

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2015

1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call
2 the work session to order. It's the first day of
3 the year. I appreciate everyone being here with us
4 tonight.

5 Has everyone had time to look at the
6 agenda? Any changes or comments on the agenda? I
7 know everyone has had a copy of our previous
8 minutes. Has everyone had time to review that? Any
9 comments on it or changes? We'll put that on the
10 consent agenda.

11 Move down to number three, personnel
12 status report. Nothing really new on that as far as
13 any -- I know Alex has still got -- you haven't
14 filled your position there in the 911 unit. Any
15 questions on that?

16 Board appointments and proclamations,
17 Board of Assessor's North Dade appointment. We
18 do -- Mitchell can make the announcement tonight.
19 He has found someone who will serve on that board.
20 Do you want to fill the board in on that?

21 MR. SMITH: Lamar Lowery said he would
22 take it after much searching.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Is everyone fine with
24 that? Put that on the consent agenda. And the IDA,
25 Industrial Development Authority reappointment of

1 Larry Case. He has agreed to serve, from what I
2 understand, another term. Okay. Everyone fine with
3 that? Okay.

4 Now, we took care of the other --
5 George Nelson last week. There's nothing else we
6 need to do on that. All right. Okay. Number five,
7 approval of S.P.L.O.S.T, don't have anything there
8 on that.

9 All right. Move down number six,
10 that's the R-01-15. That's the possibility of the
11 tax anticipation note. We can go ahead and bid that
12 out. Within the year we may need it. We've done
13 that several years. It's not that we will use it,
14 but in case we did have an emergency or disaster it
15 will be there in case we were out of pocket or y'all
16 were out of pocket or whatever. Is everyone
17 familiar with that, fine with it?

18 MR. PITTMAN: That's just for bidding
19 it out?

20 MR. RUMLEY: Just for bidding it out.
21 That's just to do it. We'll know exactly what --
22 where we stand and the interest rate if it's -- you
23 know, lump that in. Of course, if it goes down, we
24 can rebid it.

25 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. That's all.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Well, I tell you, gas is
2 down. I hope the interest rate goes down with gas.
3 That's amazing, fuel going down.

4 Okay. Designation of our county
5 legislative coordinator. That's something that Don
6 and I are at present. Robert had resigned. Robert
7 had been our designated coordinator for several
8 years and I would recommend actually giving it back
9 to him if he would take it. There's a lot of
10 correspondence involved in it, you know. Would you
11 be all right with that, Robert?

12 MR. GOFF: Yeah. If everyone is fine
13 with it.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Move down to number
15 eight. This is on the business registration and
16 occupation tax, final reading. Robin, do you want
17 to comment on that?

18 MR. ROGERS: This is the ordinance that
19 we had discussed last time. If you recall, there
20 was a blank or a paragraph in the previous that we
21 were considering that I was to fill in and so we've
22 got that completed. Other than some very minor
23 changes, what last month -- there was -- I did
24 receive a comment from one of the commissioners that
25 wanted to make clear that this would not apply to

1 yard sales, things like that. So we have taken --
2 and clarified that.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions on
4 that? We've talked about it and talked about it. I
5 know you've been in contact with Robin. All right.
6 We'll put that on the consent agenda.

7 Number nine, R-03-15, approval of
8 schedule of fees. Don, I'll let you go into that.
9 That's pretty much basically -- what we're trying to
10 do on that is to keep it the same as the city's.
11 Robin, I know you're involved with it, too, as far
12 as not being any higher or whatever. It's pretty
13 much the same.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: That's correct. We
15 checked with the City of Trenton and they have no
16 plans of raising theirs. So we recommend that we
17 just match their fee schedule completely, so there's
18 no opposition or -- I don't know what --

19 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it wouldn't be in
20 competition. We just need to keep it the same.
21 That's the way it is in most counties. All right.
22 Any questions on that or comments?

23 All right. R-04-15, contract for
24 services, Dade County Chamber. That's something
25 we've talked about. We went through and looked at

1 two different contracts and we do have a contract
2 here that -- you put a copy of that in? We need to
3 decide, you know, to either go through with this or
4 revamp the whole thing or whatever. I know it had
5 been changed, just a couple of paragraphs in there.

6 MR. TOWNSEND: The version that came
7 back, there was some language added to section four
8 that's been deleted out as requested, I think, by
9 the Chamber's board and those Chamber members aren't
10 here. So that's correct. So that's out. The only
11 thing that was -- section 15 is no longer in here.
12 It wasn't in the most recent edits or versions, but
13 it was in the older versions like 2003, '04, '05,
14 '06, '07, those years. I'm not proposing that you
15 put it in or not put in it. I was just letting you
16 know it was in there before and it's no longer in
17 there now.

18 MR. RUMLEY: The biggest thing, it's a
19 contract that, you know, makes sure that we are
20 spending the money. When we support this group,
21 that it is a binding contract between us and the
22 Chamber to give us -- the citizens, the Commission
23 and the citizens the benefit of our money. We've
24 got to have that. So it's pretty well a binding
25 contract. That's what it is. If we give them X

1 amount of dollars, we expect something in return and
2 that guarantees we're going to get it. You reviewed
3 this, I'm sure.

4 MR. ROGERS: Yeah. It would just be --
5 we talked about that basically says that the
6 contract is binding and that payments are -- the
7 obligation is being complied with the contract.
8 That really -- there's no harm in that language, but
9 at the same time, that's what a contract is and it's
10 kind of redundant really to say that.

11 MR. SMITH: And speaking on what you
12 just said, I have no problem with the contract, but
13 at this time the Chamber, my understanding, still
14 does not have a director.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, they do.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: They did hire someone.

17 MR. HOUTS: We have him right here.

18 MR. SMITH: Well, I haven't heard, so I
19 withhold my comment because it was going to be
20 withhold the money until they found one because it
21 was in violation of the contract if they didn't have
22 one.

23 MR. PITTMAN: I would like to hear the
24 Chamber's input on why they felt like it should be
25 deleted.

1 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, Robin made a
2 suggestion.

3 MR. ROGERS: On paragraph four, the
4 language there was -- as I -- that was not in the
5 previous contract. It was added at the
6 suggestion of --

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Intermediate contract.
8 Talking about -- there's a law.

9 MR. ROGERS: That was not in the
10 preceding contract and that language was added, I
11 think, as a suggestion to the Commission. There was
12 concern when I had read the language, there was a
13 concern that I had particularly with the part that
14 defines what the executive director of the Chamber
15 cannot do. And the legal issue and the legal
16 concern that I would have is that in a contract, we
17 can require the Chamber's executive director to do
18 certain things in compliance with our contract, but
19 we can't say you're not allowed to do other things,
20 because that's interference with his contract.

21 MR. RUMLEY: That's not our job.

22 MR. ROGERS: That's why I asked.

23 MR. PITTMAN: So you feel like it's a
24 sound contract on our behalf?

25 MR. ROGERS: Yes, I do.

1 MR. PITTMAN: Okay.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I feel good.
3 That's what legal counsel is for. Any other
4 questions?

5 Move down to number 11. This is
6 something that we need to -- this is on Robert's
7 district. We do have a letter from the railroad and
8 we've got -- giving us another month or so to make a
9 decision on this Lambert Lane crossing in Rising
10 Fawn. What that means is if we close the crossing
11 or agree to close -- to let them close that
12 crossing, put it that way, we will get two more
13 cross arm crossings in our county, which are the
14 safety arms that come down. It's almost a half a
15 million dollars worth of product there that they
16 will put in. One where the fatality in the north
17 end that happened. That's already a done deal.
18 They're actually in the process -- all of that
19 equipment is being put together and it will be
20 installed probably by spring.

21 MR. SMITH: Since you're talking, I
22 tried to check on that this week. The gentleman
23 that is over it has got a promotion. Another
24 gentleman is over it. They're going to get back
25 with me next week to try to give us some kind of

1 time frame on that one. There's some talk about
2 Steele Road also.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Steele right now is not
4 going to get anything. The only one that will get
5 it will be the crossing where the fatality was it,
6 unless we agree to close this road. And if that
7 happens, then Steele is one of them that will happen
8 and also Sarah's Chapel Road going in. That will be
9 the two that will be put in.

10 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Chairman, in
11 anticipation of the meeting tonight, I had looked at
12 the statute regarding closing of railroad crossings
13 on county roads and a public hearing is required
14 before we can vote to do that. So I would ask the
15 Commission to schedule a public hearing and set this
16 for another time.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Well, I just wanted to
18 bring it back up. This just happened. Since Robert
19 is back here and he's not really familiar, it's in
20 his district. So, you know, you need to maybe put
21 the word out again. I know Ricky had talked to some
22 people down there. He didn't get any negatives on
23 it because there's actually only one house on the
24 road where you go across there. Traffic count,
25 there's less than ten cars a day that uses the road

1 in a year's time. We just need to go through
2 procedure. We need to start that and then we can
3 give them back an answer. I think if there's any
4 way, I mean, that's a lot of money. I just don't
5 like the way they're doing it, using that as a
6 leverage, you know, like a trade-off. If a crossing
7 needs a cross arm, they need it whether you close a
8 crossing or not. It's like they're bartering or
9 something. I don't --

10 MR. SMITH: How many hearings, Robin,
11 just one?

12 MR. GOFF: Just so everybody knows, I
13 did go down and look at this road. It's a little
14 lane. It may go from here to the gazebo maybe from
15 Highway 11 over the hill to Mason Road and there's
16 two houses on one side, I think rental houses, and
17 the Methodist parsonage. They're the only three
18 dwellings that are involved as far as people and
19 they would come out to Highway 11 probably
20 99 percent of the time. The crossing itself, if I
21 park my truck on the Mason Road side of it and a
22 train comes and I'm waiting on somebody, they may
23 take the rear end off of my -- it's just not enough
24 room for a vehicle. I'll go down and talk to some
25 people.

1 Now, if we had to have a public
2 hearing, would it be held down there or would it be
3 held here since it would bore -- would it be better
4 held in Rising Fawn?

5 MR. ROGERS: That's really up to the
6 Commission. The statute doesn't say, so it's really
7 up to you all.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Whatever you think,
9 Robert. You know, this is kind of centrally
10 located. Although, it is -- you know, we've got the
11 crossing, you know, that's critical or important,
12 but also we've got people that probably will come to
13 it that are living on Sarah's Chapel because they
14 know. This is either do or die. They're not going
15 to -- I've got the letter in black and white if we
16 don't close it. So you're going to have people in
17 both ways. It might be better to have it here.
18 That way it will be kind of halfway. Anyway, we'll
19 talk about it.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: You're only talking
21 about the road, not the crossing. We're not talking
22 about abandoning the road. We're just talking about
23 the crossing itself.

24 MR. RUMLEY: No. The road won't be
25 abandoned, but the crossing will never be. It's

1 gone. The road -- and they're going to fund --
2 they're going to give us money to build a
3 cul-de-sac, a turn-around and actually build the
4 blockade. It's got a certain type of blockade that
5 the railroad requires to do that. You don't just go
6 down there and put a sign up. That's around
7 \$17,000, I think, they're going to contribute. Well
8 anyway, go ahead. We'll do that, Don. Get that
9 thing in the works.

10 All right. Any other discussion at the
11 table? If not, we'll go ahead and adjourn and we'll
12 just ahead and go right into our meeting. We didn't
13 even get refreshments the first day of the year.
14 It's not a good sign.

15 (Thereupon, a brief recess was
16 taken.)
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MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call this meeting to order on January 1st, 2015. I appreciate everyone being here tonight. Everyone hopefully had a good New Year's Day and ate a lot of peas and hog jowl.

As always, at the beginning of our meetings we have prayer, go to the Lord in prayer and also the Pledge of Allegiance. Of course, we've got a new old face here tonight I want to ask to lead us in prayer and Pledge. Robert Goff, he's back on the bench here. If you would, Robert, I would appreciate if you would do that for us.

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

MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. This is the regularly scheduled meeting of the Dade County Board of Commissioners which takes place at the same time on the first Thursday of every month. Proper notice of this meeting was given to the legal organ of Dade County Sentinel and has been posted in the hallway of our administrative building. At this time, I do need a roll call. Mr. Smith?

MR. SMITH: Here.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

1 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

3 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

5 MR. GOFF: Here.

6 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.

7 Okay. Mitchell, do you have anything
8 there on your report you want to share with us?

9 MR. SMITH: The 911 call center had a
10 total of 1,808 calls this past month. 279 was EMS,
11 207 fire and rescue, 14 forestry calls and public
12 works, 1,308 law enforcement calls.

13 The update on the Highway 299, I-24
14 interchange bridge was put on hold due to funding.
15 Bids were supposed to have been received in July of
16 2014. If funding is available again, bids are
17 scheduled to be received in June of this year and
18 the notice to proceed would take place in September
19 of this year if funding becomes available.

20 Those of you that use Murphy Hollow
21 Road, the bridge over I-24, I talked to TDOT.
22 They're going to build one-half of that bridge as
23 they replace it. They're going to shut down the
24 freeway overnight in late spring or early summer for
25 eight hours to demolish and clean that off, the

1 freeway, and then go back and complete the
2 correction of that bridge sometime this year.

3 MR. RUMLEY: They'll reroute on 41.

4 MR. SMITH: Yeah. They'll reroute
5 during that eight hours. They said it would be
6 overnight, so stay at home, Rex.

7 MR. HARRISON: It's always a mess.

8 MR. PITTMAN: It's going to be
9 something to see.

10 MR. SMITH: And the Purple Heart County
11 signs have been installed on Highway 11 at the state
12 lines entering Dade county and at I-59 at the state
13 line there at the I-24 merge. The signs were
14 installed by the county road crew and the county
15 received monies from a citizen of Dade County for
16 the purchase. So no county funds was used for the
17 purchase of those signs.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you,
19 Mitchell. Scottie?

20 MR. PITTMAN: Talking about roads, I
21 just talked with Ted and weather permitting, we're
22 going to start on County Road 6 where the side of
23 the mountain caves in similar to what happened at
24 Burkhalter. Hopefully -- we refer to it as County
25 Road 6. The general public usually calls it White

1 Oak Gap. It's going to be a multi-stage,
2 multi-phase project. But this phase, we've already
3 went in and put the pylons in. This phase should
4 repair the dip towards the top of the mountain
5 hopefully. I mean, it's been an ongoing thing my
6 whole life. We'll keep our fingers crossed on that.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Well, for this to ever
8 move, it would take a pretty heavy earthquake. If
9 it happens, it would be enough to shift the whole
10 side of the mountain. The way it's locking in --
11 Mother Nature can do it, but it would take --

12 MR. PITTMAN: It's working good on
13 Burkhalter.

14 Robert spoke about all the losses we've
15 suffered over the last month. One of those was a
16 young man from Sand Mountain. And out of that,
17 there's came a group called the Advocates of Dade
18 County Youth. They had a meeting over here at
19 Guthrie's on the 23rd, December 23rd. Me and Robert
20 were there. Tom Black sat in on the meeting. It's
21 a really good group of people that seem to have
22 their heart in the right place. I wish them the
23 best. Anything I can do to help them, I will. I
24 don't know when their next meeting is, but they do a
25 lot of stuff on social media. The girl's name is

1 Rachel Guffey and the boy's name is Elijah Ridley.
2 They do most of their communicating on Facebook or
3 other social medias. If you're interested in
4 participating in that, those two would be the ones
5 to get in touch with.

6 Also, as far as meetings go, we are
7 going to start back up on our rec league meeting. I
8 don't have the date wrote down, but I'm fairly sure
9 it was -- we agreed on January 19. That's a Monday.
10 You can get in touch with me if you're interested in
11 coming to that. What we've been doing is trying to
12 set up a set of guidelines for the use of the four
13 fields by not only the rec leagues, but by outside
14 vendors that come in, set up a coalition of the
15 different rec league organizations, soccer,
16 football, baseball, softball. That way they can get
17 in touch with each other. They have avenues. Maybe
18 share some of their equipment and save the rec
19 leagues some money and also maybe bring in some
20 taxpayer money for Dade County. Like I said, I
21 think that meeting is January 19th. I don't have
22 it wrote down, but if you're interested in coming
23 and sitting in on it, just give me a call and I will
24 get the date for sure. That's all I've got.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Scottie.

1 Robert Goff?

2 MR. GOFF: I don't have a lot, Mr.
3 Chairman. Being the new kid on the block, coming
4 back, I would like to thank those who voted during
5 the election whichever way they voted and it was a
6 long season of elections, I know. But I would like
7 to thank those and I'm glad to be back and be
8 sitting back in this seat.

9 You mentioned earlier over in workshop
10 something that is good for everyone of us, we think,
11 is the fuel prices being lower. I think we're
12 seeing them lower than we've seen them in a long
13 time. Probably \$1 a gallon and that's a lot of
14 money. With that and the reason I say it is part of
15 this CLC that y'all just asked me would I take back,
16 if you've noticed in the news, both the Tennessee
17 news and the Georgia news, the legislature, one of
18 the biggest things they're going to talk about this
19 year is funding for highways, which means they're
20 going to look at raising the fuel tax yet again.

21 I guess the good part of that is
22 Tennessee is also talking about, but I'm not sure
23 that Governor Haslem hasn't already kind of pitched
24 that out. The reason I say it's a good thing for
25 gas to be less, but I think that would be the

1 driving force behind doing this even more for the
2 federal highways, even Mitchell was just talking
3 about with the funds that are not there. So be
4 watching that because that's going to be one thing
5 they do.

6 And the reason it's so important to us
7 is we are a true border county. If there's one in
8 Georgia, we're it. We border two Alabama counties,
9 two Tennessee counties and only one other Georgia
10 county and fuel goes up more in Georgia if we should
11 raise that tax and Tennessee does not raise their
12 tax, and we've already been in a battle with them
13 for the last year or few years actually. It's up
14 and down and you don't ever know who's going to be
15 the low guy. But I would urge everybody to watch
16 that and call Mr. Deffenbaugh and call Mr. Mullis
17 and tell them that -- how that will affect counties
18 like Dade County probably much more. And I'm afraid
19 the focus, as usual -- I'm trying not to be too
20 negative about it, but the focus, as usual, is the
21 highways and bridges through the city of Atlanta and
22 the counties that make up Atlanta, but it's going to
23 affect small counties, and especially one like Dade
24 County if that happens. So that is one of the
25 things that I'll be watching and coming back and

1 reporting on. But the thing about it is you have to
2 watch because the day slips up on you that they're
3 going to vote on it and they need to know the
4 feelings of border counties and small counties, the
5 affect that that has, especially when our -- two of
6 the best things we have going is the truck stop on
7 either end of our county that are getting people to
8 stop coming and going and purchasing fuel and
9 sandwiches and a few more things there. I'm sure
10 that that is a pretty good part of our revenue
11 county wide. So that's one thing I'll be watching.

12 But think about it and when you see it
13 in the papers, think about the effect that that
14 little -- what seems so small can have on a county
15 like Dade. I hope everybody had a good New Year's
16 Eve and day and this is the best year that we've had
17 in a long time. Thank you.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Allan?

19 MR. BRADFORD: To start off, propane is
20 not going down. It goes up every time we get a
21 load, I can't believe it. But anyway, I wanted to
22 get that out so everybody would know that it's not
23 going down.

24 But anyway, I want to thank the road
25 crew for all the work they've done. It's been kind

1 of a busy month. We have a new employee down at the
2 transfer station. We were going to give him 90 days
3 to train, but I think he was trained the day after
4 Christmas. That poor guy worked all --

5 MR. RUMLEY: First day, buddy, he was
6 loaded.

7 MR. BRADFORD: First day, I mean, heavy
8 loaded and he's doing a great job. Hopefully, he'll
9 work out. But Roy is teaching him, so he's doing an
10 excellent job down there at the transfer station.

11 One other thing, a lot of people died.
12 We lost a really good lady in our neighborhood, Mary
13 Ruth Moore. I don't know how many of you know her.
14 But anyway, her family has been involved in our
15 community for many, many years. I mean, her kids,
16 cousins, and she's a big loss to our community. I'm
17 also related to her a little bit somehow, I think,
18 in the line of things. Anyway, that's all I have
19 tonight. Nothing else is going on.

20 MR. RUMLEY: I'll tell you, we've had a
21 lot of death this season. It's a sad thing. I know
22 Ryan's has another body down there today. Tommy
23 Lawson's mother, I think, is down there. Just keep
24 them in your prayers, please.

25 This month we've been actually working

1 or I have on the LMIG list, which we had to have it
2 in by the 31st, which that LMIG is our money we
3 use every year on paving combined with our
4 S.P.L.O.S.T. Billy and I, we've got that compiled.
5 And, of course, all Commissioners contributed the
6 roads and we've got about 26 roads that we've turned
7 in for assistance and we'll only get probably maybe
8 a third of those, you know, as usual from the State.
9 But it looks real good. I think we'll get more
10 money this year than we've ever got from the looks
11 of it. Putting S.P.L.O.S.T with that, we'll be able
12 to pave maybe more miles than we did last year. But
13 it's pretty -- it's really aggravating to put it
14 together. It's time consuming because now they
15 require you to -- you've got to actually send the
16 aerial shots, plus you've got to have exactly the
17 mileage. You've got to have proof of that road
18 being a county road, you know, even more so than
19 ever. We look good on it. I think we'll probably
20 get, like I said, more money than we've ever got.

21 Also have been on the phone several
22 times and met with the -- just locally with the
23 railroad again and we've got a meeting scheduled
24 hopefully the middle of January, somewhere in that
25 week with Mullis and we've got the -- all the people

1 involved in the railroad as far as Norfolk Southern,
2 the federal safety people and all. That's
3 pertaining not to the crossing, but to the blocking
4 of the rails, not just in Trenton, but all the way
5 through. Because we're having complaints, too, in
6 the north end, up where Ms. Doyle lives and all up
7 through there. Now they're starting to use that as
8 a parking lot even more so. So we've got to get an
9 answer from them and get some kind of remedy on this
10 because it's not getting any better. It's getting
11 worse and getting -- our people in our industrial
12 park are getting real aggravated and I can see why.
13 Anyway, that's something to look for.

14 Hopefully, we can give a report on that
15 in our next meeting in February and maybe we can
16 actually -- hopefully we can actually have a meeting
17 here is what I want to have and have some railroad
18 officials here and have the people from the
19 Industrial Park, some of our citizens in this room
20 here to stress to these people just how critical
21 it's gotten.

22 It was also mentioned, you know, the
23 Lambert Lane crossing down there. That's something
24 that they're wanting to take out, actually do away
25 with forever and they're wanting to do that in a

1 trade-off for two more crossings besides Carol Road.
2 Carol Road is already in the process. That will
3 happen hopefully by spring. But we've got two other
4 ones, Sarah's Chapel and up on Steele Road. That
5 will be the other two. What that means is they'll
6 put the big crossing arms and lights there on both
7 of those crossings.

8 So as we discussed, we will start the
9 process with a public hearing and we'll announce
10 that in the paper there when we decide, whether it
11 will be here or Rising Fawn. Look for that. Also,
12 put it on Evan's web and also on TV.

13 Let's see here, you touched on the
14 interstate. I did check on that on the bridge that
15 you were talking about last, I don't know whether
16 they understood that for sure, but that was the
17 Murphy Hollow Bridge.

18 MR. SMITH: Murphy Hollow Bridge.

19 MR. RUMLEY: That's the Tennessee
20 bridge. That's not the Georgia. The Georgia one,
21 that's the first one you talked about. The funding
22 on it is kind of on hold right now. But that will
23 be real critical to the Murphy Hollow people, plus
24 like we were talking about, the people that live on
25 that 299.

1 That's pretty much everything except
2 we're getting prepared now to start into our
3 budgeting process for this year, which we'll
4 actually begin probably middle of this month or the
5 first of February there to get -- start having our
6 hearings. That's always a time that -- there's a
7 lot of time put into it. So we'll keep you informed
8 as those hearings start and how things are going on
9 that.

10 Do y'all have anything else that you've
11 thought of? Mitchell, it looked like you had a
12 light turn on.

13 MR. SMITH: It went dim.

14 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Move down to
15 Ms. Marshanna Sharp, manager of our Dade County
16 Library.

17 MS. SHARP: Happy New Year. Last month
18 during the Christmas parade, we opened the library
19 and had a silent auction and a book sale. I don't
20 know the total because I actually left to go on
21 vacation the day after, but when I was there on
22 Friday, we did collect over \$600 that came in from
23 that. So we did make over 600. We also collected
24 cans for the food bank and we've gotten over a 100
25 cans of food for the food bank this month.

1 We will be having Sunday the Historical
2 Society will be meeting at 3:00. They have come in
3 and did a huge display of pictures of the history of
4 Dade County. They have a lot of military. They
5 actually did a slide show for military and you're
6 welcome to come and look at it. If you are not on
7 that slide and you served our country, come by.
8 We'll be glad to scan your picture and put it on
9 there. But it's all these old pictures they found
10 from World War I and on up. We've been running it
11 on the TVs at the library. They also have pictures
12 up in the library on it.

13 We start on the 20th -- we received a
14 grant for the prime time. We'll be offering thirty
15 families a six-week session and then we'll offer
16 thirty more families a six-week session. It's
17 targeted toward low income and they just thought it
18 would help give those children a chance. The
19 library isn't out any money on this. We'll offer
20 them a meal and we will give them tools to help work
21 with their children at home to prepare their
22 children for school. They found out statistically
23 that they don't always have the tools to prepare
24 their children and they're always behind. So it's
25 three to five-year-olds, parents for three to

1 five-year-olds. That will begin on the 20th. They
2 also gave us money to hire a teacher. So we hired
3 LeeAnn Beasley and she's going to be teaching the
4 class. Anybody that wants to volunteer, come help
5 us with the families, we're looking for volunteers.

6 Also, on the 27th, they're going to be
7 doing tips for tricks or genealogy. The Historical
8 Society is going to do a genealogy class and kind of
9 hoping to start maybe meeting once a month or every
10 three months and just researching history and
11 showing different things they can do on that. Our
12 board meeting is the 22nd and everybody is welcome.
13 We'll be making more decisions on hours and things
14 like that, but it's going to be the 22nd at 4:00.
15 Do y'all have any questions? Thank y'all.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Thank you,
17 Marshanna. We appreciate what you do, all you do.

18 All right. Next is the County Chamber
19 of Commerce for quarterly report.

20 MR. HOUTS: Well, as far as the Chamber
21 goes, our biggest things for quarter four were
22 finding a director and then the Christmas parade
23 that comes up. The parade was a great success this
24 year. We had probably more floats than we've had in
25 years past that I'm aware of. We had over 40

1 participants and some of those had more than one
2 float or more than, you know, one car. We had the
3 Corvette Club come in. They had six or seven cars,
4 I think all lit up. I think everybody had a good
5 time. Eleven was pretty much packed and covered
6 with people. If you weren't able to be there to see
7 it, it was really, really nice. We got some really
8 good feedback on that.

9 Our other biggest thing was finding a
10 director, which we have. We have Zack Stone. He's
11 our new executive director for the Chamber. He's
12 got some great ideas on helping promote business in
13 Dade County, bringing new in and we hope to have a
14 whole lot more for y'all in the January or February
15 meeting.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Zack come up and let Eddie
17 make your picture. Tell everybody who you are. I
18 know you're from here.

19 MR. ZACK STONE: Yeah. I'm from the
20 county, graduated from Dade County here and went on
21 to UTC, graduated there. I'm actually working on my
22 MBA right now. You know, so I actually came back.
23 Spent a few years in D.C., working for Congress. I
24 couldn't be more excited to be here.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Back home.

1 MR. ZACK STONE: Exactly.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Anything else? I didn't
3 mean to interrupt you, but I thought, well,
4 everybody needs to relate the face with the name.

5 MR. HOUTS: I wasn't going to put him
6 on the spot, but I'm glad you did.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. I like to put him
8 on the spot.

9 MR. HOUTS: Do y'all have anything for
10 us?

11 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate you.
12 Appreciate y'all being here. I don't know whether
13 Rich and Christy -- I don't know. And City of
14 Trenton or the IDA. As I mentioned a while ago, one
15 of the people there with Ryan's is Tommy Lawson,
16 which is a city commissioner, his mother passed away
17 and he -- I think that Mike Lawson -- not the one,
18 but there's several children.

19 MR. GOFF: Mike who was the principal
20 at Davis for a while and Johnny and Bill, Stasha
21 Dugan. It's a large family.

22 MR. EVAN STONE: It's Summer's
23 grandmother.

24 MR. GOFF: That's her.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, really. Okay. Move

1 down to Don Townsend. You can give us our monthly
2 financial report, please.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: I'll keep it short since
4 there's a bowl game. As of December 31st, 2014,
5 general fund had a balance of \$227,035; federal
6 asset fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288; sheriff's special
7 fund, \$18,148; drug abuse education fund, \$81,911;
8 supplemental juvenile services fund, \$23,582; victim
9 assistance fund, \$303; jail fund, \$36,894; federal
10 asset fund, Department of Justice, \$742. Employee
11 flexible spending account, \$38,382; payroll account,
12 \$187,049. S.P.L.O.S.T construction, the old 2009 --
13 I'm sorry, the 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T construction, \$150;
14 projects account for S.P.L.O.S.T, \$66,229 and
15 proceeds account, \$700,384. And then the Dade IDA
16 county construction Series B has a balance of
17 \$206,295.

18 The following report after that is
19 the -- for the month of November 30th, 2014. We
20 should have had a budget attainment of 41.67 percent
21 and you see the actuals for the month of November
22 was -- revenues for all departments was \$603,172.
23 Budgeted was \$995,827. That looks really bad
24 392,000 short. But what it was, that was all
25 associated with the tax commissioner's office and

1 just a lot more money came in the month of December
2 than it came in November. So actually next month
3 you'll probably see that reversed completely. I
4 don't believe there's anything to be alarmed about
5 there. I just wanted to note that. She collects
6 most of her money before or on December 20th of
7 each year. So that's more of a budgeting anomaly
8 that we need to deal with.

9 For the year-to-date was \$3,203,172.
10 Budgeted was \$3,454,191, the same budget anomaly
11 exists just for tax commissioner. If it had not
12 been for that one line item up there, we would
13 actually have been in a positive situation there.
14 So that's -- anyway, I just wanted to point that
15 out.

16 Expense-wise for the month, we had
17 budgeted \$660,135. We actually spent 599,476. So
18 we actually were underbudget \$60,659. And for the
19 year-to-date, the actual expenses were \$3,399,718.
20 We budgeted \$3,653,316. So we were actually
21 underbudget 253,598. And if you look -- drill down
22 into that number, you'll see a lot of that, most of
23 that is dealing with personnel. That's the
24 different saving mechanisms we put into place this
25 year. So just wanted to point that out, too.

1 The next six pages is just the
2 breakdown of each revenue by ledger number. For the
3 month of -- looking at the tax commissioner's office
4 through -- July 1st through November 30th,
5 she -- Jane Moreland had collected \$1,058,785. It
6 would not surprise me if we do not get a check for
7 about that same amount this coming week, possibly
8 tomorrow. She's usually pretty good to get it to us
9 quick. One question is going to be -- as I've been
10 listening to commissioners for years now, this is
11 the first year since I've been here that we have not
12 had to pay back a loan at the end of the year. We
13 usually take all the money that Jane gives us and go
14 to the bank and pay off the note. We don't have to
15 do that this year because there is no note at the
16 bank. So I've been listening to y'all say you want
17 to purchase some CDs, certificates of deposit.
18 Probably I would guess at local banks and I would
19 encourage y'all just to let me know individually or
20 collectively, whatever, in the next day or two or
21 week and we'll start working on that. That's a
22 positive thing. That's the beginnings of a reserve
23 fund.

24 MR. RUMLEY: We can see a little light
25 at the end of the tunnel. It's looking a little

1 brighter. So that's the first time really since
2 you've been here. All right. Any questions for
3 Don?

4 MR. TOWNSEND: Let me mention the local
5 options sales tax and the S.P.L.O.S.T. The local
6 option sales tax collected was \$145,695 for the
7 month of December and also the S.P.L.O.S.T was
8 100 -- what did I say? Did I say one million?
9 145,695.

10 MR. RUMLEY: I was going to say, Don,
11 that's -- man.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, you know, I may
13 have the flu, but that's beside the point. Okay.
14 Special purpose local option sales tax for December
15 was \$182,113.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions for
17 Don? Okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion to
18 approve our financial statement as presented by Don
19 Townsend.

20 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve the
21 statement.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

23 MR. GOFF: Second.

24 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
25 Smith?

1 MR. SMITH: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

3 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

5 MR. GOFF: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford.

7 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

9 Robin, do you have anything you need to go over with
10 us?

11 MR. ROGERS: I do not.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. The reading of the
13 minutes of last month's regular meeting and any
14 special called meeting will not be required since
15 all commissioners have been furnished copies in
16 advance. The minutes are public record and
17 available for review in the County Commission
18 office. Minutes are included in the consent agenda.
19 At this time, I would like for Don Townsend to go
20 over our consent agenda and I'll entertain a motion
21 to entertain that after it's read.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: The consent agenda
23 includes approval of the agenda as presented,
24 approval of the previous meeting minutes, approval
25 of personnel status report, appointment for the

1 North Dade area to the Board of Assessors,
2 appointment of Lamar Lowery for a three-year
3 appointment under R-06-15; an appointment to the
4 Industrial Development Authority, which is a
5 reappointment of Larry Case for a six-year
6 appointment under Resolution R-05-15. Resolution
7 R-01-15, approval of tax anticipation note for
8 calendar year 2015. That's just the -- the
9 resolution just to obtain the line of credit
10 authorizing the chairman to seek that money out if
11 need be. That is for the amount of 800,000.
12 Hopefully, we will not have to use that. That's a
13 side note -- later in the year. Resolution R-02-15,
14 designation of county legislative coordinator for
15 Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, the
16 appointment of Robert Goff to that post.

17 Ordinance number 12-04-14, a business
18 registration and occupation tax, final reading
19 tonight and adoption. Resolution R-03-15, approval
20 of schedule of fees that goes along with the
21 business license to match that with the City of
22 Trenton. And Resolution R-04-15, contract for
23 services with the Dade County Chamber of Commerce as
24 presented.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or

1 corrections pertaining to the consent agenda? If
2 not, I'll entertain a motion to approve.

3 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

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

5 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

6 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.
7 Smith?

8 MR. SMITH: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

10 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

12 MR. GOFF: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

14 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

16 Thank you.

17 All right. Item B, election of vice
18 chair, something we do January of every year. Do I
19 hear any -- entertain any type of motion as our vice
20 chair from our commission?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. I would like to
22 make a motion, Ted. Since I'm the sitting vice
23 chair right now, I would like to nominate Robert. I
24 mean, the vice chair, there's no added glory to it.
25 There's no added pay. The thing is Robert has more

1 time to donate to come by the office in case you
2 need to go somewhere, leave him here in charge. I
3 think Robert done a really good job when he was the
4 vice chair before and if he would so choose to
5 accept it, I would like to nominate him.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Put that in the
7 form of a motion. Do I have a second?

8 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Is there any
10 discussion, any questions? All right. I have a
11 motion and a second. I'll call the vote.
12 Mr. Smith?

13 MR. SMITH: Yes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

15 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

17 MR. GOFF: Yes, I will accept it.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Well, are you voting or
19 are you abstaining?

20 MR. GOFF: I'm abstaining, but I will
21 accept it.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Mr. Bradford?

23 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

25 Okay. We'll move down to citizens'

1 participation. Anyone want to come up and talk to
2 us tonight? Rodney, Alex?

3 MR. BLACK: I'll do it from here.
4 State mental health board, to use an old military
5 term, it's just a snafu, guys. They're chickens
6 running around trying to find their head right now.
7 I understand though that we are going to try to
8 maintain the boards that we have. We just don't
9 know at what level of participation we're going to
10 have and we're just basically on hold at this point
11 in time. That's all I've got. Maybe I'll know more
12 next month.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Tom. That was
14 Tom Black. I know he wasn't on the camera there,
15 but he's our representative on the mental health
16 board for the state of Georgia and he represents
17 Dade County.

18 Okay. Anyone else want to talk? No
19 executive session. Do y'all have anything else you
20 want to add to the meeting?

21 MR. BRADFORD: I would like to thank
22 John Deffenbaugh for getting us flags. I don't know
23 how many of you know about that, but for he tries to
24 put a flag for every veteran that dies and we were
25 down to one flag and I don't know what he done, but

1 two days later we had 36.

2 MR. RUMLEY: I would also like to add
3 that -- Mitchell may not like me saying this, but
4 Mitchell is the one that actually paid for these
5 signs on the interstate. Whether you like it or
6 not, people need to know. You did give that money
7 out of your pocket. That's on the Purple Heart
8 signs. He did pay for that out of his funds.
9 That's what he meant when he said there weren't any
10 taxpayer dollars. We appreciate that. I know the
11 veterans do.

12 I appreciate all of you being here. I
13 hope you have had a good year and hope you have
14 really a good 2015. If you need us, call us. I
15 always try to tell you, we're public servants.
16 We're very easy to contact and get ahold of. Just
17 come by here anytime. Our numbers -- our cell
18 numbers are all public. If we can help you, we'll
19 do that. At this time, I'll entertain a motion to
20 adjourn.

21 MR. SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Do I have a second?

23 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

24 MR. GOFF: Second.

25 MR. RUMLEY: We've got two seconds.

1 All right. I'll call a vote. Mr. Smith?

2 MR. SMITH: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

4 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

6 MR. GOFF: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

8 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

9 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. I
10 thank all of you for being here.

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