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DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 4, 2014

1 MR. RUMLEY: All right. We'll go
2 ahead and start the work session. Everyone had time
3 to look at the agenda? Any comments, changes there?
4 Okay. Approve the previous minutes from our last
5 month's meeting. I know you've had a copy of that
6 for awhile. Any changes, comments on that? Leave
7 that as it stands. Move down to Number 3. Not been
8 a lot of changes right there. We still haven't
9 filled the position at the transfer station. We've
10 had several interviews we did the other day. We
11 still have not -- hopefully we can fill that.
12 Several people did apply for it, though. Maybe we
13 can fill that next week, hopefully. Any questions
14 on the departmental report? No. Move down to
15 Number 4, the Board of Assessor's. He did have a
16 resignation of David Paris. And he was filling an
17 unexpired term there until January. So, Mitchell,
18 he's --

19 MR. SMITH: I'm looking.

20 MR. RUMLEY: He's looking. It's from
21 his end of the county. So I think he's got a couple
22 people in mind. So maybe we can make that
23 appointment at our next meeting. It's kind of a
24 hard board to find someone to serve on. On B on 4,
25 Industrial Development Authority. Mr. Barry Page.

1 He did resign. We got the letter from him, didn't
2 we, Don?

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: The letter?

5 MR. TOWNSEND: Oh, no. Not on Barry
6 yet.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Not on Barry.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: I don't have a letter.

9 MR. RUMLEY: It's expired anyway. So
10 we don't really need the letter.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: Right.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Because he was filling
13 the unexpired term. But we have been looking around
14 at IDA and we do have one person. It's George
15 Nelson. He's volunteered to serve on the authority.
16 If you feel -- he actually owns the Lineman's School
17 down here. Robin, is that a five-year appointment?

18 MR. ROGERS: Six year.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Six year. Okay. Six
20 year. Of course, he can resign when he really wants
21 to, just like Barry. Barry, when he got on there,
22 it was more than he thought. He was having to spend
23 a lot more time. Of course, he's got a job too. I
24 mean, he's a banker so he couldn't -- it takes a lot
25 of time to do it. You got any other ideas? I've

1 talked to several people. It's just hard to find
2 someone that don't work that really wants to put the
3 time, you know, the effort to do it.

4 MR. BRADFORD: I think George is a
5 good person. He works in the county a lot and helps
6 us a lot.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Okay. Let's move
8 down to C, Region 1 Northwest Georgia EMS Council.
9 Right now we have Mr. Dennis Kelly. He's here
10 tonight. And he has been our representative on that
11 and -- Dennis, where you at?

12 MR. PITTMAN: I think he left.

13 MR. RUMLEY: I'm pretty sure he's not
14 missed a meeting since he's been --

15 MR. BRADFORD: Nine meetings, he
16 hasn't missed a one.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, he never missed a
18 one. So he's really been a good board member there
19 on that to represent us. So if everybody's fine
20 with it, we'll just put him back on there. That's
21 another board that's hard to find someone to serve,
22 because they meet down in, I don't know, Macon, I
23 think it is.

24 MR. PITTMAN: Right.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Pretty good travel.

1 Number 5, Approval of SPLOST/Capital Equipment. We
2 have our parks rep here tonight. You want to come
3 up?

4 MR. PITTMAN: Well, you want to do
5 Paula first?

6 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah. Hey, that's
7 right. Hang on. We need to get Paula in. She's
8 got an issue there. You want to come on up, Paula?
9 We'll move that up there.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: We need to do the
11 financial report.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Do what now?

13 MR. TOWNSEND: We can do the
14 financial report too.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: Financial report so I
17 can get to --

18 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. We really need to
19 do it in the meeting.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. Well --

21 MR. RUMLEY: That's fine. All right.
22 Paula, this is Resolution R-14, Approval of Personal
23 Property Audit Service vendor. This is something
24 the State has come down and actually informed us --
25 or informed you and your board that we have to do.

1 MS. DUVALL: That's right.

2 MR. RUMLEY: So it was bid out. We
3 did have a bid.

4 MS. DUVALL: It was bid. An RFP was
5 sent out, and we did get four, is my understanding.
6 One was just a letter stating a no-bid.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

8 MS. DUVALL: I did send in a proposal
9 for the bid.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah.

11 MS. DUVALL: I have reviewed them. I
12 think Don was looking them over. I've made some
13 phone calls.

14 MR. RUMLEY: That's on Number 8. You
15 can flip over to Number 8, and you'll see what we're
16 looking at right there. And then \$76,350.

17 MS. DUVALL: The only one I did call
18 on references was the Tax Management, and I just
19 think they're way out of range. So I didn't either
20 bother with that one.

21 MR. RUMLEY: That's within budget,
22 too, right? We budget for that.

23 MS. DUVALL: Tax Management is 126
24 so...

25 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah. We budgeted

1 right at 100.

2 MS. DUVALL: Yes. It was a hundred.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah.

4 MR. RUMLEY: They had three bids.

5 MS. DUVALL: The lowest bid,
6 Municipal Audit. That's the one that I called
7 today. I talked to three different counties because
8 I wasn't familiar with this particular company. The
9 gentleman that owns this, started this. He worked
10 for a larger auditing firm called (Unintelligible)
11 Associates that works all across the country. So
12 he's very experienced. Everyone I talked to today
13 was very -- highly recommended him. Was very
14 pleased with his work. Said he was very
15 professional. Taxpayers worked well with him. And
16 I asked, you know, would they use them again, if
17 they had to do it all over? And they were highly,
18 yes, we would use this company again. Traylor
19 Business Services, now, they've been working a
20 little bit longer than this Municipal Audit. I
21 think he's currently worked in 65 counties within
22 Georgia doing personal property audits. He does
23 come very highly recommended. So both those
24 companies would be perfectly fine. I know with our
25 budget issues and things like that -- both of them

1 come very highly recommended. It may be fiscally
2 more responsible for us to go, you know, with the
3 lower bid. That's almost a \$20,000 difference.
4 Whatever the commission decides. Both of these
5 companies, again, come highly recommended. Again,
6 Mr. Traylor just has a little more experience with
7 working with a few more counties within Georgia.
8 But we are a smaller county. We don't have quite as
9 many accounts as some of your bigger counties would.

10 MR. BREEDEN: Do you know how many
11 Municipal has done, as far as county audits?

12 MS. DUVALL: I don't know if he put
13 exactly how many counties he's done.

14 MR. PITTMAN: I saw it in here. I
15 forgot what it was.

16 MS. DUVALL: He's done over 500
17 property tax audits in Georgia, and he also works in
18 Massachusetts. But he's worked in Cobb County,
19 Whitfield, Forsyth, Walker, Clayton, Baldwin,
20 Carrolton, Bulloch, and Douglas. Now, Mr. Traylor
21 (inaudible) expensive.

22 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah. This guy will be
23 that way if he gets work.

24 MS. DUVALL: Exactly. Yeah.
25 Whatever the commission...

1 MR. BRADFORD: Is that something
2 we're deciding now?

3 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah. We have to --

4 MR. BREEDEN: I say go with that one
5 down there.

6 MR. RUMLEY: The low bid?

7 MR. BREEDEN: If he comes highly
8 recommended.

9 MR. PITTMAN: I've read it and they
10 have basically the same kind of people that all the
11 big companies have.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Everybody fine with
13 them?

14 MS. DUVALL: And, then, the cost does
15 include all expenses. I verified that just to make
16 sure that that does come with it. Travel expenses.
17 Sometimes they'll do some of the office work here in
18 our office, if we use plenty of space for them. Or
19 most of the time they'll do their audits in their
20 office. I believe they do have an office in
21 Georgia. And one of their employees actually worked
22 for The Department or Revenue. The experience is
23 there on both of them. The recommendations are
24 there on both of them.

25 MR. PITTMAN: And they both bid on

1 apples to apples?

2 MS. DUVALL: That's right. We gave
3 them an estimate of 140 accounts, which is 50,000
4 and above in our personal property. And I pulled --
5 I had our (inaudible) pull how many accounts we had.
6 We had to break down into specific categories, like
7 your 50,000 to 2 million, so on and so forth. So I
8 had them send me a report on that. It came up 135
9 accounts at that time. And that was about three or
10 four months ago. I pulled that. So I said 140,
11 just in case we may add some accounts in.

12 MR. SMITH: And all of these are
13 based on 140?

14 MS. DUVALL: They're based on 135.

15 MR. SMITH: '35. Okay.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: But they're all the
17 same.

18 MS. DUVALL: It wouldn't be that much
19 of a difference. Because most of your accounts are
20 going to be in that first category, 50,000 to a
21 million, whatever the first category is.

22 MR. BREEDEN: First one's 50 to 250.

23 MS. DUVALL: Okay.

24 MR. BREEDEN: And that second one
25 goes to a million.

1 MS. DUVAL: Okay.

2 MR. BREEDEN: Yeah.

3 MS. DUVAL: And, of course, we've
4 got a lot of (inaudible) companies, you know, things
5 like that. And both of these companies, we'll train
6 our personal property appraisers, that we have in
7 our office, so that hopefully from here on out we
8 can do this in house. You know, her next bill will
9 be to do all the accounts, 4999 and below. It would
10 be fair that all accounts are being audited within a
11 three-year period.

12 MR. PITTMAN: What's the timeline on
13 when they get here --

14 MS. DUVAL: I think with 140
15 accounts, both of them can do it within a year. 12
16 to 15 months, I think is kind of what their goals
17 were with their ideas.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Everyone's in
19 agreement, low bid okay? Good.

20 MR. ROGERS: In agreement with
21 Municipal Audit Professionals, is that right?

22 MR. RUMLEY: Do what now?

23 MR. BREEDEN: That's correct.

24 MR. ROGERS: Okay. The lowest bid.

25 MR. RUMLEY: The lowest bid.

1 Thank you, Paula.

2 MS. DUVALL: Okay.

3 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Let's see.
4 Don, do you want to -- I mean, can we do that,
5 Robin? Let him go ahead and do the financial report
6 because he's got to go.

7 MR. ROGERS: Hold the approval until
8 the regular meeting.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Go ahead and do that,
10 and we can relieve you, release you and whatever.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: So everyone in the
12 audience knows, I'm singing in a concert tonight at
13 Rising Fawn Baptist, so... This happens every year.
14 We have it on the first Thursday and the meeting has
15 to be on Thursday. So I apologize for leaving a
16 little early. I'm going to go ahead and do the
17 financial report. As of November 30th, 2014, the
18 General Fund had a balance of \$212,261. Federal
19 Assets Fund (U.S. Treasury), \$288. Sheriff's
20 Special Fund, \$18,348. Drug Abuse Education Fund,
21 \$79,357. Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund,
22 \$23,572. Victim Assistance Fund, \$2,926. Jail
23 Fund, \$40,757. Federal Assets Fund (Department of
24 Justice), \$742. Employees' Flexible Spending
25 Account, \$39,907. Payroll account, \$195,005.

1 Construction account for SPLOST is still right at
2 \$149. Projects Account is \$213,447. Proceeds
3 Account is \$518,223. And then under IDA/County
4 Construction-Series B Bonds, \$206,277. Next page
5 over is the -- the income statement as of October
6 31st. And as of October 31st, we brought in
7 \$1,475,008. Projected on the budget was \$1,430,331.
8 So we're in excess of \$44,687. Year to date the
9 revenue was \$2,584,539. And that was budgeted at
10 \$2,458,354. So we were in excess of \$126,175. And
11 then also under expenses, actual, \$594,744.
12 Budgeted was \$680,000. We were underbudget \$85,376.
13 And for the year, actual is \$2,777,814. And
14 budgeted was \$993,180. So we were, again,
15 underbudget \$215,366. That's a good thing. We were
16 underbudget on expenses, and we are a little ahead
17 on revenue. So budget attained should be 33.33
18 percent. Revenues attained, 29.21 percent. And
19 expenses attained was 31.41 percent. And over about
20 three or four pages I give you a report on the
21 collections of the Tax Commissioner's Office. And
22 it's current at 16.63 percent. That's through
23 October 31st. Last month and this month should
24 bring in more money these two months than the rest
25 of the year. So it's right on schedule. Local

1 Option Sales Tax for November was \$144,196. Special
2 Purposes Local Option Sales Tax was \$180,245. So
3 was not a banner month, but it was not the lowest
4 month we've ever had. Pretty average. It's a
5 little low. On the low side of average, I would
6 say. And that is the financial report.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone got any questions
8 for Don? I appreciate it, Don.

9 MR. PITTMAN: Don, before Musco comes
10 up, have we got money in the --

11 MR. TOWNSEND: Uh-huh. We do.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Anything you need to add
13 to that with the reports?

14 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah. Musco Outdoor
15 Lighting is here. It's on the agenda. We've been
16 working with them for about --

17 MR. RUMLEY: Stacy, go ahead and come
18 on up here.

19 MR. TOWNSEND: We've been working
20 with them for about three years. Yeah, I mean,
21 Rob's here. He's going to tell you all about it.

22 MR. STAPLES: Rob Staples with Musco
23 Lighting.

24 MR. TOWNSEND: But, anyway, we've
25 been working with them for about three years.

1 They've been way more than patient with us. But he
2 has some information about the lighting and what the
3 proposal status is, and he will explain to the
4 commission. He's been very easy to work with. It's
5 a great lighting. It's LED. He'll explain that.

6 MR. PITTMAN: We have the money.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Yes, it's out of SPLOST.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: And it's also in the
9 old SPLOST and the next SPLOST.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Okay. Go ahead
11 and we'll get y'all. We'll go ahead and finish
12 this, in case there's a question we need to ask him.

13 MR. STAPLES: Okay. What you have
14 here in front of you is we've provided a proposal to
15 install a conduit and bases for the structure light
16 system on the request of Don and Stacy, I believe,
17 jut to fit what those LEDs will be putting out. I
18 did want to take just a minute to -- what
19 accompanies this proposal is based on a contract
20 from the National Joint Purchasing Association,
21 which Musco is a member of. And there's information
22 attached that you'll find about that. Excuse me.
23 National Joint Purchasing Alliance. Simply what
24 that is an association/alliance/organization set up
25 to procure or go through a procurement process on

1 behalf of cities, counties, school systems. I
2 believe Dade County School Board is also a member of
3 this and has purchased off of it. Not Musco
4 lighting, but they've done other things. And so
5 what the NJPA does is put out a RFP or RFQ, you
6 know, with certain standards and all for -- lighting
7 is one of the proponents. They do all types of
8 different things on that. Musco was awarded that
9 bid back in August, and we have a four-year contract
10 with the NJPA. So, again, Dade County or any
11 municipality is eligible to purchase off of that.
12 There's no cost to join. Obviously, when you're a
13 part of that -- I think we pay a small fee annually
14 to be a part of the NJPA. So that is kind of an
15 overview of what is submitted, along with the
16 proposal to do the bases for the lighting system, as
17 well as the conduit in the ground. I do want to
18 tell you a little bit more about the Musco lighting
19 system, but wanted to answer any questions you had
20 about the NJPA.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Pretty much what we want
22 to talk about tonight is what do we get for the
23 money? You know, exactly what we're looking at
24 tonight.

25 MR. STAPLES: What this entails right

1 here?

2 MR. RUMLEY: Right.

3 MR. STAPLES: As you'll see, there's
4 a couple of different options in there. It says,
5 pre-cast concrete bases for soccer fields. Y'all
6 know, you have three soccer fields at the complex.
7 It will take eight poles to light that field. So
8 you'll have two poles on each side of the field and,
9 of course, they would be common poles in between the
10 fields. The way our system is designed, it's a
11 galvanized steel, but that steel pole sits on a
12 concrete base so we don't have any steel to ground.
13 We want to avoid corrosion or any water touching the
14 pole. So with this proposal here is the complete
15 installation of that concrete base, as well as
16 conduit from all the bases for future wiring, to
17 the, I believe, the restrooms and concession areas
18 where the power will be from.

19 MR. SMITH: So it goes all the way to
20 the restrooms?

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It will go to the
22 restroom in the middle. That's where the power
23 supply comes in.

24 MR. SMITH: All right.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And the

1 mechanical.

2 MR. STAPLES: Yeah. So that will be
3 set up. And we do want to put new wire in there
4 because, obviously, we don't want to leave any wire
5 just in them because that would disappear very
6 quickly. So we want to make sure, when that's put
7 in, it's hooked up and everything's covered for
8 that. We would also include -- because one of the
9 things that Stacy is asked about is lighting the
10 additional baseball field at the baseball complex.
11 There are also two initial bases for that field as
12 well. We'll go ahead and put them in place. We'll
13 run conduit for future back to --

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Probably to my
15 shop.

16 MR. STAPLES: We have to tap into the
17 existing system for that.

18 MR. SMITH: Back field?

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Or Field Number 4
20 behind my shop.

21 MR. SMITH: I was just making sure.

22 MR. STAPLES: Now, that is kind of
23 the basis of what is included in this proposal.
24 What that does, is it goes ahead and puts in all
25 your infrastructure in place for once the funding is

1 available, to move forward with lighting these
2 sports lighting poles and sports lighting fixtures,
3 and, of course, the labor to put that in place. I
4 don't have a proposal here in front of me, but I
5 know Stacy has that information as far as what that
6 initial cost is. But that's not something that's
7 being discussed tonight. Obviously, this puts that
8 in place. And, also, you know, avoids having to
9 tear up the ground again once you come back in to
10 put all those poles in place. You can just pull the
11 wire, you can pull strings, those types of things.

12 Just to kind of real quickly give you an
13 overview of Musco Lighting, Musco Lighting, we're
14 based out of Oskaloosa, Iowa. We are a privately
15 owned company started nearly three years ago. And
16 all we do is sports lighting. So you've probably
17 not heard of us because, well, you know, we're not a
18 large company. But we do about 85 percent of the
19 sports lighting market throughout the country. If
20 you watch the Olympics, Super Bowls, and all the
21 Word Series, Musco is part of lighting and is used
22 in those stadiums.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That is what the
24 lighting we have now is is Musco Lighting.

25 MR. STAPLES: Yeah. That's just a

1 very old technology. What we discussed and what
2 we're still working with Stacy and Don is that LED
3 lighting is the next technology for sports lighting.
4 Obviously, with LED what we can do is reduce energy
5 consumption tremendously. And reduce still light.
6 And, of course, there's no light bulbs to change
7 because you have electrical diodes in the system.
8 So we're still working for that because over the
9 next year or two, we're going to continue to see
10 technology change. So I can't sit here today and
11 tell you exactly what the best fit would be maybe
12 even 12 months from now. But the other system that
13 we have is what's called a Light-Structure Green
14 System, which uses an old halo light technology,
15 which is the -- pretty much 99 percent of what goes
16 onto all fields today. I brought a sample of the
17 fixture because one of the things Stacy told me that
18 was an issue with the existing facility with the
19 softball and baseball fields is what we call still
20 lighting, glare. He even says people that live
21 around the park often complain about lights shining
22 in windows and that type things. With the new
23 lighting systems that are available these days are
24 the wing (phonetic) manufacturer utilizes -- this is
25 actually upside down. Flip it over the other way.

1 This fixture here, as you can see, the hood's here.
2 And all the reflectors inside of the fixture put the
3 light on the field where it's designed to go. And
4 so that's one of the first things that we do with
5 our system. A distinct part of our system that
6 makes it unique and really it's untouched in the
7 industry is that our system is designed to last 25
8 years maintenance free. Our system that we provide
9 is completely maintenance free. We are able to
10 monitor the system remotely. We have built-in ways
11 that we can monitor if there's any electrical
12 outages and allows us to dispatch technicians, that
13 we have all over the country, to come in and address
14 any lamp outages, ballasts, capacitors, those types
15 of things that, obviously, became faulty.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And part of that,
17 myself, Ted, or whoever we designate, you can
18 actually take a smart phone cut the field on or cut
19 the field off.

20 MR. SMITH: Okay.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I know Ted had
22 issues before I came here about the lights being
23 left on.

24 MR. SMITH: You don't have to go down
25 there and pull the switches?

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No.

MR. SMITH: Or won't have to.

MR. STAPLES: Right.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Or you'll be able to look at it on a phone and see which fields are lit up and not have to go down.

MR. STAPLES: We monitor all the fields so we know when the lights are on, when the lights are off. So that allows us to also track the hours of usage. Because the way our system is designed, we know that after 5,000 hours of usage, we have to re-lamp our systems, change out all the bulbs. Now, this is the halo technology. LED will be different. But that allows us to maintain the light bulbs. That's another part of the system. Not only do we warranty the system, but we guarantee the light goes on the field for 25 years. So what that means is the standard of play is going to be 30 foot candles on the soccer field. It's going to be 30 foot candles or above for that 25-year period. And we're able to do that, obviously, through 35 years of research and development, and technology and testing, and just a lot of things have gone into our system for that. Just to let you know, you know, we're working with the City of Fort

1 Oglethorpe, not too far from here. We're putting in
2 five new fields at their old field, very similar
3 with what Stacy's dealing with, starting January.
4 We've done a lot of work with Catoosa County,
5 Whitfield County. I work in Georgia, so can't give
6 you a lot of Tennessee examples. But just locally,
7 you know, folks in these areas can attest to this
8 system that we have. That's just kind of a brief
9 overview.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And that's what
11 the high school, they have Musco Lighting on the
12 football field and the baseball.

13 MR. PITTMAN: I know on the baseball,
14 not football.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah, right.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any more
17 questions?

18 MR. BRADFORD: I have a question on
19 the ball field. You said you were going to have a
20 bid on it, the one that's behind the shop?

21 MR. STAPLES: Oh, that's included in
22 this.

23 MR. BRADFORD: Oh, it's included in
24 this. Okay.

25 MR. RUMLEY: It's included in that

1 right there.

2 MR. BRADFORD: Oh, okay. I didn't
3 see that. Okay.

4 MR. RUMLEY: All right. If there's
5 no more questions. Everybody fine with that?

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And another thing
7 Rob and I talked about is the existing poles we
8 have, by using Musco Lighting, because they're Musco
9 poles, we're going to pick up the warranty issues
10 also. So we don't have to replace the poles that
11 are on --

12 MR. STAPLES: We'll also be reducing
13 the number of fixtures out there now. Less
14 fixtures, but providing more light, therefore,
15 energy saving.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And I have the
17 numbers on the energy saving. If you guys would
18 like to look at it, I have the number on it. But
19 like I say, the concrete poles that we have are
20 their poles. So Rob and I and his boss met and said
21 he would pick up the warranty.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Like Don
23 said, it's SPLOST. Go around the table. What do
24 you think about it?

25 MR. SMITH: I have no problems with

1 it. It needs done.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, we're going to
3 have to do it.

4 MR. BRADFORD: It's going to have to
5 be done anyway.

6 MR. PITTMAN: This is the best time
7 to do it, during the off season.

8 MR. SMITH: One question I do have is
9 installation.

10 MR. STAPLES: How long would it take
11 to complete the bases only?

12 MR. SMITH: Well, yeah, the bases.
13 That's all we're discussing right now is this phase.

14 MR. STAPLES: From the time you issue
15 like a notice to proceed, basically the bases
16 typically can be on-site within a couple of weeks.
17 And then installation, barring weather, can
18 typically -- you're probably looking at a couple
19 weeks from that. And, again, that's being generous
20 because we're also putting bases in the ground and,
21 then, of course, trenching for the conduit. There's
22 really not a lot of work involved with that. So I
23 would say about a month from the time of notice to
24 proceed.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Is everybody

1 fine? Appreciate you coming and showing us that and
2 telling us a little about it. Appreciate it.

3 MR. STAPLES: Thank you.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Julie, you want to come
5 up? We have a lady with the GED.

6 MS. DENNIS: My name's Rhonda Dennis.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Don's got your name down
8 wrong on this sheet here. Come on up.

9 MS. DENNIS: I had a really nice
10 Power Point prepared for everyone, but, you know,
11 technology's great when it works. You know how that
12 goes. So we were able to run off a few copies of
13 these. If y'all don't care to look on. Just tell
14 you a little about myself. My name is Rhonda Gore
15 Dennis. I am a graduate of Ider High School, which
16 I consider part of Trenton, just a suburb. Coming
17 to Trenton was coming to town to us when we were
18 growing up. Worked in a sock mill a few years and
19 decided that that wasn't for me and went onto
20 Northeast.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Give her Don's mic
22 there, where you can talk, where we can hear you.

23 MS. DENNIS: Went on to Northeast
24 Community College and ended up teaching for them,
25 actually, GED classes there at Northeast. Went on

1 to Jacksonville State and got my undergrad and on to
2 Alabama for my master's and my Educational
3 Specialist. So I've been in this business since
4 2001. I'm back home, actually. I started out, my
5 very first teaching job was at Dade Middle and I'm
6 back home teaching here again in Trenton. And I
7 love it. I'm kin to most of the people that I have
8 in class, believe it or not.

9 As you probably are aware, most of our
10 students come from a very low socioeconomic
11 background. Some of my students do not have a
12 television at home, telephones, access to get to
13 class. I want to point out how vital that it is
14 that we have transportation provided for these
15 students. I also teach in Chattooga County,
16 Georgia, over in Summerville at night. I live in
17 Summerville. Actually Trion.

18 Just to give you a heads up and I've
19 taught at Jeff State. I've taught at Northeast
20 Alabama Community College and in Summerville, before
21 I came here for adult ed. And I can tell you -- and
22 I'm not saying this to be ugly -- we are not
23 supported well here in Dade County. Jason in
24 Chattooga provides transportation vouchers for the
25 students there. Mine have to just whenever they can

1 get around to them, basically. I have taken them
2 home myself on Sand Mountain several times and do
3 not care to do it. I love these students. You have
4 some of the -- and I'm not just saying this.
5 They're 20 points higher than Chattooga County. 20
6 points higher. They are very impressive. Most of
7 my students here in Dade County are ASE 2. That's
8 college level. Someone has prepared them well, but
9 they fell between the cracks. And we cannot judge
10 them for that.

11 And we're going to do the best we can to
12 help them get into society. They've already been in
13 the Halloween -- what was that called? On the
14 square? Trick or Treat on the Square. We're fixing
15 to be in the parade. Most of my students are on
16 probation. You wouldn't believe it by talking to
17 them because it's, Yes, ma'am, no, ma'am. What can
18 I do for you today? Any time Walker County brings
19 equipment over, guess who's out there helping them
20 unload with no complaints? These students here in
21 Dade County.

22 I cannot say enough about them. To come
23 from such bad home lives. And I'm not going to get
24 emotional. I'll try not to. But I can tell you,
25 you've got some good kids. And we are dropping the

1 ball on them. Most of them can't get to school. We
2 don't even have a reliable way to get them here.
3 That is unheard of in other counties. We don't have
4 a literacy council here to help pay for their GEDs.
5 I'm begging Floyd County for money to pay for their
6 GEDs. Dade County does not offer us anything to
7 help them. There's no literacy council like every
8 other county has. Chattooga County's probably one
9 of the poorest counties I've ever taught in, and
10 they even have that. They pay for the students'
11 GEDs. So far -- and you can be very grateful for
12 GNTC, Georgia Northwestern Technical College. They
13 have paid for every one of Dade County's GEDs. \$160
14 a test. You believe that. It's true. Be very
15 grateful for them. I'm asking for help financially
16 to help these kids get vouchers to get
17 transportation to class that are trying the best
18 they can. I have them walking in the rain to get to
19 class.

20 MR. RUMLEY: What do you mean
21 "vouchers"? Jason, in Chattooga County, you say he
22 issues vouchers.

23 MS. DENNIS: He does not. The
24 literacy council does.

25 MR. RUMLEY: That's what I thought,

1 yeah.

2 MS. DENNIS: He provides a building
3 for them. It is called the Chattooga County
4 Multi-purpose building. It's not called the senior
5 center or just for GED. But on the sign it says
6 Adult Education Program. We are quickly outgrowing
7 this building. We have one very small classroom. I
8 have an upper classman classroom that's really a
9 closet for other students. I have officially about
10 20 students. Two more came in today. I'm going to
11 try and start night classes and give up the
12 Summerville position and take on Trenton as a whole,
13 because I'm just more relaxed here and I love the
14 kids.

15 And just to tell you something else we're
16 doing, the Department of Labor is really pushing us
17 to put in the curriculum Georgia's Best. And that's
18 to teach these kids how to become good workers.
19 What you and I would consider as common sense, it's
20 not so with today's youth going into the workforce.
21 For example, I had a student over in Summerville the
22 other night, he said, Oh, my gosh. I got fired
23 today. Said, Well, what happened? And he said,
24 Because I didn't wear shoes to work. Things that
25 you and I would take for granted as a common sense,

1 it's not so common anymore. Just some of the soft
2 skills that we're pushing on Dade County students
3 are appearance and professional image. I require
4 them to dress professionally at least one day a
5 week. I require them to be on time, attendance and
6 punctuality. Again, all of this is preparing them
7 for the workforce. I require them attitude of
8 respect. Yea, ma'am. No, ma'am. And, actually,
9 they've done that on their own. I've never had to
10 push that. These students are already doing that
11 when they get there. And most of them's on
12 probation. Can you believe that? Yeah. They're
13 trying to better themselves.

14 Social media access. My student exert
15 that so well in Dade County. I see them on Facebook
16 quite often, you know, in between breaks. They
17 never abuse it. And they never post anything ugly
18 because I'm friends with all of them on Facebook.

19 Discipline and character, we're working on
20 that as well. Like I said, they're there on time.
21 We're out in the community. We're in the parades.
22 They're actually building a float themselves. So
23 they're learning teamwork.

24 Productivity and academic performance. We
25 don't even have to worry about Dade County students.

1 Like I said, they are 20 points, on average, higher
2 than other counties I've worked in. Okay. ASE 2 is
3 very impressive. College level. Most of them.

4 Responsibility and organization. We're
5 still working on that one. But that will come.
6 You've got to understand. Some of these folks do
7 not have mommies and daddies. They're not worried
8 about responsibility and organization if they're
9 worried about where their next meal is coming from.

10 And can I say this? Julie West, a
11 relative of mine, is over the kitchen. When my
12 students do not have a meal, they see to it they get
13 something. Apple, orange, some type of a meal. And
14 we are so grateful for the nutrition folks over
15 there. And the transportation. They do what they
16 can do, but sometimes it's not enough. I have
17 students walking to class.

18 Some of the benefits to the State of
19 Georgia as a result of this Georgia Best is upgrade
20 skill level. Provide a better product for current
21 employers. Enhance the state's workforce. In other
22 words, the Department of Labor here in Georgia is
23 saying, these kids are intelligent, but they don't
24 have the work ethic. And that's overall. So our
25 students here in Dade County are going to be

1 prepared, when they get their GED, how to fit into
2 the workforce. How to be productive. You with me?

3 I had pictures for you guys. I'm so sorry
4 that I'm unable to share them with everyone. Every
5 student I have is from Dade County. So we're not
6 going to educate folks from other counties. Like I
7 said, most of them do not have transportation, no
8 telephone in their home. And sometimes the only hot
9 meal they will get is there at the center.

10 And if you'll just flip through and look
11 at the pictures. These are some of our students.
12 We have Maria Silva. She is from Mexico City.
13 Believe it or not, she's English as a second
14 language. She is the only student I am aware of in
15 this state so far which has passed the math part.
16 The test is much harder, and most people cannot pass
17 the math. But we have a student here in Dade County
18 that was able to pass that. And everyone's asking
19 her, how did you do it? She's very intelligent.
20 I'm proud of our Dade County students.

21 Everyone that's went over to Walker County
22 and has taken this test has passed it. You should
23 be very, very proud of them, because that is unheard
24 of. And that's pretty much all I have to say.
25 Please support these students. They're doing the

1 best they can, but sometimes the best is not good
2 enough. We can do better on these transportation
3 vouchers, if possible. GED funding for their tests
4 would be great. We're fixing to start a parade and,
5 we don't have a dime. I'm going to Wal-Mart
6 tomorrow in LaFayette and ask for a donation. They
7 said they're going to help us out. Candy to throw.
8 We'd love it. Anything y'all can do to help us out,
9 I would appreciate it.

10 MR. RUMLEY: The vouchers, getting
11 back to them. What do mean "the voucher"? Are they
12 giving them in other counties? Vouchers for what?
13 I mean, do they have a bus service?

14 MS. DENNIS: For transportation
15 through the Chattooga Transit. In our case, it
16 would be Dade County Transit. Is the transit --
17 maybe I'm naive here. Is it not for the public? Or
18 is it earmarked just for --

19 MR. RUMLEY: One or two of the buses
20 are public. The rest of them are for elderly
21 transportation.

22 MS. DENNIS: Right.

23 MR. RUMLEY: And that's set up and it
24 has to be scheduled. They have to be on the
25 schedule.

1 MS. DENNIS: Right.

2 MR. RUMLEY: It's set up. It's not
3 just something you just call and say, Come get me
4 and take me there.

5 MS. DENNIS: Right.

6 MR. RUMLEY: It's got to be scheduled
7 on their program.

8 MS. DENNIS: How the vouchers work in
9 Chattooga County is the literacy council gives the
10 students, say, five vouchers. That will last for
11 five days. And they can only ride the bus to and
12 from class. See, this is a very rural county. I
13 don't know if you're aware of that. Some of our
14 students live up on Sand Mountain, as far as
15 Wildwood.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, we know.

17 MS. DENNIS: It's not like
18 Summerville or Rome, where they can just walk to
19 class. It's not that simple. And let me tell you
20 something. When you turn your back on education,
21 you're turning your back on society as a whole,
22 because I don't know if you're aware of this, I'm
23 sure you are, poverty is directly related to
24 illiteracy. And I don't mean to bring up UAB. I'm
25 a proud Blazer mom. They just did away with their

1 sports program this week. Football is no longer a
2 part of UAB. It is a very good university, but
3 they're saying it's just for the greater good.
4 We've got to turn back to education, what we're in
5 business to do, and that's educate, and let that
6 other stuff be extracurricular, the way it's
7 supposed to be. And I so appreciate y'all letting
8 me speak.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Any
10 questions?

11 MR. SMITH: How many students? You
12 just kept saying "students."

13 MS. DENNIS: We have close to 20
14 enrolled. 12 regularly there every day. That is
15 some high numbers. When I started there there was
16 one. We had one student. Now we're up to 20. I had
17 two came in today. And it's every week we're adding
18 two or three more.

19 MR. BRADFORD: Where do you meet at?

20 MS. DENNIS: Right now it's at the --
21 I'm assuming -- is it the Dade County Multicultural
22 Building or what do we call that?

23 MR. RUMLEY: You meet at the senior
24 building.

25 MS. DENNIS: Senior building?

1 MR. RUMLEY: Actually, that's what
2 it's designated for. It's what it's supposed to be
3 used for. When Melissa Blevins brought this in --
4 we're actually using it. But, actually, they're
5 actually a priority there. That's their building.
6 It was set aside because that's what the -- Federal
7 money appropriated to be senior citizen building.

8 MS. DENNIS: Is there any way we
9 could look into our own building.

10 MR. RUMLEY: In the future that's
11 what we're going to have to do.

12 MS. DENNIS: This one's growing so
13 fast.

14 MR. RUMLEY: We are going to have to.
15 Because they are and they've got priority. And all
16 they'd have to do is come to me and say, look, and
17 we'd have to. So we've looked at a couple of other
18 places, you know, like this old health building over
19 here that belongs to the school. So places like
20 that. It is probably twice the size of what you got
21 now, or more. It's something to look at. It's
22 something we're going to have to.

23 MS. DENNIS: I would be very
24 grateful. Like I said, I've taught in several,
25 several other areas, and I have never seen a county

1 not devote something to adult ed. This is unheard
2 of. And I'm not trying to, you know, throw off, but
3 we can -- I think we can do better. For the good of
4 the community.

5 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. We've talked
6 about --

7 MS. DENNIS: We don't have one of
8 those here either.

9 MR. PITTMAN: Who is that comprised
10 of?

11 MS. DENNIS: It's usually the
12 library. Or in Chattooga County's case, it is just
13 -- I think it's funded through the Dollar General
14 plan or something.

15 MR. PITTMAN: Is it a board like --

16 MS. DENNIS: It is a board. Yes,
17 they sponsor literacy programs in the communities.
18 They are out there raising money for students to
19 take the GED test, for those vouchers. It's a
20 really great thing to have. And I would think the
21 library would know some more about it. I don't know
22 a lot about literacy councils, but I know every
23 county I've ever worked in has one, and they do
24 devote a lot more -- they focus a lot more on
25 education than what I'm used to.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Any other questions?
2 Thanks for being here tonight.

3 MS. DENNIS: Thank you.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Let's move
5 down here. David, you want to come up? We have
6 David Dunn here. He's our indigent defense
7 attorney. His contract is on review.

8 MR. DUNN: I'm the public defender.

9 MR. RUMLEY: I'm sorry. This is a
10 program that was started several years ago back in
11 -- what was it, David, 2003?

12 MR. DUNN: 2005 is when they started
13 operation.

14 MR. RUMLEY: So, actually, in 2004 is
15 when it was all put together.

16 MR. DUNN: Right.

17 MR. RUMLEY: We have a contract we
18 need to renew with him every year.

19 MR. DUNN: And that's what I'm here
20 for, is just renewal of my annual contract and to
21 answer any questions that y'all may have.

22 As far as the contract, let me talk about
23 that first. What I just passed out to you are some
24 statistics on what we've been doing over the last
25 year, and the last couple of years for comparison.

1 The contract itself, you've already approved the
2 budget, what was incorporated in the contract. The
3 terms of the contract are exactly the same as you
4 have signed over the last ten years. And there
5 aren't any changes or surprises to that. It's
6 simply a contract between this county, the other
7 three counties in the judicial circuit, between the
8 (inaudible) and myself, as circuit public defender,
9 to provide for the manner in which we'll be able to
10 fund the program, provide necessary services.

11 Since we have a couple of new members on
12 the commission that I haven't talked to before, let
13 me just tell you a little bit about what we do. In
14 the Superior Court and Juvenile Court, someone is
15 charged with a crime. And they're indigent, they
16 can't afford to hire an attorney to defend
17 themselves, the U.S. Constitution says the
18 government has an obligation to provide counsel for
19 that person.

20 And there have been issues over the years
21 in terms of how that's done. At one time in the
22 Circuit Court, simply appointed attorneys to do that
23 work. That was a controversial system and was found
24 not to work very well at all. In 2003 they passed
25 legislation creating a statewide public defender

1 agency. And it went into business as of January 1,
2 2005. It is clearly a better way of doing things in
3 many respects. One of the most important respects
4 is we provide a better service than people received
5 prior to this system. We have, including myself, 10
6 attorneys in the office. Four admins and
7 investigators. Roxie Thompson, who lives here in
8 Dade County, is my investigator. We do nothing but
9 indigent defense, criminal defense work. We
10 specialize in it. And without trying to be too
11 boastful, I will say my staff is good at it. I'd
12 put my lawyers up against any 10 criminal defense
13 attorneys anywhere in the state of Georgia. We
14 provide good services for people and protect their
15 rights under the constitution.

16 The other important aspect to it is we do
17 it more cost efficiently than the way it was being
18 done before. You know, some of y'all will remember,
19 I've, in the past, provided you analysis showing --
20 with the caseloads that we have today, if we compare
21 what the cost would have been under the old system,
22 versus what the cost has been under this system, we
23 have saved this judicial circuit, including Dade
24 County, millions, multiple millions of dollars over
25 the last 10 years. There are many reasons for that,

1 one of which is the (inaudible), and we do nothing
2 but provide criminal (inaudible). We get in there
3 early and we interview people in the jail when
4 they're arrested. There are some intangible savings
5 as well. One of the things we do is we try to get
6 people out of the jail quickly so that we don't have
7 folks, who don't need to be locked up, languishing
8 in the jail cell, costing the taxpayers money, while
9 they're waiting for their case to come up. That
10 saves you money on jail overhead. And there have
11 been studies out there to document that.

12 You know, we try to move cases through the
13 court system efficiently. We do it, I think, more
14 quickly than any other places. One of the things
15 that I think I can point to, without any question
16 is, you know, it's been probably two or three years
17 since we've had a full two-week criminal court term
18 here. We've been able to work and get cases
19 resolved one way or another to where we've actually
20 had some court terms where there was only one or two
21 cases tried. And that's a savings, because every
22 day that you have jurors summoned into court, you
23 might have anywhere from 100 to 150 people here.
24 Those people are all getting paid a daily stipend of
25 -- is it \$25? It may even be more than that now.

1 But they're all getting paid for just being there as
2 jurors. If we can wrap up a two-week court term in
3 two or three days, as we've been doing, that's, you
4 know, five, six, seven days you're not having to pay
5 jurors to be here. And you're not having to pay
6 police officers to come in off-duty. You know, they
7 can be out on the road working and stuff, without
8 having to come to court. So that's another saving
9 that's out there.

10 (Inaudible) part of our budget is the
11 smallest component. The counties are billed pro
12 rata on the personnel costs. Walker County pays the
13 largest share. Catoosa pays the next. And then
14 Chattooga and then you. But it's obviously still a
15 very important component. You actually pay a little
16 bit more than your pro rata (inaudible) population,
17 because we do misdemeanors in this county, as well
18 as felonies. We have state court in Walker County
19 and Chattooga County, so we do not do misdemeanor
20 cases there. Dade and Catoosa do not have state
21 court, and they both pay additional cost for
22 personnel because we do the misdemeanor cases in
23 these counties. That may change next year, by the
24 way. Catoosa is looking very seriously at putting
25 in a state court. It hasn't worked its way through

1 the general assembly, but it looks like it's
2 probably going to happen. So there may be some
3 reconfiguring of that formula down the road. I'm
4 not going to stand up and say it may happen.

5 As far as the budget itself, I'm not
6 asking you for any additional funds over what I
7 asked for last year, other than an increase
8 (inaudible) on personnel for retirement. The way we
9 structure our system, it's a little bit different
10 than most of the offices you deal with. All of the
11 folks who work in my office are treated as employees
12 of the State of Georgia. But the money that funds
13 the job for some of those people comes from the
14 counties. So our four counties together pay into
15 Walker County. Walker County writes a monthly check
16 to the public defender standards council. That pays
17 the overhead for those employees. And from there
18 they're treated as State employees. They get State
19 benefits, all of that. So when the State adjusts
20 the costs for health benefits or for retirement, in
21 this case, then that bumps the personnel costs up
22 whatever that percentage is. And they did that to
23 us this year. It wasn't a huge amount, but that's
24 what accounts for my increase over last year.
25 Otherwise, I've kept the line on the salaries. We

1 haven't had much in the way of salary increases over
2 the last several years like most folk. I personally
3 have not had a raise since I took this job 10 years
4 ago. Except for one. I take that back. It was
5 eight years ago. But that's okay. I'm not fussing.

6 MR. RUMLEY: That was the State,
7 though.

8 MR. DUNN: That's the State. One of
9 the things I've been fortunate about is retaining my
10 attorneys. You know, public defenders don't get
11 paid a whole lot, compared to other attorneys. The
12 job conditions can be very brutal. They take a lot
13 of casework. Some of what I gave you is hours
14 worked on cases; the number of cases per year that
15 they worked on, on average, is over 500 cases.
16 That's a lot. And so, you know, employee retention
17 can be a challenge. I'm real proud of the fact that
18 I have a staff of -- three of my attorneys started
19 with me 10 years ago and are still with me. Several
20 of them have been there for five or six years. And
21 that's good for everybody, because the longer I can
22 keep those people, the better they are at their job,
23 the more efficient they are. But you got to pay
24 them to keep them too. So, you know, I'm not asking
25 for it now, but when I come to you for the budget

1 cycle next time, I may be asking for a little more
2 money so I can hang on to these folks that I've got
3 trained up to do a good job.

4 I'm not asking for that now. The only
5 thing I'm asking for tonight is a signature on my
6 annual contract adopting the budget that you've
7 already approved.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?
9 Thank you, David. I think you've done a good job
10 explaining, especially with people that don't know
11 really what you do.

12 MR. DUNN: Sure.

13 MR. RUMLEY: You do a good job.

14 MR. DUNN: Happy to answer any
15 question.

16 MR. RUMLEY: I was here when we hired
17 you.

18 MR. DUNN: You were.

19 MR. RUMLEY: It was kind of a gamble,
20 because the state or no one really knew how it would
21 work. But it's worked out.

22 MR. PITTMAN: We found out that we
23 had cases left over that we didn't account for, and
24 they consumed those cases, as well, without raising
25 his fees.

1 MR. DUNN: Well, we had that and then
2 we had, you know, the D.A.'s office had a big huge
3 backlog of drug cases that had piled up. And it was
4 kind of like the boa constrictor swallowing the cow.
5 It had to work its way through. But we made --

6 MR. PITTMAN: Without raising your
7 budget. Without increasing it.

8 MR. DUNN: Well, one of the things
9 I've been proud of is I've brought my office in
10 under budget every year. This check that's sent
11 into Atlanta each year, it covers the cost of the
12 salary, the benefits, and then a 5 percent
13 administrative fee for them to handle all personnel
14 things. But if I don't expend all that money, they
15 send a refund back each year. Last year I think I
16 got back about \$6,000 from the circuit. There's
17 only been, I think, one year I didn't return some
18 money, and that was because of unanticipated
19 expenses. But, you know, we've kept it under every
20 single year, and I'm extremely proud of that.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate you being
22 here.

23 MR. DUNN: Okay. I have my original.
24 Should I live that with you?

25 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Give it to Robin,

1 there, please.

2 MR. ROGERS: Consent agenda?

3 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Put it on the
4 consent agenda.

5 Okay. Move down to Number 9, Ordinance
6 12-04-14, Registration of Business and Occupation in
7 Dade County. We went through this at our last
8 meeting. We had a public hearing. Is there any
9 questions or any comments? Robin, you got anything
10 you want to add to it?

11 MR. ROGERS: No. This is the second
12 reading on this ordinance and, again, it's kind of
13 being driven by two things, one of which is it's
14 required that we adopt this in order to -- it's to
15 a -- hotel/motel tax is one thing. The other thing
16 is the State is requiring that we do a better job at
17 collecting the personal property tax on businesses.
18 And without this, we really don't have any sort of
19 mechanism to do that. And so we've got to do this.
20 This is not really intended to be a revenue raiser
21 in itself of the occupation tax. In fact, its
22 intent, I think, is to pretty much cover the
23 expenses of administering the policy.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions, comments?
25 If not, we'll put it on the consent agenda.

1 Also this is related to it too. The R-14
2 resolution, the actual approval of the fee. And
3 what Robin actually -- the way he explained to me.

4 MR. SMITH: Back up one.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

6 MR. SMITH: Make sure I'm in the
7 right place. There's a Paragraph D that you're
8 supposed to provide.

9 MR. BRADFORD: That's what it says
10 back here.

11 MR. ROGERS: We don't have it. Okay.
12 I don't know. And I apologize for that. I
13 apologize. I don't know.

14 Mr. Chairman, if we want to move this to
15 the next meeting, we can do so. Or if you'd like
16 for me to -- I just don't know what Don was
17 referring to there.

18 MR. RUMLEY: You're the lawyer.
19 There's not really a deadline on this anyway?

20 MR. ROGERS: No, there's not.

21 MR. RUMLEY: So we've already had our
22 hearing and we can do it next...

23 MR. ROGERS: Let's move it to the
24 next meeting, and I'll ask Don why that's in there.

25 MR. SMITH: It may not be nothing.

1 But the note's there.

2 MR. ROGERS: I agree with you. I
3 agree with you. But let's move it to the next
4 meeting.

5 MR. RUMLEY: That's fine. And it's
6 not really -- we'll actually discuss the fee too?

7 MR. ROGERS: Sure.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Because it's the same as
9 the city.

10 MR. ROGERS: Yeah. The ordinance
11 represents a schedule of fees that will -- that the
12 county will adopt. So what we did is we adopted the
13 fee schedule that the city has and just made it
14 consistent with theirs. So that's the resolution.

15 MR. BREEDEN: And that's what the
16 State guy recommended too, was to run with the City.

17 MR. ROGERS: Right.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll just go
19 ahead and table that to the next meeting, 9 and 10,
20 and we'll discuss that.

21 MR. ROGERS: Okay.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Number 11, this
23 is approval of the commercial customers brush
24 disposal for all commercial hauls. We talked about
25 that at our last meeting. It's Resolution R-14.

1 We've had in the last few months a lot of commercial
2 people from Tennessee that's bringing the brush and
3 all in here. I'm talking about tons of it. And so
4 we've got to do something to actually justify that.
5 We've spent a lot of time down there so...

6 Alan, you got anything you want to add on
7 that? Because Alan, he's the one that's our
8 commissioner representing our landfill.

9 MR. BRADFORD: Well, the thing that
10 people don't realize, we've got a man that's
11 spending six to eight hours pushing up all the brush
12 to burn it, plus the fuel, which is costing
13 immensely. We have these people bringing brush from
14 everywhere. We just felt it was time. There's not
15 another transfer station in the area in our state
16 that doesn't collect tonnage for brush. I called
17 several in our area.

18 MR. RUMLEY: And that's only for
19 commercial people.

20 MR. BRADFORD: Yeah, it's only
21 commercial. It's not mom and pop, stuff like that.
22 It's mainly just commercial.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Everyone fine?
24 All right.

25 The next one, Number 12, as Don pointed

1 out the other day, our next meeting falls on New
2 Year's Day. We have met on New Year's Day before.
3 Our first meeting we had was New Year's Day. And I
4 don't care, myself. I can be here. Just whatever
5 y'all want to do. Let's just leave it. Is that
6 fine, Robin?

7 MR. ROGERS: Sure.

8 MR. PITTMAN: The only thing Don
9 mentioned was that it's going to be impossible for
10 him to get a financial report together.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it won't be
12 impossible. He can do like he done before.

13 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah.

14 MR. RUMLEY: It's the first of the
15 year. It's not like we're in the middle of the
16 year. But I don't have a problem with meeting.

17 MR. PITTMAN: And we can just go by
18 the finance from the previous week.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Right. Everybody's fine
20 with that?

21 MR. BRADFORD: It seems to me the
22 thing that Don was discussing --

23 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. He likes to do a
24 monthly, by the end of the month. And this one he'd
25 have to go three weeks, which I'm okay with.

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MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right.
That's what we'll do. Okay. Any other comments?
We'll go ahead and take a quick recess and go into
the meeting. Nothing? Okay. Go ahead and adjourn
the work session. Take about five minutes and we'll
start our meeting. Thank you.

(Work session adjourned.)

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