level revenues and expenses. And  
4 actually for July 31st, 2014, the county brought in  
5 \$326,005. And the county spent \$746,372. So you  
6 see there's a cash flow issue that we encounter  
7 every summer. And that's part of it. Budget  
8 attained is 8.33. And that's what we should be.  
9 Revenues attained was 3.68 percent. Expenses  
10 attained was 8.44 percent.

11 If you turn one more page, though, you'll  
12 see the final June 30th, 2014 final year-end budget  
13 amendment. I wanted to go over this one final time  
14 until you receive the financial reports through the  
15 CPA firm. The actual 6/30, June 30th, 2014 expense,  
16 \$420,095. But the year-to-date, which is what we're  
17 really concerned with here, \$10,412,210. We  
18 budgeted \$11,408,100. So we were underbudget  
19 \$1,035,000. And looking at expenses, again for  
20 June, \$972,463. But more important, under there is  
21 the year-to-date figure. It's \$10,191,818. We  
22 budgeted \$10,421,100. So budget attained, of  
23 course, should be right at 100 percent. Revenues  
24 attained was 90.95 percent. Expenses attained  
25 through June 30th of last year was 97.80 percent.

1 So we were under the hundred percent mark. And  
2 actually to compare, the revenue less expenses  
3 year-to-date, which is again \$10,412,210 in  
4 revenues, we spent \$10,191,111. I'm sorry. 818.  
5 That's actually excess funds of \$806,608. We hope  
6 to see it go to the fund balance, which is something  
7 we've all been working towards.

8 That's very, very unofficial. Okay? Let  
9 me go on the record as saying that, because there  
10 still could be things out there to settle. But  
11 still for the most part we have now passed the  
12 16th-day mark and this includes, you know, accounts  
13 receivable that we anticipate receiving, such as,  
14 for instance, any kind of grant or whatever for  
15 final FY14 budget.

16 The auditors, like I said, will be here in  
17 October, I think mid October, to begin their audit,  
18 which typically runs three to six weeks. So we'll  
19 await their report.

20 August local option sales tax revenue was  
21 \$153,520.46. Special purpose local options sales  
22 tax revenue for the month was \$191,900.79. If you  
23 flip over one more page, you'll see that I included  
24 the SPLOST beginning -- a year from September to  
25 August each year. Our current one -- currently this

1 past 12 months, we've collected \$2,174,338. But you  
2 have to go back to the 2004-2005 time frame to find  
3 one that was next to the lowest. This was -- what  
4 I'm getting, at this 2013-'14, September 2013  
5 through August 2014, \$2.17. Only one lower than  
6 that was back in 2004. So we have had a rough, hard  
7 year as far as sales tax revenues go. Especially in  
8 the LOST, local options sales tax. That's one of  
9 the -- if you look at the detail report for 2014,  
10 you'll see that that was one of the hard things to  
11 overcome last year in the shortages. And we  
12 actually budgeted less last year, but it still came  
13 in smaller. So I'm looking at this. I think it was  
14 2006 was the best year of those months,  
15 September-to-August time frame, which was  
16 2.6 million. So we've had next to the lowest,  
17 almost in the last 10 years, just in the past 12  
18 months in the hardest that we've had. Thank you.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Don?  
20 Any questions, Commissioners? Okay. I'll entertain  
21 a motion to approve our financial report as  
22 submitted by Don Townsend. Do I have a motion?

23 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Have a second?

25 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Call the vote.

2 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: Chair votes yes. Motion  
11 carries.

12 Robin, you got anything as far as legal  
13 matters you want to discuss with us? Got anything  
14 going on that maybe we don't know about? Nothing?  
15 Okay.

16 MR. ROGERS: No. It's a quiet month.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Always good news. Okay.

18 No unfinished business. We discussed our new  
19 business.

20 The reading of the minutes from last  
21 month's regular meeting and any special called  
22 meeting will not be required since all commissioners  
23 have been furnished a copy in advance. The minutes  
24 are public record and are available for view in our  
25 county commission office. The minutes are included

1 in the consent agenda. And we will consider the  
2 approval of the minutes if Mr. Townsend will go over  
3 our consent agenda, please.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. We have an  
5 appointment of Ms. Nadine Wood -- Woods. Sorry.  
6 Her term expires 12/31/2016. She's fulfilling an  
7 unexpired term member that resigned. This is  
8 R-33-14, Resolution R-33-14. We have a  
9 proclamation, National Preparedness Month in  
10 Georgia, which was recommended by Mr. Case this  
11 year. And this is for the entire month of  
12 September. And also have a National POW/MIA  
13 Recognition Day, which is September 19th, 2014, with  
14 activities around the American Legion. We also have  
15 Adult Education and Family Literacy Week  
16 proclamation September 22nd through the 28th,  
17 presented by Ms. Amanda Clark. Next we have  
18 American Cancer Society Relay for Life proclamation,  
19 which is an event that will be held, I believe,  
20 October 10th, 2014, at the Dade County High School  
21 football field, probably in the afternoon around  
22 5:00, 7:00 p.m. and going perhaps all night.

23 Ordinance 10-02-14, Supplement to Code of  
24 Ordinances. This is considered the first reading  
25 only. And Resolution R-44-14, which is the final

1 fiscal year 2014 budget amendment as presented.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or  
3 corrections? I want to entertain a motion to  
4 approve the consent agenda, except for the garbage,  
5 and we'll do that in a separate. We have to reword  
6 that. Do I hear a motion granting the acceptance of  
7 the consent agenda?

8 MR. BREEDEN: I'll make a motion.

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

11 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Call the vote.

13 Mr. Smith.

14 MR. SMITH: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman.

16 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden.

18 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford.

20 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Okay.

22 Now pertaining to the garbage contract, the  
23 low bid was Republic. And, Robin, I'll let you kind  
24 of word the motion. Because, you know, you said we  
25 need to actually go ahead and review the contract

1 and all that before we approve it.

2 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Chairman, I would  
3 ask for a motion to approve the bid from Republic  
4 Services to transport and dispose of solid waste and  
5 to authorize the county executive to negotiate and  
6 execute the contract based upon the approved bid.

7 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Anyone want  
8 to put that in the form of a motion?

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

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

11 MR. SMITH: As he said?

12 MR. BRADFORD: As he said. I was  
13 getting ready to say that.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I have a  
15 second?

16 MR. BREEDEN: I'll second.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. You second?

18 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right. Call  
20 the vote.

21 Ms. Smith.

22 MR. SMITH: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman.

24 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden.

1 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford.

3 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: And chair votes yes.

5 Thank you. All right.

6 Move down to citizens participation. Come  
7 up if you want to talk to us. We'll give you five  
8 minutes or so. We've got, you know, 25 after, so  
9 feel free to come up and talk to us.

10 We've got a lot of our road crew here  
11 tonight, if y'all noticed. We've got executive  
12 session coming up. It might be pretty lengthy. So  
13 go through this right here and then we'll -- I'll  
14 entertain a motion to go into executive session.

15 Anyone want to come up and talk to us?

16 Mr. Black?

17 MR. BLACK: Go ahead.

18 MR. SMYTHE: I wasn't going to get up  
19 and talk. I just was going to ask Don -- I was  
20 going over -- about the sales revenue. You said  
21 lowest since 2014 (sic). You think that's a fluke  
22 or -- 2004, I'm sorry. 10 years past.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. 2004.

24 MR. SMYTHE: Is that kind of a trend?  
25 I mean, am I reading that?

1 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, we've been  
2 trying to trend this for years. And 2004 it was  
3 \$2.14 million. 2005/'6, \$2.5 million, 2006/'7 it  
4 was \$2.6 million. 2007 it was \$2.04 million. I'm  
5 sorry. 2008/2009 it was \$2.3 million. Up and down.  
6 2008 -- I mean, '9, it was \$2.2. In 2010 it went  
7 back to 2.3. 2011 it went up to 2.5. 2012,  
8 2.3 million. And then currently we're now back to  
9 3.1.

10 MR. SMYTHE: So we're in the low  
11 twos. 2.2, 2.3. Two point average.

12 MR. RUMLEY: On average, yeah.

13 Mr. Black, do you have something? You  
14 want to come up?

15 MR. BLACK: I'll hobble up.

16 MR. BREEDEN: While he's coming up.  
17 Greg, one thing to consider is I believe that new  
18 truck stop, that Loves truck stop, could put an  
19 impact on this sales tax.

20 MR. SMYTHE: That's a ten-year trend.  
21 That's why I was going to ask, was it a fluke? So  
22 what Don's saying, that's been consistent really  
23 going back ten years.

24 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah.

25 MR. SMYTHE: So it's not a recent

1 truck stop. This is kind of --

2 MR. BREEDEN: No, I'm just saying it  
3 would have an impact on 299 (sic) a little bit.  
4 That's all I'm saying.

5 MR. SMYTHE: Yeah. I'm talking about  
6 forward and all the way up through. If it was a  
7 one-time and we just saw it now, I would agree. But  
8 with that being a kind of consistent ten-year trend,  
9 I think that's where it is.

10 MR. BREEDEN: Right.

11 MR. SMYTHE: Unless that makes it go  
12 worse. You know, if we don't come back.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Go ahead, Tom. Tell  
14 everybody who you are.

15 MR. BLACK: I'm Tom Black. Before I  
16 get started, though, I would like for Katie and the  
17 soil judging team to rise just a moment, please.  
18 Correct me -- and, Rich, if you would too. Correct  
19 me if I'm wrong, Ms. Katie, not only did they win  
20 the state, they also won the highest degree in 4-H,  
21 they mastered 4-H, and they can't go any more. And  
22 that to me is more important than winning. Very,  
23 very few 4-H'ers get to master. And we have a good  
24 group from our county here. Okay. Thank you,  
25 Ms. Katie, Rich. Doing a great job with them guys.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you.

2 MR. BLACK: Okay. Mental health  
3 issues. You know, I talked to y'all guys not too  
4 long ago about what you thought about mental health  
5 here in the county. I have been elected to the  
6 state leadership board, also to go along with the  
7 district. So the things that I am seeing throughout  
8 is things that we're missing. The things that we  
9 have drastically missing in mental health is  
10 adolescent care, our adolescent counseling. There  
11 is none.

12 I notice Lookout Community Services is on  
13 here. Also I'll be addressing getting some mental  
14 health evaluations and counseling for in the jails.  
15 Because you heard me say this before and I'll say it  
16 again, whenever they closed Rome Regional, they  
17 moved the mental health hospital from Rome Regional  
18 to the county jail. Every county now has a mental  
19 health facility called county jail. The chief  
20 operating officer of that mental health facility is  
21 the sheriff. And who does it cost? It costs us,  
22 the taxpayers. And we're not getting any help  
23 anywhere, and these are things that's hot on my  
24 issue to try to get something done about and try to  
25 get something here in the county. We have -- we're

1 blessed with being a small county, I guess, if you  
2 call it a blessing. But with that blessing comes a  
3 curse. No services. If we lived in a large  
4 metropolitan area, even Dalton, there is these  
5 services available. But whenever you live in  
6 Trenton, Georgia, we're very, very limited. Because  
7 even though we're centrally located, we're in the  
8 middle of nowhere. Because it takes so long to get  
9 these services that we need in the county. It's  
10 like the sheriff asked me, he had an out-of-control  
11 9 year old, What do you do with him? Sheriff, I  
12 don't know. I really honest to goodness don't know  
13 because I don't have an answer for you. Because the  
14 state has not addressed those problems. And that's  
15 the problems I'm trying to address.

16           You gentlemen have anything else you want  
17 me to tell you?

18           MR. RUMLEY: No. But it is a  
19 problem. It's serious.

20           MR. BLACK: It --

21           MR. RUMLEY: More every day. And  
22 when they closed that hospital down in Rome, a lot  
23 of people didn't -- it's never been involved on this  
24 side and the sheriff's side. They don't understand  
25 what an impact that is on us. That and plus even

1 when they closed the crime lab, this is getting off  
2 a little bit, it moved it farther south.

3 MR. BLACK: Yes, sir.

4 MR. RUMLEY: And it really -- it's a  
5 burden for us.

6 MR. BLACK: The really strange thing  
7 about the Rome Regional Hospital, whenever they were  
8 closing it, the state spent over \$10 million  
9 upgrading it to close it.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

11 MR. BLACK: Anybody see there's  
12 something wrong with this picture? I do.

13 MR. RUMLEY: That's true.

14 MR. BLACK: Thank you. That's where  
15 we're at.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Tom.

17 Anyone else want to come up? Come on,  
18 Ben.

19 MR. BRANDON: Ben Brandon from Rising  
20 Fawn. I sit through -- I haven't been to many  
21 meetings in the last few years, but the last few  
22 I've been to, I hear Don reading the financial  
23 report. And I don't know if anybody is as confused  
24 as I am, because I can't track all those numbers.  
25 Scottie will remember when we used to give out month

1 end or a budget versus actual report ever commission  
2 meeting. And I'd like to make a recommendation that  
3 you do that again. Because that will give everybody  
4 something they can hold in their hands. It would be  
5 a minimal expense. It will let them see how the  
6 performance is by department for every department in  
7 the county. And let them see who's doing well and  
8 who's not doing as well, and you won't be having to  
9 rely so much on what Don reads off. It's a report  
10 that takes about 30 seconds, probably, to run off  
11 the computer.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Is that not something,  
13 Don, we've --

14 MR. TOWNSEND: It's under Tab 1.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Do what now?

16 MR. TOWNSEND: It's in your book  
17 under Tab 1.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Well, I know that. But,  
19 I mean, as a handout, is what he's saying.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: I give it to the  
21 media. I mean --

22 MR. BRANDON: But it's something we  
23 used to make available at every meeting. And --

24 MR. RUMLEY: It's a good idea.

25 MR. BRANDON: -- it's very helpful

1 because that will allow us to track the performance  
2 by month and year to date. The one I was looking at  
3 that Don gave me a few weeks back, I couldn't help  
4 but notice that the categories in there, the budgets  
5 by department didn't really match the budget that  
6 had been adopted the year before. And this will  
7 give people a chance to have something to hold up  
8 there, just to maybe correct some errors, if they  
9 see any. Just a thought. And if you can't do it  
10 for everybody, I'd ask that my commissioner get me a  
11 copy. Or give me the copy --

12 MR. RUMLEY: There's no reason why we  
13 couldn't give those out.

14 MR. BRANDON: Thank you.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Ben. Ben is  
16 running -- I told Alan we'd recognize, you know,  
17 anyone that's either running for office or that is  
18 holding an office. Ben's running for commissioner  
19 of our south Dade area, as Ricky's sitting here now.  
20 And I don't know if Robert's here tonight. I  
21 haven't seen him. So appreciate that.

22 Anyone else want to come up? Okay. If  
23 not, I need to entertain a motion to go into  
24 executive session concerning personnel matters. Do  
25 I hear a motion?

1 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion to go  
2 into executive session.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Have a second?

4 MR. BRADFORD: I'll second.

5 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Call the  
6 vote.

7 Mr. Smith.

8 MR. SMITH: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman.

10 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden.

12 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford.

14 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Okay.  
16 We'll go on back here and then we'll -- I'm not sure  
17 how long we'll be, but you're welcome to stay and  
18 wait. It could be ten minutes. It could be an  
19 hour. For those of you that do leave, though, I do  
20 appreciate all of you being here tonight. I really  
21 do.

22 (Executive Session)

23 MR. SMITH: I make a motion we come  
24 out of executive session.

25 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion. Do I

1 hear a second to come out of executive session?

2 MR. BREEDEN: Second.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Call the vote.

4 Mr. Bradford.

5 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breedden.

7 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman.

9 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie.

11 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman.

13 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Mitchell.

15 MR. SMITH: Yes.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Okay.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: Who made the motion,

18 please? Hey, Ted?

19 MR. RUMLEY: During the executive

20 session --

21 MR. TOWNSEND: -- second?

22 MR. RUMLEY: -- we did discuss some

23 personnel matters -- you can't hear? Well, anyway

24 we discussed personnel matters, and at this time no

25 action is taken.

1                   Entertain a motion to adjourn this  
2 meeting.

3                   MR. PITTMAN: Make a motion.

4                   MR. RUMLEY: Have a second?

5                   MR. SMITH: Second.

6                   MR. BREEDEN: Second.

7                   MR. RUMLEY: Call the vote.

8                   Mr. Smith.

9                   MR. SMITH: Yes.

10                  MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman.

11                  MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

12                  MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden.

13                  MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

14                  MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford.

15                  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

16                  MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes. Thank  
17 you all for coming and waiting patiently for us to  
18 come out.

19                                   (End of Meeting)

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