

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call
2 the work session to order. Has everyone had time to
3 look at the agenda? Any changes? The other thing
4 we've got, Don, on the agenda, we'll go ahead and
5 address this number 14. That's something that Robin
6 said we need to table. We don't need to do that.

7 MR. ROGERS: Is that the --

8 MR. RUMLEY: Panell.

9 MR. ROGERS: I think there is a time
10 requirement, but we've got this afternoon if we need
11 time to look at it.

12 MR. RUMLEY: That's what he said.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. He said he wanted
14 to have a special-called meeting this month to
15 approve it.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Well, he shouldn't have
17 called two hours before.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, he called while I
19 was on vacation last week and just called back.

20 MR. RUMLEY: That's something we'll
21 just have to discuss.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: So you don't want
23 to discuss it at all?

24 MR. RUMLEY: That's what Robin said.
25 Robin looked it over. There's too much there for

1 him to read. There's --

2 MR. TOWNSEND: Then it doesn't need to
3 be on the agenda then.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Anything else? If there's
5 no other changes, we'll go ahead and put that on the
6 consent agenda.

7 The previous minutes, all of y'all have
8 had plenty of time to look those over. Is there any
9 comments or changes on the minutes? Nothing? Okay.

10 Personnel status, go down. I know
11 we've not had anything in the road department. I
12 think the -- I don't think there's many changes in
13 the sheriff's department either, not this month.
14 Any questions on that? Any questions on the head
15 count? We'll go ahead and put the minutes.
16 Everyone is fine with that, Don.

17 Move down to number four, board
18 appointments, proclamations. We have four
19 proclamations. We have the Purple Heart City,
20 American Legion Post 106, November 10th. A
21 proclamation for the Fire Prevention Week
22 October 5th through the 11th. That's something
23 we do every year. Proclamation for the National
24 Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is October 1
25 through the 31st. And then the proclamation for

1 Red Ribbon Week. Don, do you want to explain that?

2 MR. TOWNSEND: The Red Ribbon or all of
3 them?

4 MR. RUMLEY: Well, no, just the Red
5 Ribbon. The rest of them we've actually gone
6 through in the past.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. Whereas, the Dade
8 County Board of Commissioners value the health and
9 safety of all our citizens. Substance abuse is
10 particularly damaging to one of our most valuable
11 resources, our children, and a contributing factor
12 in the three leading causes of death for teenagers,
13 accidents, homicides and suicides.

14 It is the goal of the Red Ribbon Week
15 and Dade County Sheriff's Department to involve
16 families, schools, businesses, churches, law
17 enforcement agencies and service organizations in
18 all aspects of this campaign and establish an
19 atmosphere that supports awareness, education and
20 ongoing initiatives to prevent illegal drug abuse.

21 The Red Ribbon Week campaign theme
22 promotes family and individual responsibilities for
23 living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without
24 illegal drugs or the illegal use of legal drugs.

25 There are many activities planned

1 during the Red Ribbon Week campaign in Dade County,
2 Georgia. Therefore, the Board of Commissioners of
3 Dade County hereby proclaim the week of
4 October 27th through the 31st as Red Ribbon
5 Week.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? We'll go
7 ahead and put all proclamations there on the consent
8 agenda.

9 Number five, there's no capital
10 equipment on any S.P.L.O.S.T. Number six, the
11 resolution, R-14, Emergency Medical Services
12 Agreement. That's something that we need to discuss
13 here, I guess, pretty briefly. Robin, he sat in on
14 the meeting with Alex and myself. If you want to
15 explain.

16 MR. BREEDEN: There's nothing in the
17 book on that though, right?

18 MR. RUMLEY: No. It's just to let you
19 know where we stand on it. We're talking about
20 extending it for six months on into their June --
21 May of next year where we can -- which it will be on
22 that budget and then we'll know more because they
23 are -- we feel that they are going to increase. And
24 it all boils down to the point of bidding it, you
25 know. Robin, do you want to elaborate on it?

1 MR. ROGERS: Yeah. They had -- I guess
2 had some discussions earlier in the summer about
3 extending the contract on the same terms as what we
4 have currently. And then on the last month, they
5 came back and asked us that the terms be changed.
6 That would include -- possibly including increasing
7 the amount of the subsidy.

8 And given some of the changes that at
9 least were initially proposed by them, it appears to
10 me that we will need to rebid that if we were to
11 accept their proposed changes. So there's some
12 discussion going on about that. I've spoken with
13 their attorney, in fact, today about that and about
14 some changes. We're not to the point of having an
15 agreement -- a proposed agreement for y'all to
16 consider tonight.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Because there's a chance
18 we may have to bid it. There's a better chance that
19 we won't. If we can extend it on for like six
20 months, that will put it to the end of the cycle.
21 Probably there is a good chance it will be bid out
22 again.

23 So anyway, that's pretty much just to
24 bring up you-to-date on what's going on with it.
25 I'm sure there's more to report at our November

1 meeting. We'll know more about where we stand.

2 Okay. Move down to number seven,
3 Resolution R-47-14, amendment to the County Employee
4 Seatbelt Policy. Don, do you want to explain that?
5 Billy asked me about that. He was concerned about
6 that today.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. Steve
8 Shields recently did this. He asked that we add the
9 word equipment. That's it. That's the only change.

10 MR. RUMLEY: That way they're required
11 to -- in our book to actually wear -- not just in a
12 vehicle, not just in a patrol car, but any piece of
13 equipment. Steve Shields is our insurance person
14 with ACCG. He's the one that does the inspections a
15 couple of times a year to make sure -- from the
16 playground to the road department and all. They're
17 our liability people.

18 MR. SMITH: So you've added equipment
19 under number one?

20 MR. BREEDEN: All the tractors and
21 stuff do have that rollover protection?

22 MR. RUMLEY: And the belts. Okay. Is
23 there any questions on the seatbelt? It's just
24 pretty well -- it's pretty much to cover the
25 liability, I guess, in case of an accident if there

1 was a court case involved.

2 Move down to the Resolution R-48-14.
3 This is the ACCG retirement 401(a) plan. Don,
4 you've got that. We've got the 457(b) and the 401.
5 If you want to go in detail and kind of --

6 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. I'm going to ask
7 Paul Bates to come up and answer your questions,
8 introduce himself. He'll tell us about their
9 company, how they came to be.

10 MR. BATES: Well, good evening. As Don
11 said, I'm Paul Bates and I'm with GEBCorp. And we
12 are the third-party administrator for retirement
13 planning for the ACCG. Out of the 159 counties in
14 Georgia, we have -- we service 141 of those
15 counties. My job is -- I'm what's called the client
16 relation manager. It is to go out to each county in
17 my territory. There are four other client relation
18 managers across the state that handle other parts of
19 Georgia. We go out and help field administer those
20 plans with county staff. Mainly it is to work with
21 county employees to make sure they're managing their
22 retirement, putting money in the plans if they can
23 afford to, putting in the correct type of investment
24 option so they're given the -- to meet their goals
25 and to help them transition those efforts to make

1 it -- for going to the job or actually going to go
2 ahead and retire.

3 My job is not only do that in the
4 county, but also help them, counsel them on social
5 security, firefighters or police officers, they have
6 a state pension plan that they can enroll in. I
7 counsel them and make sure they do the right things.

8 So it's a comprehensive type of
9 retirement service that we provide through our plans
10 rather than try to gather assets. That's what we do
11 specifically. And, again, specifically cater to our
12 counties.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: And Mary Bailey and I
14 have been working with Paul and his team from ACCG
15 now for several months. We've been in discussions
16 actually since around February looking at different
17 companies. Not just ACCG, looking at all the
18 different 401 -- I say -- it's hard not to say
19 401(k), but we're 401(a). It's the governmental
20 version of 401(k).

21 But anyway, those type plans, defined
22 contribution plans. And because of our relationship
23 with ACCG and their record, we would highly
24 recommend that the Board approve both these plan
25 documents tonight and allow us to go forward trying

1 to transition a total of three old plans --

2 MR. BATES: Three old plans.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: -- into the one plan.

4 Because it's been very hard.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Does it mean anything? I
6 mean, I've been in and out on this. For the
7 commissioners though, does it -- what does this mean
8 for the county portion-wise, anything?

9 MR. TOWNSEND: It's the same.

10 MR. RUMLEY: You're taking and
11 combining three into these two right here and that's
12 what we'll have.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: It's three into one
14 company. So we --

15 MR. RUMLEY: So you've got three
16 companies. I knew we had two, but you've got three
17 companies?

18 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah. There's the old
19 Nationwide plan.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah. I thought that
21 was all --

22 MR. TOWNSEND: We think it's all
23 forfeiture money and we feel like it is. They're
24 helping disseminate on that and to terminate those
25 plans properly and then transfer the funds for the

1 employees over into each of the -- either 401(a) or
2 457(b) or both. Some people have both.

3 MR. BATES: We will conduct -- the plan
4 is to conduct meetings. That meeting will entail a
5 general discussion about retirement and --

6 MR. RUMLEY: Questions? Anything?
7 Thank you. Thank you for being here.

8 All right. Move down to number 11.
9 I'm sorry. Let's move down to number ten. This is
10 the agreement between the County and the Soil
11 Conservation. Soil Conservation Grant is what this
12 is. It's Resolution R-50-14. That's pertaining to
13 Joe Lee, which is our -- it's something we do every
14 year. Any questions on that?

15 Move down to number 11, Ordinance
16 10-02-14. This is a supplement to the Code of
17 Ordinances -- supplement to the Code of Ordinances,
18 final reading. Don, do you want to touch on that?

19 MR. TOWNSEND: Last month you may
20 remember we had the first reading of the Ordinance
21 Number 04-01 and Ordinance Number 04-02-09, adopting
22 and enacting a settlement to the Code of Ordinances
23 for Dade County, Georgia. It's actually in our --
24 this is the law that on an annual basis, although,
25 prior to this year, we have not had any change in

1 the actual ordinance since 2012. We have
2 incorporated all those changes into this update.
3 And tonight's reading will be the final reading and
4 approval.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Comments?
6 Okay. This is the final reading. Put that on the
7 consent agenda. Ordinance 11-06-14. This is just
8 for information. I mean, this is something that --
9 creation of business license for the unincorporated
10 area. Robin has actually put together a draft
11 there. I think he compiled it from different
12 ordinances that kind of cater around us and it's
13 something for us to look at.

14 MR. ROGERS: I did. There's two
15 ordinances there. One -- I looked at several
16 counties. Lupton County, but it's -- I took some
17 from several different counties for that. Also,
18 you'll find in your packet a copy of the City
19 ordinance. You'll see some pretty extensive changes
20 there, I think, in city versus the county in
21 regulations required there. But I took those up a
22 couple of days ago for comments or suggestions from
23 the commissioners to see which way they wanted to
24 go. To me, there was some real value, but also when
25 I looked at the two, I kind of liked the one from

1 county ordinances better.

2 MR. RUMLEY: This is something you need
3 to read and look at and share it with people in your
4 district. I mean, just go over it. We may need to
5 fine tune it. I'm sure we will. We want to be fair
6 about it, you know. We went through this several
7 years ago. We talked about this and it kind of went
8 away, you know.

9 Just go back to your district and talk
10 to the people and get their feeling and we'll get
11 back with Robin. Robin may have some more input
12 there, some changes he wants to do.

13 Do you want to add anything to it?
14 Robin, he's wide open for suggestions.

15 MR. BREEDEN: How do farms play into
16 this?

17 MR. ROGERS: Farms are exempt out.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Agriculture.

19 MR. BREEDEN: I didn't know. I know
20 some do have some employees on them. I didn't know
21 how that -- there's no need in me discussing this
22 with any of them?

23 MR. ROGERS: No. The state regulates
24 certain businesses and occupations and those areas
25 that the state regulates, we do not. That's one of

1 them. So there's numerous exceptions, particularly
2 in the back part of the first -- there's 15 or 20
3 certain exceptions to the --

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any other
5 questions? We'll bring it back and address it at
6 our next meeting. It's something we need to give
7 some serious thought to.

8 Move down to the number 13, Resolution
9 R-45-14. Robin had talked to me right there before
10 the meeting and he's looked at the proposed contract
11 and our attorney recommends that we go ahead and
12 actually adopt the original contract we've had here.
13 It's pretty well cut and dry. If y'all have any
14 questions, you can relate them to Robin. He's our
15 legal advisor.

16 MR. BREEDEN: Ted, considering the
17 recent chain of events, I'm just curious what we've
18 got running that joint down there. We lost a very
19 valuable individual, I think, and it sounds very
20 shady to me about what took place. Now, I'm
21 wondering if we even need to help fund this thing if
22 that's the way it's going to be run. I'm serious.
23 I mean, y'all speak your mind on that, too. But,
24 you know, Chris was such an energetic kid that just
25 really cared about what he was doing, passionate

1 about it. No more money than he made, we know his
2 heart was in it. And all of a sudden, he's ousted.
3 I mean, I think we need to think a little bit.

4 MR. RUMLEY: We don't have to --

5 MR. BREEDEN: I think we need to think
6 a little bit about it.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Without a contract, you
8 know, that was brought up several years ago. We
9 have to have a contract to fund even one dollar and
10 that's -- without a contract. So Allan, what do you
11 think about it?

12 MR. BRADFORD: Well, I can't make a
13 decision. I was gone during this time. I don't
14 know all the details. I just received this
15 paperwork right here from different people in the
16 county that wrote letters about Chris. I personally
17 liked Chris. I thought he was very energetic and I
18 don't know all the details, but I couldn't make a
19 decision, being gone. I haven't heard everything
20 yet, but I do have this to read now.

21 MR. BREEDEN: I know that some decision
22 was made when the majority of the people were out.

23 MR. BRADFORD: See, I don't know what
24 happened. I felt that he done really great with the
25 Covenant College, bringing those people in to help.

1 It seems to me like he's done a lot for our county
2 through the Chamber of Commerce, tried to do a lot
3 of things. I really don't know all the details.
4 Like I said, I was gone during that time and I don't
5 know the details.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mitchell?

7 MR. SMITH: Virtually, all I knew about
8 it was that he resigned, apparently due to
9 underlying factors the other two guys know that I
10 don't know or haven't heard, something was going on.
11 I would like to do a little reading myself before I
12 go any further.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie?

14 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. I agree with
15 Mitchell. I ran into Chris right after he resigned.
16 Of course, Chris was a gentleman.

17 MR. BREEDEN: I'm sure he was.

18 MR. PITTMAN: He didn't throw any
19 stones or anything. I did not know that. If Rick
20 knows something we don't know, I would just as soon
21 table this. That's what this is -- the majority.

22 MR. RUMLEY: That's what the work
23 session is for.

24 MR. PITTMAN: If Rick was --

25 MR. BRADFORD: All I knew was he

1 resigned.

2 MR. BREEDEN: Well, if -- let's just
3 look at it like this, if Ted could make a decision
4 if three of us was absent and there was something he
5 wanted to get through and he made that decision, I
6 mean, don't you think that it kindly throws a red
7 flag when five of the eight are missing? I mean, it
8 did to me. Especially with what we've seen out of
9 Chris and his energy in this county and what he had
10 done.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Well, what we can do,
12 y'all can meet one on one with the board, with the
13 actual Chamber board and that's the only way to find
14 out exactly what happened. I wasn't there. We can
15 find out and we'll just table it.

16 MR. BRADFORD: That's what I think we
17 ought to do is just table this until we have more
18 information about what happened. That's my personal
19 opinion.

20 MR. RUMLEY: That's what we'll do.

21 MR. PITTMAN: It's not a huge amount of
22 money, but every dollar counts. I would like to
23 have a list of the board members so we can call
24 them.

25 MR. RUMLEY: That's fine. We'll do

1 that and just try to arrange -- y'all can meet one
2 on one. That way we don't have to arrange a
3 meeting. Actually, they can have a meeting. They
4 can call a meeting and two of you can go or
5 whatever. As long as there's not three in the room
6 together.

7 MR. BRADFORD: I think it would be
8 better in a meeting rather than to call them.

9 MR. BREEDEN: It would be nice to
10 arrange all of them together and then spell out
11 to --

12 MR. RUMLEY: The executives.

13 MR. BREEDEN: That's right. I think I
14 think they can afford that, especially with our
15 concerns about Chris. Because y'all all know what
16 we saw out of Chris and his reputation in what he
17 was doing and the energy he brought to that
18 position. I don't know that you'll replace him. I
19 mean, hopefully they can, but I don't know. Like
20 you say, I know he's a gentleman about it. He's not
21 going to bash anybody or anything.

22 MR. PITTMAN: I thought it was kind of
23 peculiar. He was in the office and he was actually
24 telling me about another job he was looking at going
25 to. He didn't have anything ill to say.

1 MR. BREEDEN: I just think we need to
2 hear more before we contract with --

3 MR. BRADFORD: I agree.

4 MR. RUMLEY: That's what we'll do. Any
5 further discussion on any of the items? We'll take
6 a break. Any comments on any other thing? Robin,
7 do you have anything to add?

8 MR. ROGERS: No.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll go ahead and
10 adjourn the work session for about five minutes and
11 then we'll go ahead and get started. We've got
12 quite a bit to cover. We're going into probably an
13 executive session. So let's go ahead and do that,
14 take a break.

15 (Thereupon, a brief recess was
16 taken.)

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll go ahead and
18 call the October 2nd meeting of the Dade County
19 Commission to order. As always before we get
20 started, we have prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
21 I'm going to ask Mr. Rick Breeden to lead us tonight
22 in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. If everyone
23 would stand.

24 (Thereupon, the invocation and
25 Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

1 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regularly
2 scheduled meeting which takes place at the same time
3 on the first Thursday of every month. Proper notice
4 of this meeting was given in the legal organ of the
5 Dade County Sentinel. It has been posted in the
6 hallway of the Administrative Building. At this
7 time I do need a roll call. Mr. Smith?

8 MR. SMITH: Here.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

10 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

12 MR. BREEDEN: Here.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

14 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

15 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

16 Mitchell, do you want to start with your committee
17 report?

18 MR. SMITH: The 911 Call Center for the
19 month of September dispatched 282 EMS calls, 217
20 fire and rescue, 12 forestry and public works, 1,344
21 law enforcement calls for total calls dispatched,
22 1,855 calls. I would like to remind everybody the
23 election in November, the voting poll changed. It
24 has moved in North Dade to the Wildwood Post Office.
25 I take it most people got their voter's registration

1 cards. Don't do like I do a lot of times, just toss
2 it down and throw it away because the change is on
3 that card this time. And odds are, like we said
4 last time, somebody will still miss it. Do
5 everything you can to remind people that the voting
6 place has changed down in Wildwood.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Mitchell.
8 Scottie?

9 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. I don't have a
10 lot. I was just wanting to tell everybody, we did
11 have another meeting with the rec league's newly
12 formed group. It's representatives from the
13 football, baseball, softball, basketball and me and
14 Ted were there.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Soccer.

16 MR. PITTMAN: Soccer. Every rec league
17 had a representative. It was on the 24th of
18 September at 5:00. It was going to be in this room,
19 but we had a conflict with the Board of Elections so
20 we had it in the other room in the back with
21 probably 12 people. Again, we're going to meet on
22 October 22nd if anybody is interested in coming out.
23 What we're mainly discussing is different ways we
24 can use our ball fields, our four fields, our soccer
25 fields, football fields for tournaments or any type

1 of fundraiser to bring revenue into the county.
2 It's a pretty energetic group. They all care about
3 the rec league. They want to see the ball fields
4 used as much as we do.

5 It's going to hopefully be a good
6 thing. You may not see it this year, but in 2015
7 with the start of ball season, hopefully we'll have
8 more tournaments on the weekends and that gives
9 people something to do on the weekends, go down and
10 watch little league play ball.

11 So, again, October 22nd at 5:00. It
12 should be in this room if anybody wants to come in.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Rick?

14 MR. BREEDEN: I noticed in the
15 papers -- of course, I heard you speaking about it,
16 Ted. They're going to have an appreciation dinner
17 for the first responders.

18 MR. RUMLEY: At the Methodist church.

19 MR. BREEDEN: At the Methodist church
20 in Rising Fawn on October 26th. That's a Sunday,
21 4:30 to 7:00, weather permitting outside. I would
22 like to just offer my condolences and my sincere
23 regrets for the loss of Jake Canterbury. It's a
24 tragic accident, I understand. And if you never met
25 Jake, he was a wonderful kid. He really was. Of

1 course, I've known Jimmy and David. That's Jimmy's
2 brother. Jimmy was Jake's dad -- most all their
3 life. But Jake was a real asset to our community.
4 He had just passed his EMS. He was being hired by
5 Cherokee County for them and tragically lost his
6 life. Our condolences go out to the Canterbury
7 family.

8 I haven't heard any negative feedback
9 on the close of Lambert Lane.

10 MR. RUMLEY: No. We're still waiting
11 on the railroad to actually say --

12 MR. BREEDEN: I know we're still -- but
13 we kindly put the word out down there and I've not
14 heard any -- I checked in with the -- you know, with
15 the gossip central there at Rising Fawn Hardware and
16 nothing has been said --

17 MR. RUMLEY: Negative.

18 MR. BREEDEN: -- negative about that.

19 One other thing, we're having some bad break-ins
20 down in the south end and it seems that they like
21 Tuesdays. Tuesdays in the mornings. Ivan was hit,
22 a friend of mine, twice, one Tuesday and then the
23 next Tuesday. And then the Steele girl down on the
24 corner got hit on a Tuesday. And so I'm not sure
25 what's going on here, but people in the neighborhood

1 really need to be watching. We really need to be
2 looking. If you see something that just don't look
3 right, I would rather be safe and call the law and
4 have them check it out as to just ignore it and
5 possibly -- because what bothers me is a lot of
6 y'all know -- is her name Ashton Steele? Is that
7 her name?

8 MR. RUMLEY: Autumn.

9 MR. BREEDEN: Autumn. She teaches and
10 she had left to go see -- she's pregnant and she
11 left to go see what the baby was going to be. And
12 what bothers me is if she had forgotten something
13 and she had returned home, then thieves would have
14 been having to make a decision, what are we going to
15 do now. We've been seen, here is this girl. I
16 don't know, you know. So it's been happening for
17 the last two months. But anyway, I just want
18 everybody to be aware of that. Like I say, they
19 seem to really like Tuesdays. I don't have anything
20 else.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Allan?

22 MR. BRADFORD: Well, it has been pretty
23 quiet, but I'm going to mention this one more time.
24 Burkhalter Gap. You would think that we've got an
25 I-59 coming down the mountain. Everybody is so

1 excited. Everywhere I go they talk about Burkhalter
2 Gap. We do have some white markers that come off
3 the mountain and it really helps the school bus
4 drivers. They were having problems seeing the road.
5 I don't know how many people -- when it's foggy,
6 they do help. But I just want everybody to know
7 we're happy for them and our road crew done a great
8 job down there.

9 And the transfer station, they keep it
10 really clean and do a really good job. We have new
11 services down there, which is called Republic and
12 they started Tuesday and they're going to be doing a
13 good job. They're saving us a lot of money. We
14 send about 125 tons per week and that's a lot of
15 garbage. They're saving us about \$3 a ton. If you
16 add it up in a year's time, it saves a great deal of
17 money.

18 And another thing I would like to --
19 Roy Fowler's wife passed away this past week. I
20 don't know if you knew Roy, but Roy had been
21 involved in politics around Dade County forever. I
22 think everybody knows Roy Fowler. Just remember him
23 in --

24 MR. RUMLEY: Did they already bury her?

25 MR. BRADFORD: They buried her. It's

1 bothered Roy. He's having a hard time with it.
2 Usually when you saw Roy, you saw her. Anyway, just
3 remember her.

4 And one other thing, we have a new
5 business in the city, which is a crematory. My dad
6 doesn't allow me to say that, but if you want to use
7 it, it's not quite ready yet. They're just waiting
8 for the state to come in and give them their state
9 license. Steve Ryan is licensed to do the work and
10 I'm so thankful. He's worked me to death trying to
11 get it together and it does get hot. But that's all
12 for this meeting.

13 MR. RUMLEY: I hope so. Thank you,
14 Allan. For those of you that don't know Allan, what
15 he does -- he's actually a technician. He's the one
16 that's went in and plumbed all the gas lines and all
17 that in.

18 MR. BRADFORD: My boss really likes
19 them. They use 225 gallons in 24 hours.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Allan. It's
21 been a busy month for myself as far as attending
22 meetings and been working with the IDA with Peter on
23 some prospects we have. We really have a lot of
24 good stuff going on at our Industrial Park right
25 now. We did have a prospect that was scheduled this

1 week, but I hate to bring the bad news in, but they
2 pulled out on us because of the railroad crossing
3 because of the access into it. That was a big
4 reason.

5 Just to tell you how big this was,
6 these people would have employed 2,000 people. So
7 it was a big hit for us. We've still got some
8 really good things going on, got some other good
9 prospects. Another one we're discussing today. So,
10 you know, hopefully we'll have a positive on that
11 down there before too long. That was a really big
12 hit.

13 We had the -- a meeting since we met
14 this past month, last month pertaining to the
15 hotel/motel tax. That's something we're looking at.
16 The state people came to us, talked to us, explained
17 to us, you know, a lot of things. A lot of things I
18 didn't know. I think that's going to be a good
19 thing. There's a lot to it. Hopefully in the
20 November meeting, we can actually nail down
21 something positive on that.

22 We have been going through some
23 meetings with Puckett as we discussed in our work
24 session. That's something that we're hoping to go
25 ahead and possibly re -- not renegotiate, but

1 actually be able to extend that on into another six
2 months, which will put us on into the next budget
3 cycle. We do have another meeting or two scheduled
4 with them.

5 Scottie mentioned the recreational
6 meeting. Actually, we've had two meetings. We had
7 two and then we scheduled another one for a couple
8 of weeks. These people got on board. They're the
9 coaches and all with all sports, you know, from
10 baseball, like he said, soccer and all of it.
11 They've got some good ideas. They've been in
12 contact with a lot of the complexes around in
13 different counties of how they're actually making
14 theirs work and making them profitable. That's what
15 we're looking for.

16 We did receive finally -- I know this
17 is kind of old news. It's been three years now
18 almost, but we did finally receive the final deed,
19 the closing of the forestry property, correct,
20 Robin?

21 MR. ROGERS: Correct.

22 MR. RUMLEY: That's a done deal, so
23 it's Dade County's. They drug that out and drug
24 that out, you know. That's clear, that property is.

25 Let's see if we've got anything else

1 here. We met with some grant -- or some grant
2 writers and advisers from the state and regional
3 commission. Don and I did the other day. They came
4 in and we had a person there from -- well, Donna
5 Street was there pertaining to some historical
6 grants that are available for -- well, one home up
7 in North Dade that the owner was there. He's
8 wanting to actually plot a piece of property and
9 either donate it to the state. There's several
10 different ways they're looking to do it to preserve
11 that house.

12 Actually, we are starting the process
13 on the courthouse here, possibly getting some grant
14 money for it. That's something in the future.
15 We'll keep you updated on it.

16 The break-ins that Ricky commented on,
17 that's something I was going to bring up. You did a
18 good job. We've had houses hit all over the county,
19 you know, but it seems like they kind of move from
20 one -- the south end right now. It's really -- it's
21 really a serious, serious thing. They're not only
22 breaking in the houses, but they're vandalizing
23 inside of them. I know her house that he was
24 talking about, the schoolteacher. They didn't just
25 stop with stealing everything she had. They went in

1 and actually destroyed the inside of her house.
2 They destroyed a table, from what I understand, that
3 goes back to the great, great, great grandmother,
4 you know. Just tore it all to pieces just for
5 meanness. So if you see anything in any of your
6 communities, please call. Even if it's one of the
7 neighbors, you know, whatever. If you see, call
8 because it's not going to hurt anybody's feelings to
9 get it checked out.

10 MR. BREEDEN: Right. And where this
11 is, we know beyond a shadow of a doubt, these people
12 sat and watched her leave her house and then they
13 pulled in and backed up to the back door. So it
14 looked like, well, there's just a vehicle sitting
15 back there and then they were in the house taking
16 weird stuff. They left cash sitting on the counter.
17 I mean, so I don't know what -- it's like juveniles
18 doing this or something because of the vandalism and
19 stuff. But anyway, if you see anything out of the
20 ordinary, be sure and don't drive in on it. Call
21 the police.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Anyone got any
23 comments or anything else?

24 Okay. If not, Marshanna? She's the
25 manager of our library. She's got some good

1 reports, good news, some good things happening here
2 in the county, going to happen if the rain would
3 leave her alone.

4 MS. SHARP: Okay. In September we did
5 a prepare your garden for winter and we had about 22
6 people that took advantage of that class. And we
7 had a computer class on Tuesday, a beginner computer
8 class. We had 14 that took advantage of that. Our
9 Ready to Read, we've been having over 30 children
10 each week. And we did change our hours in
11 September. Tuesday, 9:00 to 7:00; Thursday, 9:00 to
12 6:00 and Friday we're open from 9:00 to 2:00 now.
13 We had count day last Tuesday and we had 169 walk
14 through and we checked out almost 400 items, 391
15 items that day.

16 Okay. We had applied for a grant.
17 Geek the Library -- we're doing the Geek the Library
18 Program and they offered us a grant. When we
19 applied for the grant, we were hoping to get some
20 benches and some things for the park and a sound
21 system. We kind of got second place. We didn't get
22 that, but they did send us -- Red Box sent us the
23 movie projector and everything so we could do a
24 community movie outside. So we partnered with the
25 County, the City and the police department and we

1 are going to do a movie. We were going to do it
2 Friday night, but we hear there's rain coming in.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Ninety percent.

4 MS. SHARP: So we all discussed it. So
5 we're going to change it to Saturday at 8:00 and
6 we're going to be showing The Amazing Spiderman 2.
7 It is free. It will be in the park. I did talk to
8 them and they said a good way for us to go ahead and
9 start raising the money to get the sound system.
10 I'm going to apply for some more grants. I've got
11 some things I'm going to work on to try to get the
12 money for that so that we have the sound system so
13 we can do more events like this. It can just be
14 checked out. We can plug it into the gazebo and we
15 can hear it through the whole park.

16 They told us to maybe put up donation
17 jars and get candy and stuff donated, so we did. I
18 got a bunch of candy and Cokes and water donated and
19 we're just going to use donations. We can't sell
20 it, but we can take donations and that will all go
21 back to the park for hopefully a sound system for
22 the park so that we all can use it for the whole
23 community.

24 There's something on the 14th and
25 I'll let Jody talk about that. On the 23rd is our

1 board meeting. It's at 4:00 and it's open to the
2 public. If anyone wants to know about the library
3 budget or what's going on with the library,
4 everybody is welcome to come. We usually don't have
5 anyone show up but the board, but it's open to the
6 public. It's at 4:00 on the 23rd, October 23rd.

7 And on the 28th we are going to --
8 actually, it's on the 7th we're going to start
9 putting old quilts and different quilts up. We have
10 a group that quilts at the library and teaches
11 classes. We are going to have folklores and quilts.
12 People are going to talk about different folklores
13 and different history of quilts and we're going to
14 have a bunch of quilts up in the library and they're
15 all going to discuss that. It's going to be on the
16 28th at 6:00. And we will be participating in
17 trick-or-treat on the square. Any questions? All
18 right. Thank you.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Rich, y'all
20 are up. Who is going to do your report? Okay. Mr.
21 Rich LaValla. He's with our UGA Extension.

22 MR. LAVALLA: Yeah. As you know, we
23 normally have Cody come up, but he's on our list a
24 lot here, so I'll be bragging on him. It will be
25 easier for me to do it than him talk about it. But

1 last month we did have a livestock judging team all
2 put together. We went down to the Northwest Georgia
3 Regional Fair and our team placed second. In the
4 top ten, you kept on hearing Gordon County, Gordon
5 County. They have an awesome livestock team and
6 when it came down to second place, it went to Beth
7 Cross of Dade County and Cody Doyle placed high
8 individual and actually beat Beth out by one point.
9 So that was awesome, did a great job. Other members
10 of the team were Zane Henderson, Kasey Howard, who
11 is here with us tonight, Brett Dyer, Woody Walden,
12 Katie Kelly, Joseph Hicks and Vanessa McCowan.

13 Also, we had some other shows there at
14 the Northwest Georgia Regional Fair. CarolAnn Cash
15 placed -- was champion showman in her class showing
16 sheep. We also had Jacob Gass, Grace Hunter and
17 Caroline Cash competed at the Walker County Fair.
18 They did a fair this year down there in the cove.
19 And some of the kids, Ms. Hunter and Caroline Cash
20 showed sheep and then Jacob showed goats down there.

21 Jacob Gass's wether, which is
22 a neutered male, won the award for grand champion at
23 Dekalb County VFW Fair in Alabama and CarolAnn Cash
24 also competed at that show. We also had 60
25 4-Hers -- we did a back-to-school bash and we had 60

1 4-Hers show up and we played games. They did
2 Four Squares and played kick ball out back. We had
3 some snacks. It was a real good time. They want to
4 do that again. That was the first time doing that
5 for back to school. That was a good turnout.

6 At our tenth annual fall livestock show
7 we have every year before the kids get ready to go
8 to Perry, we had -- again, these same names keep
9 coming up, Brett Dyer, Jacob Gass and Grace Hunter
10 and CarolAnn Cash. Grace Hunter is the
11 granddaughter to Robert McKaig, if you know Robert
12 McKaig and he couldn't wait until she could start
13 showing sheep, so she's doing that.

14 Brett Dyer was overall winner for
15 champion showman and his heifer won great overall
16 species. And then CarolAnn Cash was reserved
17 champion showman and her wether was reserved overall
18 species. They'll be recognized again at our awards
19 banquet.

20 We had two shotgun coaches and BB coach
21 went down to get certified this past month. This is
22 really exciting. Each year we do officer's training
23 and when we go into the fifth grade, we start at
24 Dade Elementary. They've got six classes and Davis
25 has two and then between the middle school, we had

1 44 officers from president, vice president,
2 secretary, reporter. And they come into the ag
3 center and our high school officers got to do the
4 training. Out of the 44, we had 37 participants
5 show up, so it was a real good number that came out
6 to do that. As we do our club meetings, they
7 actually come up and lead us in the club meetings.
8 They start it off for us.

9 We had two workshops for adopt a stream
10 with -- we teamed up with Limestone Valley RC&D and
11 we're also going to be doing a rivers live with them
12 later on. Our fall flower bulb fundraiser is in
13 full swing. If you haven't ordered flower bulbs and
14 you would like to order flower bulbs, we're still
15 doing that. So see a 4-Her to place an order.

16 Upcoming events, Ms. Katie is not here
17 tonight. She's on her way down to the Perry show at
18 the Georgia National Fairgrounds. And we had
19 parents leave yesterday, a parent leave today and
20 Katie will be going down with sheep tomorrow. Also
21 coming up again is Rivers Alive, October 18th.
22 It's on a Saturday. And Katie also attended the
23 Forage Field Day in Walker County. And finally this
24 Saturday, we've got Vanderbilt. So go dogs. Sic
25 em.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for Rich?
2 Thank you, Rich. Good report. Appreciate it.
3 Proud of all the kids.

4 Okay. Ms. Jody Crowder for the
5 Chamber.

6 MS. CROWDER: Okay. Dade Days was held
7 August 2nd on the square. It was a tremendous
8 success. And then the tours in team that's been
9 coming to visit, they will be here October 14th at
10 6:00 in the library to give their presentation on
11 their findings of Dade County. Everyone from the
12 community is invited to attend to hear what they
13 have to say.

14 The Chamber has been seeking a new
15 business. It's called Primate. It's a high-end
16 pharmacy based out of New York. They've been here
17 twice and they will be here in a couple of weeks to
18 look at some more locations. The Chamber -- the new
19 Chamber gram has been a huge triumph. Many of the
20 members expressed their fascination with it and if
21 you still -- if you want to receive the Chamber
22 gram, just give the Chamber a call.

23 The Chamber has hosted three luncheons
24 this quarter. June speaker was Randy Grider with
25 Lookout Alabama. July speaker was Cody Sims with

1 Ameriprise. And for the month of September, the
2 speaker was Mike with United Way of Chattanooga.

3 The featured business has been running
4 in the paper for a couple of weeks. If you're
5 interested in having your business or organization
6 as a featured business, give me a call. The Chamber
7 board of directors meetings are the second Thursday
8 of each month. There's one next week,
9 October 9th, and everyone is welcome to come to
10 it.

11 Trick-or-treat alley will be
12 October 25th on the square. The starting time is
13 at 5:00. If your business or organization is
14 interested in getting a booth or table, please call
15 the Chamber. In closing, the Chamber continues to
16 reach out to try to bring business and promote our
17 area and community as a great place to be a part of.

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

20 MR. PITTMAN: Jody, did you say what
21 time the board meeting was?

22 MS. CROWDER: Oh, it is 6:00.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Move down to
24 number four. Don, go ahead and give us our
25 financial report.

1 MR. TOWNSEND: As of September 30th,
2 2014, general funds has a balance of \$244,390;
3 Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288; Sheriff's
4 Special Fund, \$19,469; Drug Abuse Education Fund,
5 \$76,712; Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund,
6 \$23,560; Victim Assistance Fund, \$1,462; Jail Fund,
7 \$32,980. Federal Asset Fund, Department of Justice
8 \$742. Employee's flexible spending account,
9 \$45,319. Payroll account, \$290,072.

10 Construction account in S.P.L.O.S.T
11 still has a balance of \$149. Projects account,
12 \$65,321 and the proceeds account currently has
13 \$1,511,773. We are about to pay our November 1st
14 bond payment out of the 1.5. I think it's around
15 1.2, 1.3 million, something. So that will bring
16 that back down. That's a good start on the next one
17 as well. The final large payment will be next year.
18 We'll have all our bonds paid off.

19 Series 2013 bonds, the IDA county
20 construction Series B account is \$206,243. The IDA
21 debt services Series A has a balance of zero. The
22 county debt services Series B has a balance of zero.

23 Just so you know, the reason we read
24 these balances every month is for the record. It's
25 very important to have them in the record. In fact,

1 we can go back, thankfully, about twenty years now
2 and look at these same balances and it's been very
3 helpful. So just to clarify why we take the time to
4 read those out loud.

5 As of August 31st, we have our
6 financial statement and the income statement for the
7 month of August, ending August 31st, revenues
8 \$358,322.20. Budgeted was 345,466. So we were in
9 excess, which is good, on the revenue side, \$12,855.
10 And for year-to-date, which is just July and August,
11 we've brought in \$695,474 and had \$684,150. So
12 again, that's a surplus or an excess of \$11,324 over
13 budget.

14 And then on the expense side, we have
15 the actual expenses are \$635,206. We budgeted
16 \$667,544, so we were under budget \$32,337. And as
17 far as the year-to-date expenses, we've spent
18 \$1,401,293 and budgeted was 1,356,482. So that is
19 \$44,111 over. Budget attained so far should be at
20 16.67 percent. And we have revenues attained at
21 7.86 and expenses attained at 15.85.

22 You may wonder why revenues are low as
23 far as payment. It's because the property taxes
24 have not come in yet. They'll begin coming in
25 pretty healthy this month.

1 MR. RUMLEY: They were mailed Monday,
2 right?

3 MR. TOWNSEND: A couple of Mondays ago,
4 that's correct. I think the property tax bills are
5 in the mail. Most people probably have received
6 those by now. And they've already noted in the tax
7 commissioner's office revenues have picked up.

8 The following pages, which are two
9 pages there, the top represents Bank of Dade. The
10 bottom is Citizen's Bank and Trust. These are the
11 two banks primarily where our funds are kept for
12 safekeeping and those funds have to be kept backed
13 up at a higher rate than just FDIC insurance. They
14 have to be backed up. It shows the pledged funds at
15 the Bank of Dade as 3.55 million and the Citizens is
16 1.55 million. So both of those are sufficient. I
17 just want to occasionally bring those to your
18 attention and let you see that report.

19 The following report after that is the
20 local option sales tax report. For September 2014,
21 we brought in \$152,643.94. And in S.P.L.O.S.T,
22 special purpose local option sales tax, we brought
23 in \$190,804.83. It's not great. It's not bad.
24 It's about where we need it to be. 190 is our
25 benchmark that we kind of shoot for, so we like --

1 and the following report is just a different
2 sampling of 2004 and 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T proceeds over
3 the different period.

4 The final report is the year-to-date
5 tax collections for 2015. This was as of
6 September 4th, July 1st, 2014, through
7 August 31st. We have collected in the tax
8 commissioner's office \$150,278, which is only
9 3.41 percent. So again, that will continue to grow.
10 Thank you.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for Don?
12 Okay. If not, I do need a motion to approve our
13 financial statement as read by Mr. Townsend. Do I
14 hear a motion?

15 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

16 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion.

17 MR. SMITH: Second.

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

19 Mr. Smith?

20 MR. SMITH: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

22 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

24 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

1 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.
3 Robin, do you have anything you want to go over,
4 legal?

5 MR. ROGERS: I do not.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. The reading of the
7 minutes of the last month's regular meeting and any
8 special-called meeting will not be required since
9 all commissioners have been furnished copies in
10 advance. The minutes are public record and
11 available for review in the County Commission.
12 Minutes are included in our consent agenda. At this
13 time I would like to ask Mr. Townsend to go over the
14 consent agenda and we will entertain a motion
15 pertaining to the consent agenda.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: On the consent agenda
17 tonight is the approval of the agenda as presented.
18 Approval of the previous meeting minutes. Approval
19 of the personnel status report. Approval of the
20 purple -- proclamation for Purple Heart -- it should
21 say county. It says city, through the American
22 Legion Post 106 as designated November 10th
23 particularly as Purple Heart Day in Dade County.
24 Proclamation for fire prevention week for
25 October 5th through the 11th. Proclamation for

1 National Breast Cancer Awareness Month for
2 October 1st through the 31st. Proclamation for
3 Red Ribbon Week designated October 27th through
4 the 31st. It's that week.

5 Resolution R-47-14 amendment to the
6 county seatbelt policy. Resolution R-48-14, which
7 is the ACCG-GEBCorp retirement 401(a) plan document.
8 Resolution R-49-14, ACCG-GEBCorp retirement 457(b)
9 plan document. Resolution R-50-14, contribution
10 agreement GACDS 02-14-003, which is a soil
11 conservationist grant. It's a total of \$33,490.
12 The first year FY15 designation, \$16,745. The
13 second year is 16 -- I'm sorry. Second year being
14 FY16, \$16,745. And also, ordinance number 10-02-14,
15 which is the final reading and approval of the
16 supplement to the code of ordinances. That's it.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or
18 comments? Okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion to
19 approve the consent agenda as presented by
20 Mr. Townsend. Do I hear a motion?

21 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
22 approve the consent agenda as read.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I hear a second?

24 MR. SMITH: Second.

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

1 Mr. Smith?

2 MR. SMITH: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

4 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

6 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

8 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

10 Okay. Anyone want to come up and talk to us
11 tonight? You can come up to the podium. I would
12 like you to keep it as close to five minutes as you
13 can tonight. Usually I'll give you all the time you
14 want, but we've got an executive session we're going
15 to be going into that's going to be pretty lengthy,
16 so we're going to be here for a while. Come on,
17 Greg.

18 MR. GREG SMITH: Thanks. I'm Greg
19 Smith. I'm going to speak for several people that
20 are here, business owners. We would really like to
21 kind of express our disappointment with what
22 happened to Chris Musser with the Chamber. We
23 really hope that the board can find someone with his
24 enthusiasm because for the first time a lot of us
25 are actually here in business -- and let me back up

1 a minute. This area doesn't affect our business one
2 way or the other, most of us. You can't buy
3 anything from us. We can't sell anything here. So
4 we're here. We hire people. We're regional or
5 national in terms of our scope. So not a lot of
6 benefit really other than just donating, being a
7 member of the chamber.

8 And this is the first time I can say
9 that a lot of us were really excited about the
10 direction the Chamber was going. So I really will
11 say, you know, I'll support you in trying to find
12 someone that can replace him. I hope that you will
13 try to keep the same focus that we had before, that
14 we are actually out there supporting business,
15 making this a place that business will want to be
16 and enhance really the environment.

17 I think it's great to have social
18 events and such. There's nothing wrong with that.
19 As a matter of fact, I can easily stand on the other
20 side and say that really can help promote our area
21 in terms of a family place to be and environment.
22 And I'm not saying don't do that, but I'm saying
23 that we are really on the cusp of reaching out and
24 making relationships out of this county, which is
25 what we need to do. We need to brand ourself as

1 part of Chattanooga because we are. And so we need
2 to attract the attention of people who live 12 miles
3 up the road because there's a lot of places that
4 maybe are looking to hire those 2,000 people.
5 Honestly, we probably don't have the acreage down
6 there to put a 2,000-person plant.

7 MR. RUMLEY: We had 150. That's what
8 they wanted, 150 acres. We had it exactly.

9 MR. GREG SMITH: Yeah, but it's got to
10 be kind of smooth and flat. That's tough for
11 anywhere in this area unless you're between
12 Cleveland and Chattanooga really. However, I think
13 you have a great park where you could attract people
14 with 50 and 100 and 200 and those can grow. That
15 200 can grow to 500 and such. I mean, we're small.
16 We're only 20. We hope to grow to 40. We're doing
17 an addition now. So there are things going on.

18 But anyway, we need to really think
19 about branding ourself as part of Chattanooga and we
20 can attract some of that overflow. As a matter of
21 fact, if we do brand ourself as part of Chattanooga,
22 when they're looking at a place, they might say,
23 hey, let's drive 12 miles down the road. Let's take
24 a look at that. So I really would like the board,
25 you know, to really give a good hard look at keeping

1 the focus that we have because there's a lot of us
2 extremely excited. And I know I've been here since
3 2006 and it was the first time I was really excited
4 about being part of the Chamber of Commerce.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Greg. Anyone
6 else? Tom, do you want to give us a report?

7 MR. BLACK: I'm Tom Black and I am
8 the -- I'm going to wear two hats tonight, one as
9 the veteran service officer from the American Legion
10 Post and the other is for a representative on the
11 State Developmental Health Board.

12 First of all, Mr. Breeden, thank you
13 very much for recognizing Sergeant Tahmooressi and
14 your concern was noted by all veterans in the room.
15 I just wish that our President who claims he looks
16 after our veterans would pay the same amount of
17 attention to him that you did.

18 On the veteran's note, if you are a
19 veteran, we need you in the system if you're not in
20 the system. We have veteran representatives that
21 comes here every fourth Wednesday of the month. You
22 can call me or call the county office and get an
23 appointment to meet with them. Also, veteran
24 benefits are available to all veterans who are
25 honorably discharged. Let me also say this, in the

1 past few weeks, some veterans who were charged with
2 other than honorable conditions suffering PTSD can
3 now reopen their cases to have an honorable
4 discharge. Because, as you know, PTSD has only been
5 recognized in just the past little while. We've got
6 some veterans out there. So if you know of someone
7 or there's someone in your family, have them contact
8 me and -- or come by the American Legion Post.
9 There's paperwork involved and we just need to get
10 it done.

11 Now, onto the Mental Health Board. I
12 went to the state leadership council meeting. I've
13 already discussed something with Ted. We're going
14 to find out. We're not going to put it until we
15 know for sure. But I want you to know I've walked
16 down a rose-colored path at that meeting from a
17 gentleman from the State who was telling us about
18 all these great and wonderful things that's coming
19 down the road in the mental health area.

20 What we're going to see if you don't
21 know where 2 Peachtree is, that is where all the
22 mental health facility -- mental health people is
23 housed in the state of Georgia which distributes out
24 to the 159 counties. But he give us this nice cute
25 little roadmap that showed that we were going to

1 have DD, which is developmental disabilities. We
2 were going to have AD, which is addictive diseases
3 and the mental and the state hospitals in a nice
4 little cluster. And in that, he showed us a picture
5 of quality speedy health care. Pardon me, but I
6 took my rose-colored glasses off and I clicked my
7 ruby slippers and I looked at the gentleman and I
8 said, what about the people we have that are
9 incarcerated that there's no help for? They're just
10 there.

11 I went to Arthur Murray Studio and
12 learned how to tap dance, but that's the question
13 that I asked and that's basically the answer I got.
14 Also, it looks like they're doing away with regional
15 boards, which is the Region One Mental Health Board.
16 According to them, there's going to be no region
17 lines anymore. We're not going to have a region.
18 We're not going to have a regional office. We're
19 going to have a field office. Everything will be
20 done out of 2 Peachtree.

21 Basically, what it is, it's a total
22 reorganization. Lookout Mountain Community, which
23 is our provider, is going to fall under another
24 company, not the Georgia department. It's going --
25 they're going to actually be a subcontractor.

1 They're switching to fee for services. If our
2 boards do not see a patient, they don't get paid. I
3 mean, that's basically what they're saying. But
4 we're kind of in limbo as to whether we're going to
5 have any local input anymore or whether it's all
6 going to come out of Number 2 Peachtree and that
7 looks like the way it's happening because they
8 couldn't give us an answer on --

9 MR. RUMLEY: When will that start? I
10 mean, is it something --

11 MR. BLACK: It's going to take effect
12 in six months. And there's a lot of people upset
13 about it and I'm kind of upset about it. Unless I
14 go or somebody else goes, we're the only voice
15 there. Believe it or not, I got some support on,
16 hey, what are we going to do with these people we
17 have in jail that's not getting help. I got some
18 out of south Georgia. I got some out of north --
19 we're starting to ask those questions and they don't
20 like them. That's one of those places where they
21 want to go out and sell the goods, but not provide
22 the service to the people that really needs them.
23 That's my report, sir. Thank you.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you very much. Any
25 questions for Tom?

1 MR. BRADFORD: I would like to say
2 something about Tom. He's used a lot of his own
3 funds to do some of these things, take people to
4 different hospitals, Murfreesboro, Nashville,
5 wherever. We do reimburse him, but he does spend
6 his time and I thank -- him and I argue all the
7 time, but I thank him for what he's done as far as
8 carrying people back and forth.

9 MR. BLACK: Thank y'all.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone else want to come
11 up? Okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion to go
12 into executive session.

13 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

15 MR. BREEDEN: I'll second.

16 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
17 Smith?

18 MR. SMITH: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

20 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

22 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

24 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. I

1 appreciate all of you being here tonight. Now,
2 you're welcome to wait on us. We're going to be
3 back there a little while it looks like. Just try
4 to come back to the November meeting. If we have a
5 special-called meeting, which there's a possibility
6 we may on an issue there, we'll for sure advertise
7 in the paper. So you can hang around if you want
8 to. If not, we are in executive session.

9 MR. TOWNSEND: For personnel issues.

10 (Thereupon, the Commissioners
11 retired for executive session.)

12 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I need a motion to
13 come out of executive session. Do I have a motion?

14 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion.

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

16 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

17 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
18 Smith?

19 MR. SMITH: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

23 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

25 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. We
2 did have a -- discuss some personnel matters and at
3 this time we've reached a decision to -- until
4 further investigation, we're -- no decision is made.
5 We'll make that decision after. Do you agree to
6 that?

7 MR. BURRELL HILL: We didn't hear you.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, I'm sorry. In the
9 executive session we did discuss personnel matters.
10 And at this time, until we have further
11 investigation, we are undecided and we will base our
12 opinion on that investigation. Do we have anything?
13 If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the
14 meeting.

15 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

17 MR. BREEDEN: I'll second.

18 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
19 Smith?

20 MR. SMITH: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

22 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

24 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

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MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

Meeting adjourned. Thank you all for waiting on us.

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