

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2014

1                   MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and start  
2 our work session. Has everyone had time to look at  
3 the agenda? Any changes or comments on it, any  
4 adjustments?

5                   Okay. You've had the minutes from our  
6 previous meeting for a while. Any comments or  
7 changes on that? All right. Number three, our  
8 personnel status report. There's not been a great  
9 number of changes. Of course, we do have a hiring  
10 freeze on. So the only thing in any county  
11 departments would be if anyone is retiring or  
12 actually passes away, we'll fill the slot. That's  
13 the only hiring we have. Any questions?

14                   Okay. Number four, board appointments,  
15 proclamations. We do have the -- Mr. David Paris,  
16 his term has expired there with the Board of  
17 Assessors. He actually came in to fill a partial  
18 term and he's agreed to serve if we feel that he  
19 needs to stay on there to fill another term, a full  
20 term. He does a good job. He's a good person. Do  
21 y'all have any other comments or any other people  
22 that you feel that you want to --

23                   MR. BRADFORD: But he did agree? Fine  
24 with me.

25                   MR. SMITH: He --

1 MR. BRADFORD: For David, there's a  
2 resignation in there.

3 MR. RUMLEY: I thought Don had a letter  
4 in there that said he agreed to --

5 MR. BRADFORD: He resigned. I thought  
6 maybe he came in and talked to you about it.

7 MR. RUMLEY: No. I thought he actually  
8 agreed. Last time I talked to him, he was fine with  
9 it.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: He resigned. We'll have  
11 to replace him.

12 MR. RUMLEY: You need to go ahead and  
13 be looking. This needs to be divided out.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: He's willing to serve  
15 through December 31st. His term would have ended  
16 December 31st. So whoever is appointed will just be  
17 a new term.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Would be a full term. It  
19 would start a full term. All right. And also, the  
20 Industrial Development Authority. Larry's term has  
21 expired and he's not got back with me as far as  
22 whether he will accept that back.

23 MR. BRADFORD: He told me he would  
24 accept it. I talked to him the other day. He  
25 mentioned he would accept it.

1 MR. RUMLEY: If y'all want to talk to  
2 him, announce that you've talked to him, that's  
3 fine.

4 MR. BRADFORD: Daniel, not Larry.  
5 Daniel -- no. It's Larry. I'm sorry. I talked to  
6 Daniel. I'm sorry.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Daniel is not on there.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Also, you know, we had --  
9 on Barry Page, we discussed that in the office.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: No. He's good. We'll  
11 bring it up in December. We need to realize -- last  
12 time we renewed his -- appointed Barry Page to the  
13 Industrial Development Authority, what happened is  
14 it should have been an unexpired term for Johnny  
15 Bradford, but the resolution said six years. So  
16 what we need to do is either we just need to  
17 realign it. He and Larry Case should have been  
18 appointed at the same time and expire at the same  
19 time. So that's what we need to do. We just need  
20 to realign that and appoint Barry again.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. But we've got time.  
22 We can do that in December. All right.

23 MR. PITTMAN: So you're going to talk  
24 to Larry between now and December?

25 MR. BRADFORD: I talked to Daniel.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, we need to talk to  
2 Larry.

3 MR. BRADFORD: I'll go by there and  
4 talk to him tomorrow.

5 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Number five,  
6 the approval of S.P.L.O.S.T capital equipment, there  
7 shouldn't be any. Number six, we do have several  
8 resolutions here. Resolution R-51-14. That's the  
9 FY-2014 general special funds and law library budget  
10 amendment. Don, I'll let you explain that because  
11 that's kind of odd.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: What this is is the  
13 special funds, meaning the drug awareness fund, the  
14 sheriff's special fund, juvenile fund, victim  
15 assistance fund, jail fund, law library, all these  
16 are special funds that we don't have really an idea  
17 how much we're going to collect because it comes  
18 through the court's fines and fees. But the state  
19 Department of Audit and Accounts still wants us to  
20 give the commissioners, the governing body, the  
21 opportunity to review what's being spent in those  
22 accounts. Although, we do a monthly report, they  
23 still want our share of the resolution done annually  
24 to state how much revenue and how much expense is  
25 coming and going. That's what these are. These are

1 just budgeted amounts, but they actually offset the  
2 actuals. The auditors are here. So they needed  
3 this done in order to produce the future financial  
4 statement. It's not really the general fund, what  
5 we call the fund 100. It's actually all these  
6 special funds.

7 MR. PITTMAN: Every one of these  
8 funds is --

9 MR. TOWNSEND: They don't always spend  
10 as much as they bring in and sometimes they don't  
11 bring in as much as they spend. They don't spend as  
12 much as --

13 MR. PITTMAN: It's all tabbed for --

14 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes, it is. The  
15 legislator identifies exactly which account it's  
16 used for. Mostly for training and for -- it depends  
17 on what fund it is. Victim assistance, there's five  
18 funds that it comes -- it goes out of. Five courts  
19 bring money in. Only five beneficiaries, the crisis  
20 center, the district attorney's witness program. I  
21 can't remember the others. I can't remember the  
22 three. But anyway, juvenile services, we haven't  
23 spent any hardly out of that one in the last three  
24 years. That's overseen by Judge Henry, the Juvenile  
25 Court judge.

1 MR. PITTMAN: Right. This is mainly  
2 just an accounting and bookkeeping?

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes. In order to  
4 produce the financial statement and the audit.

5 MR. BREEDEN: This number here that  
6 we're looking at, that's revenue?

7 MR. TOWNSEND: For each -- see, you've  
8 got a fund. Fund 110, for instance, had no revenue  
9 or expense. Fund 170 had none. Fund 120 projected  
10 to have 16,000. We didn't, but we had 25,000 in  
11 total expenses and that's because we transferred out  
12 11,299 to the drug awareness fund in order to  
13 purchase a car at the beginning of last year for the  
14 drug awareness -- it's that car that David Duvall  
15 drives. They used court fines and fees to do that.  
16 Also, education and training. You can see the  
17 different things. Some of them -- but it all comes  
18 in through the courts, magistrate, probate,  
19 superior, juvenile and city.

20 MR. BREEDEN: These are adjusted  
21 monthly or what?

22 MR. TOWNSEND: No, annually. Because  
23 we don't know how much we'll ever bring in. It's  
24 based on fines and fees.

25 MR. BREEDEN: Right. That's why I

1 wondered if they were adjusted each month as to  
2 what's been brought in.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: We just do it annually.

4 MR. BREEDEN: So we're looking at last  
5 year's --

6 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, July 1, 2013,  
7 through June 30th, 2014.

8 MR. BREEDEN: Right. Basically last  
9 year's --

10 MR. PITTMAN: Last fiscal year.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: And we do this every  
12 year.

13 MR. BREEDEN: Right. I just didn't  
14 know whether -- I knew this was the numbers you had  
15 to add to and adjust monthly as the fees and fines  
16 came in or whatever.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: Right. I can tell you  
18 the jail fund and the drug awareness, the sheriff  
19 and the jailers are able to use some of that for  
20 educational training versus using the general fund.  
21 So we're thankful to actually have this in this  
22 case.

23 MR. PITTMAN: And you said they bought  
24 a vehicle?

25 MR. TOWNSEND: They did. They bought a

1 vehicle last year. I mean, they rarely do, but they  
2 did in this case.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or  
4 comments?

5 MR. PITTMAN: When they spend money,  
6 does the office do that?

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes. We have the  
8 sheriff sign and we have the other.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any other comments?  
10 Move down to number 7, Resolution R --

11 MR. BREEDEN: Ted, can I ask one more  
12 thing on that?

13 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

14 MR. BREEDEN: So at the end of the  
15 year, does this have to zero out?

16 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes. If you add up the  
17 revenues less the expenses, it comes out to zero.  
18 See, like 25,000 -- see, the R -- G is grant and E  
19 is expense. Revenue and expense.

20 MR. BREEDEN: Oh, okay. I follow you  
21 now. So they do have to zero out at the end of each  
22 year?

23 MR. TOWNSEND: The budget has to. They  
24 can leave a balance in there. They don't have to  
25 spend --

1 MR. BREEDEN: That's what I'm asking.  
2 So you can carry --

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Oh, yeah. That's what's  
4 reported on the financial report, right here all  
5 this stuff right here.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Any other comments?

7 Okay. Move down to number 7,  
8 Resolution R-53-14, disposal of surplus county  
9 property. We've got several computers that have  
10 been in the back back here that are just gutted and  
11 we talked to Alex about them the other day. There's  
12 a list of them there. They're all not just  
13 outdated, but they're actually -- the inside,  
14 they've robbed pieces off of others to fix, so  
15 they're not -- a lot of them, I don't know if we can  
16 get anything out of them. They would probably be  
17 scrap.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: I'm trying to see if we  
19 can get anything out of them. I had someone offer  
20 to pick them up. They would not charge me shipping  
21 because they're just shells. They don't have any  
22 hard drives in them. A lot of people don't want  
23 them. But we still have to declare it surplus  
24 property.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. They're in the

1 back. We've still got them in the hallway back  
2 there.

3 MR. BREEDEN: So someone is coming  
4 to --

5 MR. TOWNSEND: I'm trying to find  
6 someone to buy them so we'll make a little money off  
7 of them. I don't know why they would want a shell,  
8 but hey...

9 MR. PITTMAN: They can make a fish  
10 aquarium out of them.

11 MR. BREEDEN: Birdhouse.

12 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Let's move  
13 down to number eight. Resolution R-54-14, 2015 Dade  
14 County Title VI Plan for transit operations. I'll  
15 let you go into that, Don, and explain that. You've  
16 been working on that.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah. We've worked on  
18 this for a long time. We started actually last  
19 year. If you'll turn over to the next page, you'll  
20 see the plan, the Dade County transit plan, Transit  
21 Service Title VI Plan. It's a plan that Federal  
22 Transit Authority requires this be adopted by anyone  
23 that receives federal funding, which we do through  
24 Section 5311 for public transportation. And there  
25 was -- there is a deadline looming. To be honest

1 with you, I can't remember if it's December 31st  
2 or if it's March 31st, but anyway --

3 MR. RUMLEY: I think it's at the end of  
4 December.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: We had a plan last year.  
6 We never had a plan, just to be honest with you. I  
7 mean, we hadn't developed a plan. Well, we  
8 submitted a plan. They didn't like that plan. It  
9 was only three pages. We were just trying to be --  
10 have a plan. We were in compliance with that plan  
11 and do what we said we were doing, but apparently  
12 they didn't like that plan. So what we did, we  
13 borrowed a plan from a place in Florida, with their  
14 permission of course. Hernando County, I think is  
15 what it is, Florida. Their plan had already been  
16 approved.

17 So -- and we did that on the advice of  
18 the Federal Transit Authority. They said you need  
19 to go find another county. We read it, re-read it  
20 and melded it down to what we are, not Hernando,  
21 Florida. Because it was really big when we got it,  
22 like 56 pages. Now it's like 30 pages.

23 We feel like -- we've already had  
24 someone from the Georgia Department of  
25 Transportation review it and she says, yes, it looks

1 like it's in compliance.

2           So what the plan does is if you speak a  
3 foreign language, let's say Spanish, it gives those  
4 people -- if they get on the van and there's any  
5 kind of problem, it gives them an outlet to  
6 complain. We have to provide an outlet like a way  
7 for them to have a form to fill out and we submit  
8 that form. So we have to say -- we have to provide  
9 them a form. We have to then have a list of who  
10 receives the form, how they received the form and  
11 then who received the form after that. That's just  
12 part of dealing with grant funding, to jump through  
13 hoops. We had to include all kinds of statistics  
14 and stuff about Dade County, population. We have a  
15 native -- apparently have native (inaudible) and  
16 other specifics. So I don't know -- you know, it's  
17 great. I like Hawaii.

18           MR. BREEDEN: How did you come up with  
19 that?

20           MR. RUMLEY: That's straight off the  
21 census. You can pull that online and it will tell  
22 you exactly, the Hispanics and all of our people  
23 here, the age groups, pretty much the employment,  
24 tell you what --

25           MR. BREEDEN: I just didn't how you

1 could come up with the Hawaii and stuff.

2 MR. TOWNSEND: I don't know. This is  
3 the plan and it is an initial plan and we have to  
4 update the plan every four years. Hopefully, it's  
5 just a matter of going through and verifying  
6 information. For instance, there's a list of  
7 justice programs in the back. Basically, area on  
8 aging, Board of Education, Georgia Department of  
9 Labor. It's just content information and make sure  
10 it's updated and reviewed every four years.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions?

12 MR. PITTMAN: That's with any grant.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, federal grants.  
14 FDA is getting more and more complicated.

15 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Let's move  
16 down to number nine, the Resolution R-55-14. This  
17 is pertaining to the removal of excise tax on energy  
18 used by our manufacturers here in the county. We  
19 have talked about this the last couple of meetings.  
20 We did find out that we have to have the City on  
21 board before we actually went through with this. So  
22 I did talk to the mayor. He was -- said they were  
23 fine with it. We've not got anything, Robin, in  
24 writing yet. Have you been in contact --

25 MR. ROGERS: I have. I've been in

1 touch with the City attorney on a couple of times  
2 and he said he had spoken with the mayor as well.  
3 He and I are working with the Department of Revenue  
4 to see what we can do. We've checked with the State  
5 and we're the first county to repeal this. So we're  
6 feeling our way through this. It does involve the  
7 City as well as us and the Department of Revenue.

8           So when this came up, there was some  
9 discussion, I remember, about how we needed to go  
10 about doing that. There were some people that felt  
11 like we could and needed to repeal it immediately,  
12 you know, now and other people thought make it  
13 effective July 1 and others, I think, were wanting  
14 to extend it over a number of years, have a gradual  
15 repeal on that. So to the extent you all have ideas  
16 about that, let me know what they are and I'll try  
17 to incorporate all that I can when we start  
18 drafting.

19           MR. TOWNSEND: Let me point out one  
20 thing. If you turn to the very last page, you see  
21 the results and this is the last -- the very back  
22 page here. It's started in actually January --  
23 actually, February 1st, 2013. And we've collected  
24 \$359.96. What this is is excise tax on energy used  
25 by manufacturers inside Dade County. Originally, we

1 had no idea. Georgia Power wouldn't tell us what we  
2 produced because no one knew because no one had ever  
3 kept up with it.

4           It started out at \$359.96 a month and  
5 by June 2014, it had grown to \$891.67. The first  
6 year is at one percent rate. The second year is  
7 two percent rate and we're still at that two percent  
8 year. After January it will go to three percent.  
9 October's, we just received last month was  
10 \$1,148.63. So it has grown from \$359 to 1,148. So  
11 it's reasonable to project that when it's full,  
12 meaning when we are collecting at four percent, it  
13 would be around 20,000 a year. We have to divide  
14 that with the City of Trenton. We would keep half.

15           Right now, we -- for the first year,  
16 we're going to have to pay the City of Trenton  
17 \$4,638.14. We keep the same. On the next page,  
18 it's the first four months for this collection  
19 period since July 1. It's collected \$2,337.03 for  
20 each entity for a total of 4,676.06. So it is  
21 growing. I'm not saying keep it or get rid of it.  
22 I'm just giving the information.

23           MR. RUMLEY: What this is though, it  
24 could be the difference in actually, you know,  
25 leverage to bring in industry because every app that

1 we fill out or every questionnaire that we've had  
2 lately, the people ask that's came here, that's one  
3 of the questions on there. You know, are we exempt  
4 from the -- because all the other counties in our  
5 region, we're the only county that actually charges  
6 it. It's pretty important as far as that being a  
7 point of them refusing to come here.

8 MR. SMITH: It says manufacturers. Are  
9 we talking most about the companies in Industrial  
10 Park? That's pretty much all --

11 MR. TOWNSEND: It would only be those  
12 companies. I don't think there's any other  
13 manufacturers. I'm not sure.

14 MR. BREEDEN: Accellent.

15 MR. TOWNSEND: Right. I don't know of  
16 any other manufacturers.

17 MR. BREEDEN: But this is to remove it  
18 completely and not be --

19 MR. SMITH: Gill. I would say Bull  
20 Moose would be.

21 MR. EVAN STONE: Excuse me,  
22 Mr. Chairman. If I could, just to say not only  
23 would it potentially bring some additional, but it  
24 would also relieve some of our industrial sites that  
25 are already paying this. So it would help our

1 industrial clientele that we've got now, but it  
2 would really pave the way. And like the executive  
3 said, if y'all go ahead and pass this, it would give  
4 an opportunity that we not have to check that box  
5 that we charge somebody for that, which it could be  
6 a deal breaker.

7 MR. RUMLEY: You'll have probably  
8 something prepared by the next meeting?

9 MR. ROGERS: I should, yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Let's move down to  
11 number ten, Resolution R-56-14. This is the 2015  
12 Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Agency on  
13 Aging. This is our Meals on Wheels agreement, which  
14 brings food to the elderly. This is an agreement we  
15 renewed actually yearly. Used to I think it was  
16 every two years.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: This is the first of  
18 that new car if you want to talk about that, their  
19 purchase.

20 MR. RUMLEY: This is actually --  
21 they're wanting to -- there's been a lot going on  
22 between the State and all and fuel and the type of  
23 vehicle and size of the vehicle. They're going to  
24 actually downsize on the vehicle.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: The State -- I'm not

1 sure how it came about, but the State was going to  
2 start charging or forcing the -- our van, our Meals  
3 on Wheels van to stop using our gas and our fuel  
4 tank. But they're doing it across the state. It  
5 wasn't just Dade County. So people at Area of Aging  
6 weren't happy about that. They wanted to use our  
7 fuel and you can't do that. So what they have done  
8 to get around that is they're going to purchase a  
9 2015 Ford Escape van. They are purchasing it, going  
10 to title it in the name of Dade County, Georgia, and  
11 then they're giving it to us. They're titling it to  
12 us. So it's going to be our car with the  
13 understanding through this agreement though that  
14 they'll use it for Meals on Wheels. And this way we  
15 can use our fuel versus having this new -- some car  
16 and all this other stuff that they were going to  
17 have to do in order to accommodate. It was almost  
18 jeopardizing the whole program actually. It was  
19 jeopardizing northwest Georgia. I don't know about  
20 the rest of the state.

21                   So after 175,000 miles though, they  
22 actually purchase a new van and they give us the  
23 vehicle and we can do with it what we wish, sell it  
24 or whatever.

25                   MR. RUMLEY: She did call today and

1 said -- right before we came in here and it is  
2 guaranteed they will purchase another one when the  
3 limit -- which I think it's 175,000. They'll  
4 replace -- deed it -- I mean, title it back to Dade  
5 County. Of course, we furnish the insurance and  
6 fuel.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Right. We do the  
8 maintenance and insurance and we've always done  
9 that.

10 MR. RUMLEY: So it's a win-win.

11 MR. SMITH: Do we know how many meals  
12 they deliver?

13 MR. RUMLEY: In Dade County, there  
14 was -- I know month before last, I think we had 41  
15 people. Like six months -- three months before  
16 that, we had 32. That's quite a few people. Any  
17 questions?

18 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Mr. Rumley, sir,  
19 if y'all are deciding later on to get rid of the van  
20 you're no longer using, I'm going to speak at  
21 Veteran's Day in Athens next week and I know a  
22 Disabled American Veteran's unit there was looking  
23 to purchase a van. So if you are going down the  
24 road where you're trying to sell it or get rid of  
25 it, please contact us. Maybe I can --

1 MR. RUMLEY: If you'll get with me  
2 tomorrow -- the vans up until this point, we have to  
3 turn back into the State. That's why this is a  
4 little different. There is a place in Cartersville  
5 down there where they turn these things in. I bet  
6 there's 150 or 200 vans there and a lot of them have  
7 been sitting there for several years. They turn  
8 them in with a little over 100,000. They're really  
9 good maintained vans. It's kind of hard unless  
10 you're in the veterans or state or federal to buy  
11 them. That's something -- I'll give you a number.

12 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Thank you, Ted.  
13 I appreciate it.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Move down to number 11,  
15 Resolution R-57-14. This is a request for Proposal  
16 Business Personnel Property Audit Services and we've  
17 talked about this. This is something -- the State  
18 has come down several, several months ago and  
19 they're -- I shouldn't use the word force, but  
20 that's what it is. This is something we'll have to  
21 vote on or put it on the agenda. I know most of you  
22 have talked to me or Don. You know what it is.  
23 It's actually where they come out and will do an  
24 audit. Paula can explain it really in depth to you,  
25 to how they actually choose the businesses that they

1 will come in and audit. It's to make sure everyone  
2 is in compliance with what they have on the record  
3 with the County and the State.

4 MR. BREEDEN: There's obviously a list  
5 of businesses somewhere that's going to be audited?

6 MR. RUMLEY: Well, they've got a  
7 formula that they -- and I think it's -- it goes by  
8 revenue. It's only going to be the larger  
9 businesses like the Pilots and the Mapcos and the  
10 plants that actually, you know. There's revenue  
11 there. I think -- I heard \$50,000 there somewhere  
12 when they were talking.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah.

14 MR. RUMLEY: The meetings have been  
15 between the assessors and the State.

16 MR. BREEDEN: I didn't know. I know  
17 this is going out for bid.

18 MR. RUMLEY: It is. But it's for a  
19 company. We don't have anyone in the county that  
20 can do it. It's got to be State approved.

21 MR. BREEDEN: Right. I just wondered  
22 how they could bid on something not knowing how many  
23 businesses there were. So they have a list?

24 MR. TOWNSEND: They do. There's 140  
25 accounts to be audited.

1 MR. BREEDEN: I didn't know how they  
2 determined a business -- I was thinking all  
3 businesses got audited. So it's not all businesses  
4 that are getting --

5 MR. RUMLEY: No. It's your major,  
6 major businesses in the county.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: This is just an RFP.  
8 This is not the actual bid. This is not a proposed  
9 bid. This is to collect proposed bids, not bids,  
10 proposals. And it's for the 100 percent valuation  
11 of the personal property. There's approximately 140  
12 accounts to be audited totaling approximately  
13 94 million for the current tax year. Now, that's  
14 gross numbers. Don't get excited. That's what  
15 we're aware of. That's just how they're coded in  
16 the tax assessor's office, how they're classified  
17 because they already know, you know, approximately  
18 how many. That's based off of 50,000 and 250,000.  
19 It will go all the way up to 50 million and above.  
20 I don't think we have any worth 50 million.

21 MR. BREEDEN: So the way the State  
22 determines if your business gets audited is  
23 dependent on how much volume you do?

24 MR. TOWNSEND: No. What your valuation  
25 is. Like if you're valued at 50,000 --

1 MR. BREEDEN: So if your business is  
2 valued, that's where it starts. Okay.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: The original plan had it  
4 from 5,000 to 50,000, but that's been taken out. It  
5 would cost more and, of course, there would be a  
6 whole lot more businesses with that \$5,000 value up  
7 to 50,000. But this -- through Paula, we've  
8 evaluated these numbers and she's thinking about 140  
9 accounts that will be audited in Dade County. This  
10 is based off all this. They're going to be asking  
11 each person that bids on it. We may get one or we  
12 may get ten. It's hard to say. I would say it's a  
13 pretty specialized field.

14 MR. BREEDEN: But I understand that  
15 Paula knows these 140 businesses or whatever?

16 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes. They're classified  
17 on your personal property. What am I trying to say,  
18 the valuations that go out annually. And this is  
19 just to authorize the RFP.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Just to authorize the bid  
21 process.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah. I mean, we'll be  
23 hopefully --

24 MR. BREEDEN: We put some money in the  
25 budget for this. I was just wondering how we

1 determine if we had enough to cover it.

2 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, we'll know when we  
3 get the RFPs back.

4 MR. BREEDEN: That's kind of a  
5 backwards way of doing it though, isn't it?

6 MR. TOWNSEND: If you haven't had  
7 one --

8 MR. RUMLEY: What we did was contact  
9 the State and get an idea per capita.

10 MR. BREEDEN: That's what I was  
11 wondering. You had to have some way to come up with  
12 a number.

13 MR. TOWNSEND: She called around and  
14 got it, based on 140 or whatever it is, what that  
15 would cost. And it went anywhere from where we  
16 started -- well, from 80 -- I think she told me  
17 originally 80,000 up to 800,000, but you don't have  
18 to pick the 800,000.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?  
20 Move down to number 12, Resolution R-58-14, 2015  
21 Transit Alliance Group, Incorporated, agreement with  
22 the Dade Transit System. This is something else we  
23 actually renew every year. And back years ago, we  
24 did it like every two to three years, I think. They  
25 do it yearly now. Of course, that's what you see as

1 far as our transit van that you see. This is the  
2 agreement that actually makes that happen. Have you  
3 got anything you want to add, Don, as far as -- it's  
4 pretty well cut and dry.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: It's just through the  
6 Department of Human Services through Georgia. It's  
7 the Transit Alliance Group is who provides the  
8 service to northwest Georgia. Different groups  
9 provide it in different parts of the state. We used  
10 to use Lookout Mountain Community Services, but they  
11 chose a few years ago to get out of that business  
12 and Transit Alliance Group named TAG is doing this  
13 now and we've been using them for the last couple of  
14 years. And the contract actually says beginning --  
15 I'm trying to find what I was going to read here.  
16 Provide transportation services for residents of the  
17 service area location whose services are ordered by  
18 DHS Human Service Providers and authorized by the  
19 DHS Planning and Service Area, Region 1.

20 For the most part, it's where we get a  
21 little bit of Medicaid money, people who qualify for  
22 SSI and those kind of funds. You have to have a  
23 provider to, I guess, validate that information  
24 through the Department of -- DHS in order for us to  
25 actually collect the money. They collect it and

1 then send us the check for it. And like I said,  
2 we've been doing -- actually, we've already  
3 budgeted. So if we didn't do it, we would have to  
4 amend the budget. It's about 12,000 a year. It's  
5 not a lot, but --

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any other comments  
7 or questions? Move down to number 13. This is the  
8 intergovernmental agreement with the City of Trenton  
9 on their bond validation. As you know, the City of  
10 Trenton chose to bond their projected S.P.L.O.S.T  
11 money. So for them to do that -- Robin, if you want  
12 to explain -- for them to do that, this has to be --  
13 this resolution has to go through.

14 MR. ROGERS: Right. This is an  
15 intergovernmental agreement that was suggested or  
16 recommended by our bond council and this attempted  
17 to address something that's pretty unlikely, but the  
18 potential is there. So it's to help us avoid  
19 getting into a situation.

20 If you'll recall when the last  
21 S.P.L.O.S.T referendum passed, the City has decided  
22 to bond their money. So the way the bond  
23 legislation is set up, the bonds are actually issued  
24 by the County as opposed to going to the City. So  
25 the question arose if we should fall below the

1 revenues to pay the interest and principal on the  
2 bonds, that would then -- the County needs some  
3 protection so that the County would not be spending  
4 its revenues on projects that were to be performed  
5 in the City.

6           So what this agreement does is it is an  
7 agreement between the City and County. If that  
8 should happen and the proceeds from S.P.L.O.S.T fall  
9 below the expectations, then the City would  
10 reimburse the County for the cost of the bonds.

11           MR. SMITH: So any and all bond cost  
12 falls on the City?

13           MR. ROGERS: Well, yes, with the  
14 exception -- there is some exceptions to that. I  
15 mean, but primarily, yes. The exception being the  
16 interest on the bonds and that was suggested  
17 somewhere elsewhere in the agreement. But this  
18 would -- the City would pay for those things.

19           MR. TOWNSEND: So in other words, if we  
20 default, whatever happens and the bond doesn't get  
21 paid, it really puts the burden back on the City.  
22 They have to pay for the bonds because they're the  
23 beneficiary of the money. Right now that's not in  
24 place and that's what this document does. And they  
25 agreed to it. I mean, their attorneys read it and

1 they know it's part of the process of receiving  
2 bonded funds.

3 MR. PITTMAN: We're the only ones  
4 (inaudible) --

5 MR. TOWNSEND: Right. That's correct.

6 MR. PITTMAN: In the past, this is in  
7 place already.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: That is correct.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Everyone understand  
10 that?

11 All right. Number 14, Resolution  
12 R-60-14. This is to amend the Emergency Medical  
13 Services agreement with Puckett. What this is doing  
14 is allowing another six months of extension of this  
15 to give us time to actually, I guess, prepare a  
16 bidding process, to go into bidding process.  
17 That's -- there's no money, you know, involved as  
18 far as the extension and so Puckett has agreed to  
19 continue their service.

20 MR. ROGERS: That's not in the book, I  
21 don't think. Okay. Okay. So what we may want to  
22 do or I would suggest that we continue that until  
23 the next meeting. And I forwarded this to Alex and  
24 he's going to, I think, review it, have Puckett  
25 review it and get it back to us with any suggested

1 changes to it.

2 MR. RUMLEY: But that's what it  
3 involves, actually -- it will go from actually  
4 January to June, I believe.

5 MR. ROGERS: That's right.

6 MR. RUMLEY: It's just kind of an  
7 extension to weigh everything out. We actually came  
8 into this with -- with the thought that there was no  
9 increase at all in their money and then after -- of  
10 course, after the budget process and all, they came  
11 back and they realized the loss. They came back and  
12 said we need another 20, 30,000. So we're not going  
13 to do that, can't do that, not without bidding  
14 legally. So that's -- that will give us the time to  
15 get together to go back through this process.

16 MR. ROGERS: There's a special-called  
17 meeting scheduled for later this month; is that  
18 right? I think that's what Alex had suggested.

19 MR. RUMLEY: That's fine. We have to  
20 officially agree to that. It's not something we can  
21 just do. That's something else we can put on, as  
22 Robin said, the special-called.

23 Move down to number 15, and this the  
24 public hearing and special-called meeting. That's  
25 over on 15. If y'all will turn to that. This is

1 pertaining to our Dade County and City of Trenton  
2 Hazard Mitigation Plan and this is required by law.  
3 It's required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of  
4 2000. The County and City considers any public  
5 input into this plan, so any of you can attend. It  
6 will be pretty interesting to come in and we'll have  
7 things for you to review and look at. Any  
8 questions, of course, will be answered. That's  
9 going to be on November 10th at 10:00.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: That's the first public  
11 hearing.

12 MR. RUMLEY: The first public hearing.  
13 And then let's see here, the second one will be  
14 November 17th at 5:00. And all the meetings will  
15 be right here in this room. So if you possibly can,  
16 try to attend those meetings or at least one of  
17 them. Like Robin said, we'll probably have a couple  
18 of other things on the agenda, but that will be  
19 advertised.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: At 5:30, we plan to have  
21 the special-called meeting to adopt this.

22 MR. SMITH: I like all of you, but  
23 after forty years of marriage on that date, I don't  
24 think I'll be here.

25 MR. RUMLEY: You better be.

1 MR. TOWNSEND: The hazard mitigation  
2 will be for Mitchell.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Any other questions or  
4 anything? If not, we'll go ahead and -- Robin, do  
5 you have anything you want to add? We'll go ahead  
6 and adjourn the work session and we'll come back at  
7 our regular meeting in about five minutes. We have  
8 plenty of refreshments in the back.

9 (Thereupon, the work session was  
10 adjourned.)

11 MR. RUMLEY: Let's go ahead and call  
12 the meeting to order. It's November 6th, 2014. I  
13 appreciate all of you being here. At this time, as  
14 always, we have prayer and Pledge of Allegiance  
15 tonight. Robert Goff, where are you at? Come up.  
16 I want you to lead us in prayer and also Pledge of  
17 Allegiance.

18 (Thereupon, the invocation and  
19 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

20 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. As  
21 most of you have noticed that come to all of our  
22 meetings, we have an extra group here tonight. It's  
23 good to see them here. I would like to have all our  
24 veterans, our Purple Heart recipients to come up  
25 here in the front if you would. Actually, just all

1 of our veterans come up. I'm glad to see the  
2 turnout tonight.

3           We have a proclamation here that I  
4 would like to read to you. Whereas, the people of  
5 Dade County have great admiration and the utmost  
6 gratitude for all men and women who have selflessly  
7 served their country and this community in the Armed  
8 Forces. Whereas, veterans have paid the high price  
9 of freedom by leaving their families, communities  
10 and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of  
11 all. Whereas, the contributions and sacrifices of  
12 the men and women from Dade County who served in the  
13 Armed Forces have maintained the freedoms and the  
14 way of life we enjoy.

15           Whereas, on April 26th, 2014,  
16 Governor Nathan Deal officially designated  
17 August 7th, 2014, as Purple Heart Day in Georgia  
18 through memory and recognized veterans who are  
19 recipients of the Purple Heart medal.

20           Now, therefore, we the Board of  
21 Commissioners of Dade County hereby proclaim Dade  
22 County as a Purple Heart county and recognize  
23 November 10th, 2014, as Purple Heart Day in Dade  
24 County in conjunction with the American Legion Post  
25 106 honoring our soldiers on Veteran's Day, November

1 11th, at 11:00. Honoring the service and sacrifice  
2 for our nation's men and women in uniform, wounded  
3 or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the  
4 freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

5 We urge all citizens to observe this  
6 day of honor and remembrance with appropriate  
7 ceremonies and activities. So resolved and adopted  
8 this 4th day of September of 2014. That's kind of  
9 outdated, but we did -- I sure appreciate it. I  
10 know I speak for not only the Board of  
11 Commissioners, but everyone in this county. We  
12 really do appreciate it.

13 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Commissioner  
14 Larry Hester is here and he's a man of many hats.  
15 He is representing the Purple Heart Society tonight  
16 and I would like if he would announce to the  
17 Commissioners and the crowd a little bit about what  
18 this award means to not only the State of Georgia,  
19 but to our veterans.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Do I need to present it to  
21 him?

22 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Ray Moore, he's  
23 receiving this for Post 106.

24 MR. RUMLEY: We appreciate you.

25 MR. HESTER: What I wanted to say, the

1 reason Bill asked me to come over here, you know,  
2 the Purple Heart is the oldest medal, as the General  
3 knows. See, you didn't think I knew you. His son  
4 was one of the reasons that every time I come to  
5 Dade County, I'm proud of your county. That square  
6 down there is full of patriots. The streets are  
7 lined and I'm honored to be here tonight to tell you  
8 that I live in Walker County and we've got --  
9 Rossville is doing this Monday night and Fort  
10 Oglethorpe has done it. But the county has not done  
11 it. I'll get on her for that.

12                   But I am honored to come to Dade  
13 County. You've got more patriotism in this county  
14 than anyplace I've seen and I have brought your dead  
15 home and graciously your living. I'm sorry. He  
16 wouldn't have made it in Vietnam. All these -- all  
17 these men right here is why I'm here. That's all  
18 I've got to say. It just tears me up. Thank you so  
19 much.

20                   MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Well, we'll proceed  
21 with the meeting. This is the regularly scheduled  
22 meeting of the Dade County Board of Commission which  
23 takes place at the same time on the first Thursday  
24 of every month. Proper notice was given to the  
25 legal organ of Dade County and has been posted in

1 the hallway of the Administration Building.

2 At this time, I do need a roll call.

3 Mr. Smith?

4 MR. SMITH: Here.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

6 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

8 MR. BREEDEN: Here.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

10 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

11 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

12 Okay. Mitchell, do you want to start with your  
13 commissioner report?

14 MR. SMITH: This month the 911 center  
15 dispatched 1,968 calls. Of those calls, 276 were  
16 EMS, 203 fire and rescue, 27 forestry and public  
17 works and 1,462 law enforcement calls. Other than  
18 that, everything is fairly quiet. That's what I  
19 have.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Scottie?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Oh, we had another  
22 meeting with the rec league folks. It was on  
23 October 29th. We actually had to push it back a  
24 week from the scheduled date. I had a conflict. I  
25 was out of town. But we're getting really close to

1 coming up with an agreement, a contract agreement  
2 that we can send out to the tournament directors,  
3 send out to the different ball parks, maybe get some  
4 interest piquing in Dade County.

5           Holly Ellison or Holly Moore has worked  
6 a lot on this. Stacy has put a lot of time and  
7 research on making it a contract that is competitive  
8 with the other ball fields in the area. So  
9 hopefully, we'll get some tournaments in next year  
10 and bring some folks into the county.

11           Now, we do have another meeting  
12 scheduled for November 17th. It's the same day as  
13 our public hearing. It's on a Monday at 5:00. It  
14 will be at about the same time. If you're  
15 interested, anybody is invited. We normally meet in  
16 the small meeting room in the commission office. So  
17 anybody that's interested, you're more than welcome  
18 to come out.

19           MR. RUMLEY: If we have a crowd, we can  
20 move it out here. The first meeting was here.  
21 Okay. Rick?

22           MR. BREEDEN: First, I need to mention  
23 about the hospital across the mountain over here  
24 that we're a part -- somewhat a part of still.  
25 They're going to be having a community meeting here

1 on Tuesday, November 18th, to discuss the hospital  
2 and I don't know whether Roger has -- Robin, I mean,  
3 Robin. Do you have anything more that you can add  
4 to that meeting?

5 MR. ROGERS: Yeah. I think it's an  
6 informational session really to let the public know  
7 just how critical things are at the hospital and  
8 allow them to have a voice in that process.

9 MR. BREEDEN: And this is being ordered  
10 by a federal judge for these community meetings to  
11 take place. And it's to determine some action  
12 that's being taken place in the courts on the  
13 hospital. So a great turnout from the public would  
14 go a long, long ways on --

15 MR. RUMLEY: Influencing the judge?

16 MR. BREEDEN: Right. On what's going  
17 to be determined on the hospital. So I urge  
18 everybody to come out for that meeting on  
19 November 18th here. Do you have a time?

20 MR. EVAN STONE: November 18th. I  
21 think it's at 7:00.

22 MR. BREEDEN: Okay. We made it through  
23 Halloween safely in Rising Fawn. I'm thankful for  
24 that. We don't have the hay burning across the road  
25 no more, you know. I want to thank everyone that

1 turned out and voted and I want to urge everyone to  
2 please do it one more time, get out and vote  
3 December 2nd. That will be the first Tuesday of  
4 December for that run-off election. Just be sure  
5 and turn out. It's very important for everybody to  
6 vote, you know. I know it will be difficult. There  
7 will be other things on people's minds, but it's  
8 important and I think everyone needs to be  
9 encouraged. And everyone here, if you would  
10 encourage everyone you know to do it and then  
11 likewise, maybe it will spread enough, we'll have a  
12 good turnout. That's about it for me.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Allan?

14 MR. BRADFORD: Well, everything is  
15 going really good on the road department. Billy is  
16 keeping everything up, except for the road where the  
17 helicopter has been getting the bushes. I don't  
18 know if you've seen that or not, but it is amazing  
19 to me. It's on 136 at Sunset. This one man can  
20 operate more than a hundred people probably could  
21 cut in a week. It's flat amazing. If you haven't  
22 seen it on Lookout Mountain coming across, it's  
23 amazing. And that helicopter pilot has got to be  
24 something really good because I was in a helicopter  
25 in Vietnam, so I know what he's going through to try

1 to make those operate.

2           But anyway, everything is going pretty  
3 good. We are going to have to do some changes at  
4 the transfer station. We're going to have to start  
5 charging commercially for brush. We're having to  
6 pay men six to eight hours a week to pile the brush  
7 up to burn it and it's beginning to be very  
8 expensive with fuel. There's probably going to be a  
9 \$22 charge per ton for brush going across the  
10 scales. We're going to start that probably  
11 December 1st.

12           If you have any questions or anything  
13 you want to ask, just give me a call, (423)  
14 413-0245. We hate to do this, but I called other  
15 counties and they charge anywhere from 26 to \$35  
16 depending on which county you're in. That's what  
17 they charge per ton.

18           But commercial people bring in so much  
19 brush and we're having to pay a man and use that  
20 much fuel every week. We're going to have to do  
21 something. So that's one of the things we are  
22 changing. Like I say, it will probably go in effect  
23 December 1st. If anyone has any questions, you're  
24 more than welcome to give me a call. If you get a  
25 chance to watch the helicopter, it's really neat.

1 They've got a 50-foot pole and I can't get over  
2 that.

3 MR. RUMLEY: For the people that don't  
4 know, they're cutting the gas right-of-way, the  
5 Atlantic Gas right-of-way and it hasn't been cut in  
6 many years.

7 MR. BRADFORD: In years. It's unreal  
8 how quick they can cut it.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Allan.  
10 It's been a pretty busy month. We've  
11 been working real closely with the IDA. As I said,  
12 last month we had some prospects come in that really  
13 looked good. We do have this month also. We've got  
14 another group coming back that's been here. This  
15 will be, again, their third time. Hopefully, out of  
16 all this maybe one day we'll be able to come in here  
17 and say we've got it nailed down. We've got some  
18 really good people looking at this property down  
19 here.

20 I also wanted to mention, too, Mitchell  
21 said something a while ago about 40 years. We  
22 had -- October 16th we were married 40 years,  
23 Diane and I. We had an anniversary. That was kind  
24 of a milestone there.

25 We had actually a meeting -- not a

1 meeting, but actually a ribbon cutting out at Brow  
2 Wood, which for those of you that don't know or have  
3 not heard about this group out there, they're  
4 building an assisted living community there on  
5 Lookout Mountain. It's just south of Covenant  
6 College there in Dade County. It's going to be  
7 actually a really -- I've seen some of the prints  
8 that was presented to the State. It's going to be  
9 nice. It's going to be kind of a little community.  
10 They have a little village and it will be, of  
11 course, catered to the elderly people, you know.  
12 Not just people that need direct nursing or  
13 doctoring, but it will actually have housing there,  
14 you know, for people that just want to live on the  
15 mountain and retire. So it's going to be an asset  
16 to the county. No doubt.

17           The tourism team, they did come back  
18 and give us a report. The library had a really good  
19 turnout for that. They left us these booklets here  
20 and a lot of recommendations. They visited a lot of  
21 the places in Dade County, the businesses, our  
22 attractions and hang glider park, R-Haven. It was  
23 really interesting. They went down to Southeastern  
24 Lineman College, visited it. They came back with  
25 just a lot of different recommendations.

1           You know, if you're by the office  
2 through the week or whatever, stop by. I've got a  
3 couple of these, I think. It's pretty interesting  
4 to look through and read what they came up with for  
5 Dade County. It was really good. It didn't cost us  
6 anything. Of course, the State -- I said it didn't  
7 cost us. Our tax money paid the people. We were  
8 paying their salary, but they spent a lot of time on  
9 this. We appreciate them coming out.

10           We did have the trick-or-treat on the  
11 square, trick-or-treat alley. That was -- the  
12 Chamber sponsored that. I know they'll probably  
13 talk about it when they come up. It was really a  
14 good evening. The weather was good. There was  
15 really a good turnout, a lot of fellowship, lot of  
16 children, but there was a lot of adults there, too.  
17 It was a special time there for people just to --  
18 people that didn't know each other just to talk. It  
19 was a good day.

20           The -- also, I meant to ask -- Cindy  
21 are you here, the sheriff's wife?

22           MR. PITTMAN: She was earlier. She's  
23 gone.

24           MR. RUMLEY: We've got -- I wanted to  
25 talk about the -- there's evidently going to be a

1 parade Saturday. Evan or Eddie?

2 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: I'm actually the  
3 one overseeing that.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I was hoping you  
5 would be here or someone. Stand up and tell us a  
6 little bit about it, maybe when it's going to be.

7 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: It's for  
8 Veteran's Day. It's Saturday, the 8th. We're going  
9 to line up at 10:00 at Moore's Funeral Home. It's  
10 going to start -- it's going to start at 11:00 and  
11 go down toward North Industrial Boulevard. We're  
12 going to have hot dogs and refreshments at Jenkins  
13 Park. We're still working on a few things. Of  
14 course, the band is going to perform there as well  
15 as in the parade from the middle school and the high  
16 school. And we've got JROTC and some other stuff.  
17 We're still looking for some people to play some  
18 music. If y'all know anybody, let me know. I'm  
19 here.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Can anyone participate in  
21 the parade, like if you've got an antique car,  
22 horses or whatever?

23 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Yeah. I'm not  
24 saying anybody can't be in it. Everyone who wants  
25 to participate who wants to show honor to the

1 veterans, they can do so. There's a write-up in the  
2 newspaper that's got my name and number on it or if  
3 anybody needs that number or whatever. Also,  
4 we're -- I kind of took this on late, so I'm having  
5 issues with getting supplies and everything, but  
6 just like drinks and chips and stuff like that.  
7 We're pretty much all set with everything else right  
8 now.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you a lot.  
10 Does any commissioner have anything you want to add?

11 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. I do need to say  
12 happy birthday to my daughter Megan. She turns 16  
13 today. She may be out in TV land watching us.  
14 She's really the only daughter I've got that's been  
15 interested in coming to these meetings. So happy  
16 birthday to her.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Also, the offices, all  
18 government offices will be closed on Veteran's Day,  
19 which will be Tuesday. I think all -- not just  
20 county, but all state, everyone, all government  
21 offices are.

22 Let's move down to our appearances.  
23 Ms. Marshanna Sharp, she's our manager of the Dade  
24 County Public Library. Marshanna, do you want to  
25 come up and give us a report?

1 MS. SHARP: Okay. We were busy in  
2 October also. We, of course, did the Halloween  
3 on -- the trick-or-treat on the square and the  
4 tourism meeting and different things. Tuesday night  
5 on Veteran's Day, we didn't want it to end up being  
6 that night, but it worked out it was. We're doing  
7 our McLibrary night at McDonald's and from 4:00 to  
8 7:30, we get a percentage of everything that's sold.  
9 So everybody go eat at McDonald's. Take a veteran  
10 to McDonald's that night. We usually raise around  
11 \$1,300, so it's a huge fundraiser for us. So it's  
12 from 4:00 to 7:30 on Tuesday night.

13 MR. RUMLEY: So everything you buy, if  
14 you buy your family whatever, they will give what  
15 percent?

16 MS. SHARP: I think it's 25 percent.  
17 We usually -- we always get over \$1,000 that way and  
18 then we usually get about 3 or \$400 in tips. We  
19 clean tables and stuff. We buy children's money  
20 [sic] with the tips, but then, of course, the  
21 regular money goes towards operations because, you  
22 know, we're in the hole.

23 The 18th, Georgia author of the year,  
24 Raymond Adkins is coming. Some of y'all may know  
25 him. He's from Valley Head. And he did get

1 Georgia's author of the year and a lot of his  
2 books -- we have all of his books at the library if  
3 you want to come check them out before he comes.  
4 But you'll notice people in his books. You'll kind  
5 of notice who they are. He changed the names, but  
6 you'll get to reading and you'll be like I know who  
7 that he is. He will be at the library at 7:00 on  
8 the 18th.

9 MR. RUMLEY: What's his name?

10 MS. SHARP: Raymond Adkins.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah.

12 MS. SHARP: He's from Valley Head.

13 Because of the holidays and the way they fall, we  
14 always get Thanksgiving and the day after. That  
15 leaves the library open one day that week, so we've  
16 decided to open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of  
17 that week, so we will be closed Thursday and Friday.  
18 So we will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, an  
19 extra day.

20 I do have the statistics. We did have  
21 our board meeting. Of course, we are closed --  
22 we're open less hours than we were in 2014, but  
23 we're still circulating the same amount per hour, 35  
24 items an hour. So it's still the same as it was  
25 last year, so that hasn't gone down. We are closed

1 less hours, so some of the things have gone down  
2 some.

3 I'm real excited about we did receive a  
4 grant. It's a federal grant and it's going to give  
5 an opportunity to -- we're looking for -- we're  
6 going to teach the family. We're going to hire a  
7 teacher for 12 weeks one day a week. It's -- I gave  
8 y'all the brochures and what we're going to do is  
9 they're wanting us to work with the families,  
10 children three to five years old and teach the  
11 family how to teach their children and prepare their  
12 children for school. And one huge thing that we've  
13 always found is they don't have transportation.  
14 This grant will pay for transportation. It's going  
15 to be huge. They're going to give us books. We get  
16 to order like \$1,500 in books, so it's a huge grant.  
17 We're real excited about it. We can help 15 each  
18 set and it will be six weeks, so over thirty  
19 families we're able to help. So we're excited about  
20 it. And that will start in January. Do y'all have  
21 any questions?

22 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Good report.  
23 We appreciate it.

24 Okay. We'll move down to 3B. We do  
25 have a young man here from our 4H tonight. He's

1 going to give a report. Tell us all who you are and  
2 a little bit about what's going on with 4H.

3           SAM KIMBALL: Hello. My name is Sam  
4 Kimball. I'm in the sixth grade at the Dade Middle  
5 School. Brett Dyer, Jacob Gass, Carol Ann Cash and  
6 Gracy Hunter represented Dade County at the Georgia  
7 National Fair Livestock Show in Perry, Georgia on  
8 October 2nd through October 5th. Brett Tucker won  
9 the title of grand champion Angus. 4H club meetings  
10 were held during the second week of the month.

11           At the October 18th Rivers Alive  
12 event, Dade County 4H teamed up with the Lafayette  
13 Marine Biology Club and Limestone Valley RC&D to  
14 clean up 270 pounds of trash from the banks of  
15 Lookout Creek.

16           Cody Doyle, Casey Howard, Jodi Daffron  
17 and Woody Walden attended senior 4H retreat at  
18 Jekyll Island on November 1st through November 2nd.  
19 Thank you to everyone who helped make our fall  
20 flower bulb fundraiser a success by ordering flower  
21 bulbs from a 4Her.

22           Here are upcoming events: There will  
23 be a junior conference at Rock Eagle on November 8th  
24 through November 9th. Then there will be a rain  
25 barrel workshop on November 21st. Katie judged

1 youth agricultural posters at the Youth Ag Expo in  
2 Dalton on October 21st. Katie has been named  
3 chairperson for the Gainesville High School Family  
4 and Consumer Service Advisory Committee.

5 Today Katie is at an NRCS meeting in  
6 Ringgold. Mr. Rich has carried 4Hers to the Cotton  
7 Bowl and Consumer Jamboree in Cartersville. Thank  
8 you for -- thank you for allowing me the opportunity  
9 to come and speak to you on behalf of the 4H Club.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Very good job. Proud of  
11 you. Any questions?

12 MR. SMITH: Do you know the distance  
13 that they cleaned on the creek? Do you know the  
14 distance they cleaned on the creek?

15 SAM KIMBALL: All I know is they just  
16 cleaned up 270 pounds of trash.

17 MR. SMITH: Okay. Do you know how far  
18 they went, however many feet or whatever?

19 SAM KIMBALL: Probably under a quarter  
20 of a mile or something like that.

21 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Move down to  
22 3C. Do we have representatives from Dade Chamber to  
23 come up and talk? I believe we do. Tell us who you  
24 are and your position with the Chamber.

25 MS. JODI CROWDER: I'm Jodi Crowder and

1 I'm administrative assistant at the Chamber. For  
2 the month of October, the Chamber recruited three  
3 new businesses. As Ted already mentioned, the  
4 tourism team returned and they gave their  
5 presentation, but what we did, we -- they gave us a  
6 thumb drive and we linked it to our website. So if  
7 anyone wants the information, they go on the Dade  
8 County Chamber of Commerce website under tourism and  
9 you can get the link.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Will it pull the --

11 MS. JODI CROWDER: It will pull the  
12 whole presentation.

13 MR. RUMLEY: That's good.

14 MS. JODI CROWDER: The Chamber attended  
15 Georgia on my Mind at the Ringgold Visitor's Center.  
16 We attended Historic High Country in Cartersville,  
17 Georgia. Like you said, trick-or-treat alley was a  
18 huge success. Estimated over 1,000 people came  
19 through. TVN had their jumbotron set up so  
20 everybody could watch the Alabama/Tennessee game.  
21 And then pumpkins, the kids could take pumpkins home  
22 with them after they trick or treated.

23 The Christmas parade will be  
24 December 13th at 6:00 p.m. The theme this year is  
25 Christmas Story. And Christmas in the Park will

1 follow that.

2           The next Chamber luncheon will be  
3 November 21st at the Post Cafe. The speaker will  
4 be Drayton Holmes from the TriState Food Pantry. I  
5 think it's a great time of year for him to come and  
6 talk about how much -- he's from the TriState Food  
7 Pantry. I think he told me there was like 42  
8 families that they feed.

9           MR. RUMLEY: Drayton is interesting to  
10 hear him talk. He's got all the actual numbers.  
11 It's amazing how many people they feed up there.

12           MS. JODI CROWDER: Yes. It's at noon  
13 at the Post Cafe on November 21st and everybody is  
14 invited to attend.

15           And then last month, the luncheon was  
16 at Depot Diner and Seth Houts from Bank of Dade was  
17 the speaker. He spoke on credit and debit card  
18 theft. And there's a link on our website that you  
19 can go and see and get the information and stuff  
20 from the website and that's it.

21           MR. RUMLEY: Any questions?

22           MR. BREEDEN: I would encourage  
23 everybody to go to y'all's website. If you haven't  
24 looked at the Chamber's website, it's very  
25 impressive. But, Seth, that deal on that credit

1 card thing is very interesting. I had no idea -- I  
2 thought it was an attachment on the outside of the  
3 pump that they got your information from, but watch  
4 that video. I won't spoil the video. You need to  
5 go watch the video and see how they're getting this  
6 information. It will absolutely stun you what goes  
7 on. And all I can say is when you pull up to get  
8 gas somewhere that you're not familiar with, pull up  
9 in front of the window where whoever is inside can  
10 see the pump. That's your safest pump to get gas at  
11 when you're out of town.

12 I know my in-laws went to Florida and  
13 there was a particular gas station on their way to  
14 Florida where this was going on and they -- two or  
15 three of the family members got hit at this gas  
16 station. But they do it in such a way you will  
17 never know they're doing it. But that video is very  
18 informative and you done a good job on that.

19 MR. SETH HOUTS: The Power Point is  
20 also on there as well. It's just tips and stuff on  
21 what to do and what not to do.

22 MR. BREEDEN: I encourage everybody to  
23 look at that video on your website. It's very  
24 informative.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Do we have

1 anyone here tonight from the City of Trenton or the  
2 IDA that would like to come up and talk?

3 Okay. Don, we'll move down to 4A. You  
4 can give us our monthly financial report.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: As of October 31st,  
6 2014, the general fund had a balance of \$698,766.  
7 Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288. Sheriff's  
8 Special fund, \$19,144. Drug Abuse Education Fund,  
9 \$77,317. Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund,  
10 \$23,571. Victim Assistance Fund, \$1,849. Jail  
11 Fund, \$39,947. Federal Asset Fund, Department of  
12 Justice, \$742. Employee flexible spending account,  
13 \$43,173. Payroll account, \$206,097. Construction  
14 account, \$149. Projects account, \$46,579. Proceeds  
15 account, \$507,941. Those were -- those last three  
16 are 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T funds.

17 And then under Series 2013 B, the IDA  
18 Construction Series B Bond has \$206,261. And IDA  
19 Debt Services Series A is zero and Debt Services  
20 Series B is zero. The next page over you see for  
21 the month of September 30th, we had collected  
22 \$450,245 in revenue and budgeted 342,892 for the  
23 month. So that was a collection in excess of  
24 \$106,352 of what was budgeted.

25 Year-to-date we've collected \$1,109,530

1 and budgeted was \$1,028,042. So, again, an excess  
2 of \$81,487. Actual expenses for September was  
3 \$752,334. Budgeted was \$834,760. So that was under  
4 budget \$82,425. And then year-to-date was  
5 \$2,165,737. Budgeted -- I'm sorry. Actual expense  
6 and then budgeted we had \$2,313,059. So  
7 year-to-date, we're under \$147,322.

8                   So budget attained should be at  
9 25 percent being through September 30th. And the  
10 revenues attained so far for the year is  
11 12.54 percent. Expenses attained is right at  
12 24.94 percent. So that is actually good news.  
13 That's the first time in a long time we've been in  
14 excess on revenues and under budget on expenses for  
15 both of those.

16                   This extra report is the one I had.  
17 I've had a problem the last couple of months with  
18 getting the budget information in there, but we've  
19 got it fixed now. This is the project variance  
20 report showing all the revenues for each actual  
21 general ledger account. So for the actual month of  
22 September, as well as year-to-date figures for  
23 revenues and expenses. And then if you look at each  
24 of those, the bottom line, they agreed to the penny  
25 on the report that I just presented.

1           Local option sales tax for the month of  
2 October was \$150,333.06. S.P.L.O.S.T, special  
3 purpose local option sales tax revenue was \$187,915.  
4 It's not the lowest it's ever been, but it's not the  
5 highest. It's right there in the middle. We would  
6 like for that to be right at about 190. So it's a  
7 little bit under for the month.

8           The next couple of reports are the same  
9 information, just different formats. S.P.L.O.S.T,  
10 different collection periods. Then the final report  
11 on the back is the report from the tax commissioner.  
12 She is -- Jane Moreland has been collecting more.  
13 Tax bills went out a little early in September, so  
14 she did collect revenues in the amount of  
15 \$290,693.78, which is only 6.6 percent of her budget  
16 for the year. But that will drastically pick up  
17 next month.

18           And on a side note, I'm in the Optimist  
19 Club and I have plenty of tickets for sale. I don't  
20 normally do that, but if you would like to buy one  
21 for \$1 to help the Optimist Club, come on up after  
22 the meeting. It's for children's day, all kinds of  
23 things, Lost Sea Adventure, Ruby Falls, Creative  
24 Discovery Museum, Lookout Mountain Hang-gliders,  
25 Chattanooga Ducks, but we're not advertising for

1 them. We're just telling you they made donations to  
2 the Optimist Club. Thank you.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions for  
4 Don? Okay. Okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion  
5 to approve our financial report as submitted by Don  
6 Townsend. Do I hear a motion?

7 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

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

9 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

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

11 Mr. Smith?

12 MR. SMITH: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

14 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

16 MR. BREEDEN: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

18 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

20 Robin, do you have anything you need to go over with  
21 us tonight legally?

22 MR. ROGERS: Other than those matters  
23 that we've already discussed in the work session, I  
24 have nothing new to report.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. The reading of the

1 minutes of last month's regular meeting and any  
2 special-called meeting will not be required since  
3 all commissioners have been furnished copies in  
4 advance. The minutes are public record and  
5 available for review in the County Commission  
6 office. The minutes are included in our consent  
7 agenda and will be considered for approval under new  
8 business.

9 Don, if you'll go over our consent  
10 agenda, I'll entertain a motion to approve.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: Approval of the agenda  
12 as presented. Approval of previous meeting minutes.  
13 The approval of resignation letter by Dr. David  
14 Paris from the Board of Assessors, acceptance of  
15 that letter. Approval of Resolution R-51-14, which  
16 is fiscal year 2014 general special funds and law  
17 library budget amendments. Resolution R-53-14,  
18 disposal of surplus county property. Resolution  
19 R-54-14, 2015 Dade County Title VI Plan for transit  
20 operations.

21 Resolution R-56-14, 2015 Northwest  
22 Georgia Regional Commission and Agency on Aging,  
23 Meals on Wheels agreement as presented. Resolution  
24 R-57-14, requests for proposal of personal business  
25 I'm sorry -- business personal property audit

1 services. Resolution R-58-14, 2015 Transit Alliance  
2 Group, Incorporated, agreement with Dade Transit.  
3 Resolution R-59-14, intergovernmental agreement with  
4 the City of Trenton regarding bond validation. I  
5 believe that is it. So we know, we have a  
6 special-called hearing, but I don't know that we  
7 need to vote on that.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions? Any  
9 comments or corrections? Okay. If not, I will  
10 entertain a motion to approve our consent agenda.

11 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

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

13 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

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

15 Mr. Smith?

16 MR. SMITH: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

18 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Breeden?

20 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

22 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. All  
24 right. Move down to the citizens' participation.  
25 Does anyone want to come up and talk to us? You're

1 welcome to come up to the mic. Anyone who wants to  
2 be first? Okay. Tom Black.

3 MR. BLACK: I'll wear two hats again  
4 tonight. I'm Tom Black and one of them is going to  
5 be for the veteran's service officer for the Legion  
6 Post. And I want to tell you that the veteran's  
7 representative for Dade County will not be back  
8 until the fourth week of January due to the way the  
9 holidays fall. So if you have a problem, get in  
10 touch with me and/or you can go to the office in  
11 Lafayette on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.  
12 And usually at Friday, he's closed at 12:00. So if  
13 you have anything there.

14 The other is for the Mental Health  
15 Board. What a difference a month makes. If you  
16 remember last month, I told you that the big push  
17 was for central planning and local control. I  
18 attended the state leadership council meeting in  
19 Macon this past week. Somewhere local control got  
20 lost. It looks like we're going to get more and  
21 more from 2 Peachtree. They're setting up five  
22 different total areas that one person is supposed to  
23 be in charge of. And I think a consensus is that  
24 there's change in the wind, but nobody knows what  
25 the change is because we can't get any answers.

1           As far as what's going to happen to our  
2 local region, our region is going to become a field  
3 office and there's nobody going to be in charge of  
4 that field office. There's going to be staff there,  
5 but apparently the staff is -- the head of that  
6 office will be at 2 Peachtree, whoever that is.  
7 Nobody knows at this point in time. So there's a  
8 lot of transition going on in the mental health and  
9 disabilities and addictive diseases. We kind of  
10 stand around and look at one another and try to get  
11 answers.

12           We're trying to get an audience with  
13 Dr. Frank Berry who is in charge of DBHD. And just  
14 to make a long story short, he's not being very  
15 receptive to meeting with anyone. So we don't know  
16 what's happening. It changes month to month.

17           What concerned me was whenever they  
18 dropped the local issue or local control out of it.  
19 That pretty well takes us out and it's -- it's going  
20 to be a problem. But I will keep you updated as I'm  
21 updated because y'all guys know about as much of  
22 what's going on now as I do and I go to the  
23 meetings.

24           MR. PITTMAN: Tom, you got elected to  
25 like a position, a president of the board or --

1 MR. BLACK: I'm the -- well, I'm two  
2 things for the region board. I am the co-chair --  
3 vice chairman and for the state leadership council,  
4 which is actually the one step above, I am the  
5 secretary.

6 MR. PITTMAN: And you still have  
7 trouble getting answers from --

8 MR. BLACK: We still have trouble  
9 getting answers. We have -- all the people that  
10 come to us to report to us are all losing their  
11 jobs. I mean, that's just it. And they're saying  
12 they don't know what's going on. So as a result we  
13 don't know what's going and we're having to work  
14 into the future for 2016.

15 MR. PITTMAN: Are you seeing any  
16 increase or decrease in participation? I mean,  
17 because a lot of this -- now you're paying for  
18 yourself, right?

19 MR. BLACK: Yes.

20 MR. PITTMAN: That was one of the line  
21 items we cut out of the budget.

22 MR. BLACK: I'm on my dime.

23 MR. PITTMAN: And I hate to see you go  
24 to these meetings --

25 MR. BLACK: If we don't go, if we don't

1 go, like all the boards, NRCS, if we don't go, we  
2 don't have a voice.

3 MR. PITTMAN: Is there anything we can  
4 do to help you?

5 MR. BLACK: Just whenever -- well, the  
6 good thing about it is the State does it for the  
7 State for Region 1. The board does pay for my  
8 travel. They don't pay for anything else, just  
9 travel. And my day whenever I go to Macon, it  
10 starts at 4:00 in the morning and I get home at 9:00  
11 at night.

12 MR. PITTMAN: Can we call somebody in  
13 Atlanta or write a letter or something and ask them  
14 to be a little more receptive to your questions?

15 MR. BLACK: It would be nice if we just  
16 had -- could get answers because this is a passion.  
17 If you're real interested in what's going on, it's a  
18 passion. It's not the money. We're not doing it  
19 for the money. We're doing it because we care and  
20 the people that's there want to be there because  
21 they have a vested interest. We have several here.

22 I've been able to get Summer some  
23 information. I hope that she was able to go do a  
24 little bit of work with it, but we're doing that.  
25 We do it because we care. We're not doing it for

1 the money or the glory. We're just doing it, but  
2 thank you for asking anyway, Scottie. Thank you.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Tom.

4 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Mr. Black, do  
5 they still have any kind of facilities over at what  
6 used to be Green Leaf, the right side of Green Leaf  
7 like they had a few years back?

8 MR. BLACK: They are opening --  
9 whenever they closed Rome Regional -- whenever they  
10 closed Rome Regional, supposedly we had that money  
11 that they saved closing Rome Regional was supposed  
12 to go into community assets so that we could take  
13 care of people with addictive diseases and mental  
14 health issues and developmental disabilities in the  
15 community. That is one of the major questions that  
16 we've asked and we've never got an answer for.  
17 Where did that money go and why did those services  
18 not follow those people? Those are the questions we  
19 can't get answers for. And that's -- and if we  
20 don't go and keep asking them, 2 Peachtree will  
21 pretty well keep it tied up and we won't know.

22 We are in view to the geological  
23 area -- well, geographical area that we're in,  
24 everything stops at the great wall of Lookout. You  
25 know that as well as I do. A lot of other things do

1 and getting those things over -- getting those  
2 things over here is hard. But we're not the only  
3 county that suffers these. Chattooga County is  
4 basically worse off than we are and Rabun County up  
5 on the other end. It is a problem.

6           If you're in Atlanta or around Atlanta  
7 or Savannah, you can get anything you need, but  
8 being rural the way we are, we're having a lot of  
9 difficulty getting those services we need. They  
10 supposedly have act teams, which is response teams  
11 that is supposed to respond to crises. And what is  
12 happening is that the response time for those act  
13 teams for Dade County, they're supposed to be here  
14 within an hour. Our response time here is six,  
15 seven hours, if at all. And we're having problems  
16 with our medical facilities available to us  
17 basically being in Tennessee due to our location and  
18 those services don't go if we have people who go  
19 utilize the health services available in Tennessee.  
20 So we're not unique, but we are in that standpoint  
21 of being able to get the services we need for the  
22 people that we have.

23           But those questions I'm still asking  
24 and a lot of us are all asking. Where is the money  
25 that was supposed to be saved to provide services in

1 the county that's not happening?

2 MR. BREEDEN: Well, wouldn't a state  
3 representative or even your senator help in this  
4 matter?

5 MR. BLACK: I don't want to step on  
6 anybody's toes, but I'm just going to tell you the  
7 way it is.

8 MS. SUMMER KELLEY: I asked John -- can  
9 I -- I asked John Deffenbaugh specifically about  
10 this and I asked him -- I asked him in the capacity  
11 of, you know, one of the debates because I was  
12 proctoring it, but I really wanted to know for  
13 myself because as Tom said, we are -- our family has  
14 a couple of different interests in some of those  
15 services and stuff and some of the stuff going on in  
16 that area. And he told me when I said can you --  
17 how is it supposed to benefit us if all the stuff is  
18 going to Atlanta and being taken away -- the  
19 controls being taken away from the local board. And  
20 he said, well, it's cheaper, it's all about the  
21 money. And I said, but those boards are all  
22 volunteer and they're not getting any money. So  
23 what difference does it make to you whether or not  
24 they're still meeting and providing the input that  
25 you need to know of how to serve that area and I

1 never did get an answer on it. He said he wasn't  
2 aware. He didn't know and he was going to check  
3 into it and I still haven't heard. So...

4 MR. BLACK: And I'll give you Senator  
5 Mullis' response.

6 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Tell me who the  
7 he is she said. I didn't hear that part.

8 MS. SUMMER KELLEY: Representative John  
9 Deffenbaugh.

10 MR. BLACK: Senator Mullis' response  
11 was this, I feel your pain, but I'm not on that  
12 committee and I really don't know anything about it.

13 UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Oh, my word.

14 MR. BREEDEN: Well, you can find out  
15 some stuff about it.

16 MR. BLACK: Well, that's -- in a few  
17 kind of roundabout words, that's kind of what I told  
18 him. It might not have been that nice. But that is  
19 a problem. Unless some of our local politicians and  
20 legislators, if they don't have a skin in the game,  
21 we are -- we're trying to represent the people who  
22 are least represented because they have no political  
23 power. Most of them don't vote and it's not  
24 economically feasible to take care of some of the  
25 problems we're having.

1                   But whenever we have a problem, albeit  
2 developmental disabilities, addictive drugs or  
3 mental health issues, we're held accountable. But  
4 whenever we're held accountable, there's nothing  
5 that follows to help us. You've heard me say many,  
6 many times that the new mental health hospitals is  
7 the county jail. And we are -- we in this community  
8 are having to take care of mentally-challenged  
9 people.

10                   UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: How are we  
11 doing?

12                   MR. BLACK: Our sheriff, it's not his  
13 fault. It's not law enforcement's fault. They are  
14 not trained to take care of them and we're not  
15 getting the services we need to look after the  
16 people that we've got. So as a result -- go over  
17 there sometime and see somebody in a restraining  
18 chair in the jail. Would you want one of your loved  
19 ones there? I wouldn't. But sometimes that's the  
20 only alternative the sheriff has. I understand  
21 that. It's not -- it's not a desirable outcome. We  
22 trade one institution for another and I'm not sure  
23 the institution that we've got now is any better at  
24 all than what we had. And once again, the expense  
25 has been given to these five gentlemen here.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Which goes right back to  
2 the taxpayer.

3 MR. BLACK: Which goes right back to  
4 the taxpayer. So I'm going to be like Senator  
5 Mullis, I feel your pain, but I'm trying to do  
6 something about it.

7 MR. BREEDEN: Did he say he was trying  
8 to do something about it?

9 MR. BLACK: We just informed him.

10 MR. BREEDEN: Well, we've got the  
11 governor re-elected now, so maybe we can get him to  
12 do something.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you, Tom.  
14 Anyone else? Jamey?

15 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: I just wanted to --  
16 I have a couple of quick questions. You know, a lot  
17 of people are concerned about where we are  
18 financially and with everything we went through over  
19 the summer with the tax increase and everything.  
20 There was some things stated that I want to make  
21 sure gets followed up on. One of those was an audit  
22 on county staffing levels that was going to take  
23 place to see if we are staffed appropriately. Did  
24 that happen?

25 MR. RUMLEY: No, it has not. It

1 probably won't happen until January. We're kind of  
2 in line. It's not something that I can call and  
3 have done unless we want to pay tens of thousands of  
4 dollars. We're in line with a group that does it  
5 for the State. They were supposed to be -- it  
6 really was supposed to happen in October.

7 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: That's what I  
8 thought. So that's not going to happen until  
9 January now?

10 MR. RUMLEY: Probably. Maybe December.  
11 It's just something that they --

12 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Okay. And as Don  
13 mentioned, it's good that we're under budget. Is  
14 that actual under budget? That's money we're saving  
15 or is that just deferred expense, we've just not  
16 spent the money yet?

17 MR. TOWNSEND: It's under budget,  
18 meaning it's money that's collected that --  
19 revenue-wise, it's money that was extra money that  
20 has come in.

21 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Extra sales tax or  
22 we're getting it sooner?

23 MR. TOWNSEND: Not necessarily sales  
24 tax. I think one of the biggest things we had  
25 happen here was the insurance premium tax came in

1 and we had projected --

2 MR. RUMLEY: That's always a big hit  
3 right at the end of the year. You don't know  
4 exactly the date it's going to hit, but that's  
5 always a big revenue.

6 MR. PITTMAN: But also --

7 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Our projection,  
8 that doesn't mean our revenue is going to increase.  
9 It just means you're getting the money sooner, so  
10 it's hitting our books sooner than what we  
11 projected?

12 MR. TOWNSEND: Actually, local option  
13 sales tax is down from what we had projected 47,000,  
14 but there's other line items that have caused it to  
15 increase and some of that -- I'll just have to --

16 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: I'm just curious if  
17 we're saving or if we're just spending it at a  
18 difference rate than we expected to or we're just  
19 getting it quicker?

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Our revenues have been  
21 down -- I mean, revenues have been up and expenses  
22 actually have been down from what was budgeted. So  
23 that's a good thing. Some of it is in employees,  
24 part-time and full-time employees. Of course, we  
25 did furlough. But I mean, that's under --

1 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: But that was  
2 budgeted. That was part of the new budget. The  
3 furloughs were part of the new budget, so we're  
4 under that budget. So we're going to --

5 MR. RUMLEY: But overall spending is  
6 down. I've noticed that on just about every  
7 department.

8 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: So that's good.  
9 Maybe we can put a little money away this year.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: Building repairs are  
11 under budget \$4,461. Jury fees were under because  
12 they reduced -- they didn't have as much jury time  
13 each time. Landfill fees have been down  
14 significantly because we went with a new company.

15 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah. We save \$3 a ton.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: So that's down \$6,155.  
17 Postage and shipping, overtime, payroll taxes. All  
18 the payroll numbers are down. Under budget, I  
19 should say.

20 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Are we going to  
21 capture that money and reallocate it in the budget  
22 to make sure it doesn't get spent?

23 MR. RUMLEY: It would be nice to do  
24 that. We'll tell you at the end of the year because  
25 you never know in the government.

1 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Put it in a pile  
2 over to the side.

3 MR. RUMLEY: This is a lot different  
4 than even running a construction business. You'll  
5 see one day when you run for office.

6 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Is that what I'm  
7 going to find out?

8 MR. RUMLEY: It was an eye-opening  
9 experience for me.

10 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: We'll see. So I  
11 just wanted to talk about the revenue side, too. I  
12 wanted to make sure that -- so are we expecting to  
13 have a down month since we're up this month? It  
14 doesn't sound like we have additional money. It's  
15 just hitting the account sooner.

16 MR. RUMLEY: In December, it's hard to  
17 say. Property taxes are up -- not up, but  
18 collecting, it's coming in.

19 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: On the brush, so  
20 are we charging everybody now?

21 MR. BRADFORD: No, it's commercial.

22 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Just commercial.

23 MR. RUMLEY: People that's making money  
24 on it.

25 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: So if you bring a

1 pickup truck load of brush, you're not going to have  
2 to pay for that?

3 MR. BRADFORD: No. It's just going to  
4 be commercial. They're loading so much in and we're  
5 spending six to eight hours average a week to push  
6 it up and it's very expensive to do that because of  
7 fuel and time. That's primarily commercial coming  
8 in.

9 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Okay. The last  
10 thing I wanted to ask you about were exemptions.  
11 That was the big hot button issue for me. Are we  
12 doing anything? Are we looking into those? Are we  
13 re-evaluating how we're applying those exemptions?

14 MR. RUMLEY: You're talking about like  
15 on your farm? No.

16 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: That's the biggest  
17 one.

18 MR. RUMLEY: We've got a group coming  
19 in. You mentioned audit. We've got a group that  
20 will come in and it will be after the first of the  
21 year, but they're going to go through and make sure  
22 everyone that's got exemptions are truly qualified  
23 to have those exemptions. That's the beginning.

24 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: When are those  
25 people --

1 MR. RUMLEY: We've already found some  
2 that are not any major money. But I mean, we know  
3 probably there's some out there that actually --  
4 whether it's timber, farming or whatever because  
5 there are rules before you can have -- you know,  
6 actually have the exemption.

7 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Right. But locally  
8 as a county, obviously somebody monitors that for  
9 us?

10 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

11 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Is that something  
12 we can get people we're already paying to go back  
13 and start checking on because we're pulling --

14 MR. RUMLEY: They are doing it. They  
15 went back since we even brought it up at our budget  
16 hearings, you know. I say they, that's the  
17 assessors.

18 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Another outside  
19 party coming in to do it as well?

20 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it will be -- it's  
21 actually a group similar to what we're going to use  
22 on this audit. It will cost us \$2,500 probably at  
23 the max. In fact, it may not actually cost us --  
24 we've looked at two different ways of doing it.  
25 You've got groups out there that will come in and do

1 it for like one percent or two percent of what they  
2 find. I don't like that because it's kind of fee  
3 grabbing. Sometimes you've got to really watch  
4 people like that. You want people to be honest.  
5 The more they find, the more they're going to make.  
6 I don't like that. It's not the way it should be  
7 done.

8 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Right. There are  
9 people that deserve the exemptions and not just  
10 because they own ten acres of land.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Exactly. Because  
12 exemptions are not going to just go away. I agree  
13 with you on a lot of things on the exemptions. It's  
14 fair to some people. It's not fair to others.  
15 Exemptions, it's not something we can just turn the  
16 switch on.

17 MR. JAMEY BLEVINS: Well, I understand  
18 that. Like I said, we won't rehash it, but I  
19 believe we're not applying exemptions correctly. I  
20 want to make sure that's an issue that we're  
21 addressing. To make sure if you're getting an  
22 exemption, that you fit the criteria for the way the  
23 exemption is intended, not just because and that's  
24 how I feel like we are right now. So that's all  
25 I've got, guys.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Anyone else?  
2 I appreciate everybody being here today and staying  
3 with us. The veterans, that was really a special  
4 meeting, special moment. I know it touched all of  
5 us and try to come back. We will have our  
6 special-called meeting, our public meeting. So try  
7 to come to that if you can. If we don't see you  
8 before Thanksgiving, I hope all of you have a good  
9 Thanksgiving, a safe Thanksgiving.

10 Is there anything else any of the  
11 commissioners want to add? Okay. If not, I'll  
12 entertain a motion to adjourn.

13 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we  
14 adjourn.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

16 MR. SMITH: Second.

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

18 Mr. 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.

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MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

Thank you.

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