

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
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1 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll go ahead and
2 call this work session. It's February 5th, 2015.
3 Has Robin called? He should be on his way. We'll
4 go ahead without him though.

5 I appreciate everyone being here
6 tonight. Has everyone had time to review our
7 previous minutes of the meeting? Any questions or
8 changes to that? No comments? Okay. We'll put
9 that on the consent agenda.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: Do you want to add that
11 resolution?

12 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. This is something
13 we do need to add. This is something that just came
14 up today. I would like to amend. This is actually
15 showing our concern and nonapproval of the
16 legislation that they have that Robert has been
17 keeping and following really closely that they're
18 wanting to take our S.P.L.O.S.T dollars, our
19 L.O.S.T. dollars, our E.S.P.L.O.S.T. from the
20 education and put it into transportation and then
21 let us come back and revamp that. So I think we all
22 agree we're totally against that. Practically every
23 county in the state of Georgia right now is working
24 on a resolution and this is one we want to copy and
25 I would like to put that on the agenda for all of us

1 to hopefully approve to draft it and send.

2 MR. PITTMAN: And Robert can explain it
3 more.

4 MR. BRADFORD: That's HP71. I've got
5 all the paperwork.

6 MR. RUMLEY: I'm going to add that at
7 the bottom here. We can start with it really. If
8 everybody is fine, we can put it on the consent
9 agenda.

10 Okay. We'll move down to the personnel
11 review, personnel report, number three. As you can
12 see, there's been just very few changes mainly in
13 the jail. Any questions pertaining to that?

14 MR. BRADFORD: No.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Good afternoon, Robin.
16 How are you? We started to send the sheriff after
17 you.

18 Okay. Any questions?

19 MR. GOFF: No.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All right. Move
21 down to number four. That's board appointments and
22 proclamations. We do have some proclamations here,
23 Severe Weather Awareness Week. That's something
24 we've done for several years, A. And then we've got
25 the American Heart Month as a proclamation and we

1 have yearly, do the same thing there. Georgia's
2 Arbor Day is February 15th. That's something
3 we've done for years and years and years.

4 This is something new. This is
5 something we've had many, many counties and states
6 throughout the United States that's adopted their
7 motto. It's a trend -- call it a trend or whatever
8 all the way through the United States that's
9 happened. They're adopting a motto of "In God we
10 Trust" as a motto. Don and I, we've looked at that
11 and hopefully you feel that we should adopt that as
12 kind of a motto. A lot of people now, you know, if
13 you see the Georgia tag, they have the choice of
14 getting their county or get the sticker and you see
15 that on the lot of tags. So is everyone fine with
16 that?

17 MR. GOFF: I am.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Move down to E.
19 Actually, E and F. We have Buford Stephens and also
20 John Case. They are Limestone Valley
21 representatives on the RC&D. This is -- will be
22 their third appointment. They do a really good job.
23 They don't miss any meetings. They really represent
24 Dade County well. So I hope that we would agree to
25 put them back on there.

1 MR. SMITH: There's not a length of
2 term that they have to roll off, can't be
3 reappointed?

4 MR. RUMLEY: No. It's hard to get
5 someone to serve on that board. It's hard to get
6 someone to serve on it.

7 MR. SMITH: Then there's no problem?

8 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. Anyone have any
9 questions about our appointments or proclamations
10 tonight?

11 MR. SMITH: I would like for Don to
12 read the D, national motto In God we Trust, so they
13 can hear it and know what it is.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. Proclamation
15 In God we Trust. Whereas, In God we Trust became
16 the United States national motto on July 30th,
17 1956, shortly after our nation led the world through
18 the trauma of World War II. Whereas, the words have
19 been used on U.S. currency since 1864. Whereas, the
20 same inspiring slogan is engraved above the entrance
21 to the Senate Chamber as well as above the Speaker's
22 and the House of Representatives. Whereas, as in
23 both war and peace, these words have been a profound
24 source of strength and guidance to many generations
25 of Americans. Whereas, the county desires to

1 display this patriotic motto in the council chambers
2 as a way to solemnize public occasions and express
3 confidence in our society. Now, therefore, be it
4 resolved that we the Board of Commissioners of Dade
5 County, Georgia, hereby proclaim that the historic
6 and patriotic words of our national motto "In God we
7 Trust" shall be permanently and prominently
8 displayed in the Dade County Commission meeting room
9 in the Administrative Building.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: Also, Mr. Chairman, I
12 would like to note one thing. This is Severe
13 Weather Preparedness Week and the Commission does
14 traditionally pass this proclamation, but that is a
15 very important thing. There was tornado drills, I
16 think, Wednesday, yesterday at schools. And also
17 family preparedness day was this past Monday, but
18 that is something we, of course, really need to tune
19 into. And we'll be passing more of these -- Alex
20 Case. Is Alex here? Alex and I and, let's see,
21 Kyzer, Jerry Kyzer went to the training for weather
22 preparedness and we're working on becoming a weather
23 ready or --

24 MR. RUMLEY: Community, weather ready.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: As stated by the

1 National Weather Service and we're going to be
2 holding some meetings to the public and have the
3 actual National Weather Service out of Peachtree
4 City to come to Dade County. If you're interested
5 or you have family or friends that's interested, the
6 State will be announcing that soon.

7 And then tomorrow for ladies, it's wear
8 red day. I guess we can wear red stuff, too. It
9 says wear a red dress or kilt, if you have one.

10 MR. GOFF: Mine is at the cleaners.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Don.

12 Okay. We'll move down to number five.
13 Approval of S.P.L.O.S.T. capital equipment. The
14 only thing we have here is something that's been
15 around for four years, I guess. We've talked about
16 this. Actually, we started this before the tornado
17 really came in. That's to actually make our
18 courthouse here handicap accessible, our old
19 courthouse. This is the same company that we were
20 dealing with then. The price did go up about 5,000,
21 \$5,400 compared to what it was before, but it's been
22 several years ago. This is the elevator company,
23 Blue Moose Elevators. They do specialize in
24 historic buildings and all. They've done several
25 throughout the south. You've got the quote there.

1 It's \$46,900 is what it will cost us.

2 That will make it actually to a point
3 where we can start the renovations inside as far as
4 the -- not that many renovations, but actually
5 painting and letting people go in and we've got a
6 lot of volunteers that want to work. This is
7 actually the number one thing here. We've got to
8 get in there where liability insurance will cover
9 it. Mitchell, I don't think you were here when we
10 talked about this before.

11 MR. SMITH: I do have one -- well, at
12 least one question. Under their warranty, I don't
13 necessarily agree with their hours that they'll show
14 up just between 8:00 and 5:00. Anytime I've had to
15 do warranty work when a customer wanted it. You
16 can't do warranty work then and there because it's
17 your problem. You've got to fix it whether it's
18 overtime or not to you. I don't like that fact on
19 this. Also, I would like to know how far away is
20 their closest repairman?

21 MR. RUMLEY: The closest repairman
22 would be Gilmer County. But they were the only ones
23 that showed any interest. Well, not really.
24 Actually, we had one bid for \$132,000. Also, I
25 questioned them on their maintenance. You know,

1 like -- it's just like \$200, \$250 like a year they
2 will come back and do, you know, the maintenance
3 required to keep our license. It's got to have a
4 license and all that. So it's not -- they were very
5 reasonable on that.

6 MR. PITTMAN: It will not affect the
7 historical --

8 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it didn't say that.
9 You don't have -- as far as the value of it, anytime
10 you put an electrical elevator in -- but it will
11 blend in with the building more so than anything
12 we've seen. Any more questions? I will call about
13 that.

14 MR. BRADFORD: I would like to know
15 what kind of timeframe it would take for them to get
16 here if something broke down during the week.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Any other questions? All
18 right. I'm glad we're actually going through with
19 that right there. That's the beginning of good
20 things for the courthouse there.

21 All right. Jason, we have Jason Martin
22 here tonight. Well, actually, the whole crew, our
23 audit firm, auditing firm. Y'all come up to the
24 front here. They're going to give us a report.

25 MS. McCULLOUGH: Jason is going to give

1 the report, but I just wanted to thank you all,
2 again, for trusting your audit work to our firm and
3 we appreciate working with you. I've been
4 working -- I asked Scottie how long we had been
5 working together and he said he had been on the
6 Commission 12 years. We have not being doing your
7 audit that many years, but we've been doing it for a
8 number and I just wanted to say thank you and we
9 really appreciate it. I'll turn it over to Jason.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Robin, you might want to
11 let him use your microphone.

12 MR. MARTIN: As Ladell said, we
13 appreciate the opportunity. This year things went
14 very well. The County is in a better financial
15 position than last year. I recall sitting here last
16 year and the discussion was on fund balance and how
17 to increase it and you guys take the necessary
18 measures to do it through rate increases or to cut
19 back spending.

20 So this fiscal year, fund balance did
21 increase. But just to give you an overview of the
22 audit process, you guys did receive a clean report
23 this year and there were no significant deficiencies
24 this year with that accounting. Don and with the
25 addition of Mary, they're doing a great job. So

1 things were closed out properly. We didn't have
2 significant adjustments at all to your financial
3 records this year, which means you all are getting
4 good information throughout the fiscal year and you
5 guys aren't waiting on an audit to get good numbers.
6 You're getting those throughout the fiscal year. So
7 that's what we like to see.

8 So if you'll turn in your report to
9 page 16, you can see really the financial position
10 or the balance sheet for the County this fiscal
11 year. In your general fund, your cash balance was a
12 little bit over a million dollars as of June 30th.
13 If you move on down, your total assets for the
14 County was 1.75 million. Your liabilities total
15 \$463,000 at the end of the fiscal year. So that
16 leaves you with a fund balance of \$1.3 million this
17 year.

18 So just to give you a comparison on how
19 that changed from year to year, if you'll look on
20 page 19, you'll see your total revenues for the
21 year. So revenues and expenses were roughly about
22 the same, around \$8 million and we had some
23 transfers in between the funds. But if you go down,
24 you'll see the net change in fund balance was right
25 at \$1 million. So you started the year with

1 \$289,000 in the fund balance and you ended the year
2 with \$1.3 million in the fund balance.

3 One other thing that's different this
4 fiscal year is that we included the IDA because they
5 receive fund money in conjunction with the County.
6 And so auditing standards and reporting standards
7 require that fund to be reported in conjunction with
8 this audit. So we audited the IDA as well as the
9 City -- I'm sorry, as well as the County and it's
10 all reported in this same report.

11 Also, if you take a look at your budget
12 starting on page 22, all departments operated within
13 your budget. So that's not going to be an issue
14 with the State this year. The State really
15 considers it a significant finding if you overrun
16 your budget by three percent in the department. So
17 this year that was not the case. So that's pretty
18 much a good summary on how you all operated this
19 past fiscal year. Any questions for us?

20 MR. RUMLEY: Of course, I've already
21 been talking to you. Speak up, Scottie, if you have
22 any questions. Mitchell, I think you were in there.
23 You asked some questions before. I appreciate
24 y'all. It's been a tough year. Even though it's
25 been -- we've done the best we can do to keep things

1 down, keep spending down.

2 Robert, do you have any comments?

3 Allan?

4 MR. GOFF: No. I appreciate Jason and
5 the firm for coming in and working so well with us.
6 As Ladell said for many years, they've done a great
7 job.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate you, Jason.
9 Thank you.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: We appreciate Sydney,
11 too.

12 MR. BRADFORD: We also appreciate Don
13 and Mary. They've done a great job.

14 MR. TOWNSEND: Thank you.

15 MR. RUMLEY: We're going to go
16 through -- go ahead and take care of this county
17 business. We've got a lot on this agenda and then
18 we've got Holly, Holly Moore and Ms. Moreland is
19 here tonight. They're going to do a presentation
20 for us. It won't take long to run through this, but
21 we need to go ahead in case there's any questions
22 from the Commissioners on this stuff here.

23 I'm going to move down to number eight.
24 This is Resolution R-08-15 to abandon a portion of
25 Old Hales Gap Road. We already went through that

1 reading last week, I guess it was. This will be the
2 final on it. Any questions on it? Okay. Put that
3 on the consent agenda.

4 Okay. Resolution R-11-15, FY2016 DOT
5 Section 53-11 grant application for public
6 transportation. That's something we do every year.
7 Everybody fine? Any questions on that?

8 Okay. Number ten, Resolution R-12-15,
9 memorandum of understanding from the Family Crisis
10 Center. Don, I'll let you explain that. It's not
11 lengthy, you know.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: The Family Crisis Center
13 of Walker, Dade and Catoosa and Chattooga Counties
14 requested last year for the first time a memorandum
15 of understanding. And what that basically boils
16 down to is Family Crisis Center agrees to the
17 following set of criteria, to provide a 24-hour
18 crisis line, provide emergency shelter for victims
19 of domestic violence, provide safety planning for
20 residential and nonresidential victims of domestic
21 violence, provide legal advocacy services, assist in
22 completion of temporary protective orders, court
23 appointments, provide victims of domestic violence
24 appropriate referrals based on need, provide
25 domestic violence support groups for victims of

1 domestic violence, provide financial assistance as
2 funding allows to victims of domestic violence,
3 provide follow-up services and support and provide
4 community education and confidentiality for all
5 clients served through the Family Crisis Center.

6 And then they asked the partners, which
7 we are a partner, to make appropriate referrals to
8 the Family Crisis Center as needed, cooperate with
9 Family Crisis Center staff and volunteers in the
10 performance of their duties and partners
11 participating with Family Crisis Center shall
12 maintain all information regarding domestic violence
13 programs as confidential as required by all state
14 laws, rules and regulations.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?
16 We've been a supporter of this for several years.
17 So it's just -- okay.

18 Move down to number 11, Resolution
19 R-13-15, GDOT agreement, local maintenance and
20 improvement grant. That's our LMIG money. That's a
21 big one every year that we hope to get as much as we
22 can from. We did get a good check from them this
23 year, quite a bit more than when we used get the old
24 LARP money. This is the LMIG money we call it. Any
25 questions on that?

1 Okay. Resolution R-14-15. This is
2 disposal of surplus county property. There is a
3 list there under 12. We do have some scrap copiers.
4 Actually, most of them are copiers, printers. We
5 have one car left, a Crown Vic that's extremely worn
6 out. Any questions on that? Okay.

7 Move down to number 13, R-15-15.
8 That's our 2015 S.P.L.O.S.T bond resolution for the
9 City of Trenton. They are, as you know, bonding
10 their money, which we are not this year. So that's
11 something that we do have to approve for them -- for
12 that to happen. Any questions on that? I know most
13 of y'all have been filled in on that. It has
14 strictly to do with the City of Trenton proceeds.

15 Also, the Resolution R-16-15. This is
16 a bond placement agreement for the City of Trenton
17 bonds. They're kind of combined, but we had to do
18 them separately because they're two different
19 resolutions.

20 MR. GOFF: This is no liability to the
21 County. This is what we have to do, correct?

22 MR. ROGERS: That's correct.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Strictly the City of
24 Trenton.

25 MR. ROGERS: If the tax proceeds were

1 to fall short, then there's an agreement in place
2 that the County would reimburse the city.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Number 15,
4 Ordinance 2-05-15, modifying the speed limit on
5 certain highways and roads in Dade County. That is
6 pertaining to -- we do have to review these
7 occasionally and approve the standard speed limit.
8 This was whether it be interstate or Highway 11 or
9 county roads. The reason this is on here, they have
10 changed the speed limit there on Interstate 59 from
11 65 to 70 up where the split is where Slygo Bridge --
12 Slygo Road crosses. It goes from that and extends
13 into the split. That used to be it dropped to 65
14 there, but now it's 70 miles all the way through.
15 So that's something we have to approve or
16 disapprove. If we didn't approve it, I don't know
17 what they would do. I'm sure they wouldn't be up
18 there to change it. It's just a formality.

19 Okay. Number 16, Ordinance 03-05-15,
20 amendment to the 06-02-11, that's for the blocking
21 of the railroad crossings. There was kind of a
22 misprint or call it what you want, but we're
23 changing that from ten minutes to thirty minutes.
24 Ten minutes was too -- there's no way two trains
25 could actually pass in the block of ten minutes. So

1 it needs to be thirty minutes and anything over
2 thirty minutes, they will be fined. That's just a
3 change in the wording on that. Any questions on
4 that?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Can we leave this off the
6 consent agenda?

7 MR. RUMLEY: Do what now?

8 MR. PITTMAN: We need to leave it off
9 the consent agenda and vote on it in the regular
10 meetings.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Separately? That's fine.
12 I forgot. Southern Railway guy -- Norfolk Southern.
13 I don't want you to be on the soup line tomorrow.

14 Number 17, the intergovernmental
15 agreement with the City of Trenton and the Board of
16 Elections. This year Trenton is having an election
17 and as it has been for several years, we do or Dade
18 County, our Board of Elections handles that and we
19 do have to approve that. Any questions there?

20 MR. PITTMAN: Again, that's no cost to
21 us? The City pays all --

22 MR. RUMLEY: No. They pay the expense.
23 All right. Number 18, quarterly report to GDOR from
24 Dade County Board of Assessors.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: These don't really

1 require approval, 18 and 19. I just wanted to put
2 them on there for your information.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we need to go ahead
4 and set this meeting up, set the date for the
5 special called meeting. That's number 19. That's
6 for our ambulance service.

7 MR. SMITH: That -- the bids will be
8 received Monday the 9th.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Do what now?

10 MR. SMITH: The bids will be received
11 Monday, the 9th, which is this Monday.

12 MR. RUMLEY: So we could go ahead and
13 have it immediately that evening after Monday or you
14 tell me what dates -- what day y'all want to have
15 it.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: Alex proposed February
17 12th as a tentative date to give him time to crunch
18 all the numbers and make sure --

19 MR. RUMLEY: That's on what day?

20 MR. SMITH: Next Thursday.

21 MR. RUMLEY: That would be okay, do it
22 at 5:00. Can everybody be here at 5:00?

23 MR. TOWNSEND: Sure.

24 MR. RUMLEY: That will be strictly for
25 the ambulance, for the bids.

1 Okay. All right. I've already added
2 this -- actually, you added that, didn't you, Don,
3 on the resolution pertaining to the legislative
4 house bid?

5 Okay. All right. Holly, come on up.
6 Ms. Holly Moore and Ms. Madeline. Good to have
7 y'all here tonight. Tell us who you are and who
8 you're actually representing.

9 MS. MOORE: Okay. So you guys want to
10 look at number seven in your packet. So I'm Holly
11 Moore and this is Madeline Barton. She is our new
12 Chamber local --

13 MS. BARTON: Center specialist.

14 MS. MOORE: Thank you. So anyway, what
15 we did was.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Are you representing all
17 the rec leagues? Are you a representative?

18 MS. MOORE: Oh, yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: That's who we need to know
20 who you are actually speaking.

21 MS. MOORE: Yes, representing -- yes.
22 All right. So if you guys will look over a few
23 pages to your Power Point presentation on there.
24 I'm not sure what -- okay. You guys just want to
25 follow along. All right. So six months ago a

1 collaboration of sports enthusiasts and government
2 officials met concerning our sports facilities.
3 After meeting once a month, we've established a
4 five-phase plan which we're presenting today.

5 So let me give you first a few
6 statistics in sports in our area. Dade County has
7 over 600-plus kids participating in cheerleading,
8 wrestling, football, soccer, baseball, softball and
9 basketball. In the surrounding area, Chattanooga
10 generated 5.48 million collectively on two
11 high-profile tournaments in 2011. And also hosted a
12 national cheer competition adding 2.4 million to the
13 bottom line.

14 On a national level, youth sports is
15 growing at three to five percent annually on top of
16 an already \$7 million industry. Of course, we don't
17 compare to Chattanooga, but Dade can definitely earn
18 a piece of the pie. Our goal for the Dade County
19 Parks and Rec is, of course, generate revenue for
20 the county, attract new businesses, promote tourism
21 and eventually a self-sustainable park.

22 So the first phase in your plan is the
23 guidelines and forms. You can refer to that at the
24 front of the packet. This contains all of the rules
25 and regulations for renting facilities in our county

1 and we'll need a couple of minor changes to just
2 update contact information and pricing. Also, park
3 availability, we kind of estimated a March to
4 October timeframe for seasonal activity and rentals.

5 Phase two is marketing. I'm going
6 along with you, Robert. I'm keeping up with you.
7 All right. So on the marketing aspect, we would
8 just like to add to our current County and Chamber
9 website by adding a page and links for contact.
10 Also, word of mouth through directors, leagues,
11 local sports enthusiasts and through Madeline as our
12 sports liaison.

13 Later we would like to include
14 participation in sports destination magazines which
15 targets 18,000-plus key decision makers, event
16 planners and other marketing avenues. So phase
17 three -- so phase three of our plan was -- after
18 speaking with other counties, they were able to hire
19 four seasonal employees from March to October that
20 are strictly used for events. Hours are limited and
21 schedules allow flexibility for these events without
22 tying up full-time employees while maintaining
23 insurance compliance. This part-time help would all
24 be contingent on rentals.

25 So the next slide, phase four is grant

1 money. Grant money would be used for a variety of
2 projects according to grant specifications not
3 intended for nonprofit status. Current samples of
4 grants we're eligible for are the Baseball Tomorrow
5 Fund, the U.S. Department of Ag World Development,
6 Kaboom and Let's Play initiative.

7 Phase five of our project is park
8 improvements. Listed are initial needs discussed,
9 keeping in mind a portion of upcoming S.P.L.O.S.T
10 money that's been designated for park lighting,
11 which is just a general maintenance update. So, of
12 course, lights, fields, ADA, playground and seating.

13 So finally -- so today we're not asking
14 for money, but we're asking for the Commission to
15 approve phase one, the guidelines and forms after
16 the changes are -- just contact information changed.
17 Also, the web page creating a link for the County
18 and Chamber websites for sharing and then the word
19 of mouth to start promoting our facilities and
20 getting people to come and use them. The final
21 approval would be for grant application and that
22 would be where we're able to research grants, apply
23 for grants using the county as, I guess, our
24 backbone for submission. Do you guys have any
25 questions?

1 MR. RUMLEY: The City, are they --
2 they've already -- are they signed off on it?

3 MS. MOORE: The City has not. I'm
4 going to approach them later after this. The
5 County's facilities are larger than the City's and
6 can be utilized more than that. So after we see how
7 it goes here, then we will approach the City.
8 Originally, we did want to include them, but we
9 decided that it would be better to do that
10 separately.

11 MR. RUMLEY: But are they -- have you
12 even talked to them? I know you mentioned the City.

13 MS. MOORE: I did include them on the
14 parks and guidelines just for picture reference.
15 You know, if you're trying to promote your facility,
16 you know, anything extra that would get them to come
17 would be great. So the pool, the park for the kids,
18 the creek, that kind of thing, or the civic center,
19 that's just a plus to help get them here.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Any comments? Mitchell?

21 MR. SMITH: I've got a few questions.

22 MS. MOORE: Go ahead.

23 MR. SMITH: On the parks rental
24 application it shows the City facilities. Can the
25 County reserve the City's complex without an

1 intergovernmental agreement because the form comes
2 into the County?

3 MS. MOORE: That form will actually
4 be -- once it's completed, then it would go to the
5 respectful party. So if they're renting a county
6 facility, it would go to them. If it's for the city
7 facilities, it would be --

8 MR. PITTMAN: We talked about this,
9 Mitchell, during the meetings. If somebody wanted
10 to rent the Senior Center because they seen it on
11 here, Holly or Madeline would not rent it. It would
12 go through Annette.

13 MS. MOORE: So Madeline -- say, they
14 contact Madeline and want to rent that. So Madeline
15 would put them in touch with --

16 MR. PITTMAN: Whoever.

17 MS. MOORE: -- whoever is over that
18 area.

19 MR. SMITH: Under general policy two,
20 it states the city, county and school sponsored
21 activities have priority use of the facilities. The
22 priority listing is in conflict of that statement.
23 To stay true to that statement, the priority list
24 should be Dade County and Trenton City Commission,
25 number one. Number two, schools and number three

1 Dade Rec.

2 MS. MOORE: Okay. That can be revised.

3 MR. SMITH: Under priority of groups,
4 reservation rantage will be made by the facility
5 staff. Who is this? It states if necessary with
6 the Board of Advisors? What is the makeup of this
7 board and who appoints the board?

8 MS. MOORE: What are you reading?

9 MR. SMITH: Under priority of groups,
10 it states the reservation rankings will be made by
11 facility staff. Who is that staff? And if
12 necessary, with the Board of Advisors. What is
13 makeup of this board and who appoints that board?

14 MS. MOORE: Okay. So the facility
15 staff would be, again, Madeline as a liaison for
16 that and then Stacy is over the park down there. So
17 he would be the staff and then what other facilities
18 that we have that has a director or whatever, they
19 would be the ones to approve if it's available for
20 use. The Board of Advisors, I think that was just
21 included in when we were switching over to --
22 switching this over so that it would apply for
23 county. So -- I mean, we can take out a board, you
24 know. We can take that off.

25 MR. SMITH: And your facility rates,

1 does that apply to the rec league? If not, I don't
2 see how we can charge other county residents and
3 organizations for those rates.

4 MS. MOORE: So the park -- the rec
5 department is not included under like regular
6 season, stuff that they schedule. This would be
7 outside folks. Say, I'm from out of town and I want
8 to rent it for the weekend, then that's where I
9 would pay. If I'm a resident of this county, then I
10 would have a lower rate than someone from outside.

11 MR. PITTMAN: That's a separate column,
12 out of state resident.

13 MR. SMITH: Well, I disagree with that.
14 I don't think the Dade residents should be charged.

15 MS. MOORE: Well, the rates on here,
16 that pretty much just covers someone down there to
17 work the field because me as a resident, I can't go
18 down there and use your equipment for a tournament
19 because of insurance. So we would need an employee
20 to use that equipment for us to run that and then
21 just to pay the lights.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Allan, do you have
23 anything?

24 MR. BRADFORD: No. I'm kind of like
25 Mitchell. I don't think the county should have to

1 pay. I think you may have that --

2 MS. MOORE: Right. That's why the
3 rates are lower for residents. The rec department,
4 they don't pay for anything. I think they do have
5 to use the -- supply their own equipment this year.
6 Scottie will have to answer that.

7 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. It's not that
8 they're going to have to supply their own equipment.
9 They are going to have to line their own fields and
10 possible supply a driver, depending on what the
11 outcome of that is.

12 MR. RUMLEY: We just need to look into
13 it and see. Robert, what have you got?

14 MR. GOFF: One thing, we're talking
15 about weekends and a county employee being down
16 there. We would have to deal with the fact that
17 that person is there as an employee of the county.
18 They're there beyond their regular scope of a
19 workweek.

20 MS. MOORE: Okay. That falls under the
21 phase three of the project, I believe it was, or
22 phase four, part-time seasonal help. And that's
23 where -- when I spoke to the other counties, they
24 just -- like I said, they hire four guys from March
25 to October and once they've been trained and, you

1 know, how to use all the equipment that the county
2 owns, then their schedule is strictly for tournament
3 usage or weekend usage. So there's no full-time
4 employees needed unless requested and then you could
5 always up the rental rate for that if they requested
6 Stacy, for instance.

7 MR. GOFF: Well, we certainly can't
8 obligate an employee that's off on weekends, I mean,
9 without talking to the employee.

10 MS. MOORE: No, no.

11 MR. GOFF: I mean, you're looking at
12 the whole scope of -- even though you've got rates
13 built in here to pay Allan if he chose to do that,
14 but workman's comp and that type of thing ordinarily
15 wouldn't be covered on the weekend because he's not
16 at work.

17 MS. MOORE: Okay. That falls under
18 part-time seasonal work. You may be more familiar
19 with the employment law than I am. But how they
20 handled it, they were only allowed to work so many
21 hours per week. So it would definitely fall under
22 part time and I think that covers your workman's
23 comp or something. Anyway, they were only allowed
24 so many hours total per season. So it was like 750,
25 I believe it is, on the slide.

1 MR. ROGERS: So these employees would
2 be employees of the County rather than the rec
3 association?

4 MS. MOORE: Yes.

5 MR. ROGERS: And when a -- let's say
6 someone comes in and pays money, who do they pay
7 that to?

8 MS. MOORE: The county.

9 MR. PITTMAN: And the reason they would
10 be an employee of the County instead of the rec
11 league is so they would be able to use the county
12 equipment.

13 MR. SMITH: And on the rate charge,
14 like on the ball fields, there's 500, 1,000 and
15 1,200. What's the different rates for?

16 MS. MOORE: Okay. Tournaments can
17 usually run from one to three days. I can base this
18 on softball as to what I can explain. But a
19 softball tournament usually runs like two days. So
20 if you luck up and have a tournament just one day,
21 then to rent those fields for the whole day is going
22 to be \$500. If you want it on Saturday and Sunday,
23 it's going to be \$1,000. If you want to do the
24 whole weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, then
25 that's the \$1,200.

1 MR. SMITH: You need a little more
2 explanation on your forms, so people will know that.

3 MS. MOORE: What do you not understand
4 about it?

5 MR. SMITH: On your --

6 MS. MOORE: Now, the application
7 presented is not narrowed down. Yeah, that's not
8 set in stone. Like I said, there's a few things we
9 need to change on that, but the largest part of
10 it -- are you talking about this?

11 MR. SMITH: No, the application.

12 MR. PITTMAN: He's talking about this,
13 Holly.

14 MR. SMITH: Well, see, if they get this
15 application, they aren't going to have that.

16 MS. MOORE: The actual application
17 would be like a PDF, fillable PDF online that they
18 can fill out. Once it's ready to create, then all
19 the correct rates and all that would be on there.
20 You should really look at this one.

21 MR. PITTMAN: What if, Holly, we give
22 everybody -- because me and you and Ted have been to
23 all the meetings.

24 MR. RUMLEY: I haven't. I've missed a
25 couple.

1 MR. PITTMAN: Well, you've been to most
2 of them. But if we give these guys until next
3 Thursday. We can add it on to the special-called
4 meeting.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we couldn't approve
6 this tonight anyway.

7 MR. PITTMAN: I know.

8 MR. RUMLEY: We've got to let Robin go
9 over it.

10 MR. PITTMAN: Instead of sitting here
11 asking questions over and over.

12 MR. RUMLEY: It's a start. It's
13 something we need to do. It should have happened a
14 long time ago. It's a beginning.

15 MR. PITTMAN: What do you think, give
16 everybody a week to kind of soak it in and ask
17 questions along the way instead of hammering you
18 over and over tonight?

19 MS. MOORE: That's fine with me.

20 MR. SMITH: That's fine.

21 MR. BRADFORD: That's fine with me.

22 MS. MOORE: I can hash it out.

23 MR. GOFF: I would like to see
24 what's -- because nothing can be done. And I guess
25 it's more than one question in a question. At what

1 point would you be able or would Dade recreation
2 department be able to give a schedule to whoever
3 that we've got tournaments for here, here or is this
4 a week? Because I guess what I'm asking, when
5 summer rolls around and that park has been there --
6 and I would love to see it make money. Don't get me
7 wrong. But New Salem Church calls White Oak Church
8 and says we challenge y'all to softball today. It's
9 always been there. They've been able to go down
10 there and play ball. They don't line the fields.
11 They may not even have bases. Does that take out of
12 the people that go to the park from what did you
13 say, March to October?

14 MS. MOORE: You know, if it's been
15 rented prior, then they would need to call to let
16 Stacy know that somebody is coming. If it is
17 rented, I would say the rental would take over. But
18 they're more than welcome to go to Jenkins and play.

19 MR. PITTMAN: And with that same
20 scenario, Robert, if all the kids were down there
21 playing, they wouldn't be able to play during a rec
22 league.

23 MS. MOORE: But we've spoke with the
24 rec bunch and we've worked out schedules, you know,
25 to give us at least a couple of weekends a month to

1 where it doesn't conflict any whatsoever with any
2 rec sports.

3 MR. RUMLEY: The answer is though if
4 tournaments are booked, it overrides if you decide
5 this evening you want to go play.

6 MR. GOFF: I've read the cancellation
7 of them, but how far in advance would you --

8 MR. RUMLEY: Of course, they can book
9 this up to a year in advance.

10 MS. MOORE: Yeah. They can book it a
11 year. If it's available and they call tomorrow and
12 it was available next weekend, then they can have
13 it. That's the way it usually works. But big
14 tournament directors, they plan them. So you're
15 talking six months to a year in advance.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. We'll just do that.
17 You've got this. You can look it over. Holly's
18 number, I think, is in there. If not, you can get
19 her cell number. Scottie has been -- the Chamber is
20 easy to find. This lady here, are you full time?

21 MS. BARTON: Part-time at the Chamber,
22 Monday through Thursday.

23 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. This is just the
24 first proposal.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Beginning. They've put a

1 lot of work into it.

2 MR. PITTMAN: Holly has done a ton of
3 work. She's done a lot of research.

4 MR. GOFF: The other side, not just the
5 ball fields, but the rec league soccer and football,
6 have they been involved in this?

7 MS. MOORE: Oh, yeah. Everybody is on
8 board. I mean, as a matter of fact, Bradley with
9 the soccer was here tonight. He was discussing
10 having spring soccer tournaments, so...

11 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any more questions
12 for us tonight? All right. Robin, do you have
13 anything you want to add on anything we've talked
14 about?

15 MR. ROGERS: No.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Don? Okay. We'll go
17 ahead and --

18 MR. SMITH: I've got one thing now I
19 would like to ask. Has the Chamber signed their
20 contract? They've had over thirty days.

21 MR. TOWNSEND: I have not received the
22 contract back, no.

23 MR. SMITH: In my world, that's more
24 than enough time to sign a contract. And I think we
25 ought to consider rescinding the contract that we

1 signed and possibly putting it off for renewal
2 starting January 1, 2016, or they can sign it while
3 they're here tonight, one. That's my suggestion.

4 MR. RUMLEY: So we haven't received a
5 signed contract back from the Chamber? I thought
6 you already got it back.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: No.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Audrey, do you want to
9 come up and talk to us?

10 MRS. CLARK: What do y'all want to
11 know?

12 MR. GOFF: Mitchell just asked had we
13 received the contract.

14 MRS. CLARK: Signed one? Which one,
15 the last one?

16 MR. RUMLEY: The one we approved.

17 MRS. CLARK: No, you haven't.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Have y'all approved it?

19 MRS. CLARK: No, it has not been.

20 MR. RUMLEY: For what reason?

21 MRS. CLARK: Couple of reasons. We had
22 our meeting January -- the second Thursday night of
23 January. We had received it and apparently we can't
24 do anything just arbitrarily. We can't talk to the
25 Commission as a group. We have to talk to only two

1 people at a time. And so the question that came up
2 at our meeting, there were a couple of things. In
3 the contract that was handed to our Chamber board,
4 it read from January of 2015 to December of 2015.
5 And according to the budget that was set forth by
6 the Commission here and from what we understand, the
7 budgets of like the IDA, the City budgets, it was
8 all changed up to run from June of one year to --

9 MR. RUMLEY: That's our fiscal year.

10 MRS. CLARK: Right. The fiscal year of
11 the other committees or groups. And for that one,
12 it was set up to run on a calendar year. So we
13 wanted to ask that that one be put in the same way
14 since everybody else's budget and we thought that
15 would make it better even for the Commission and the
16 county budget, but we couldn't talk -- we didn't
17 think we could talk to you guys about it until you
18 all met together because of the Sunshine Law; is
19 that correct?

20 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

21 MR. GOFF: That's true.

22 MRS. CLARK: So until we could meet
23 with you all, which we thought would be tonight
24 because we couldn't come to you. We could do it
25 separately, but there's no point in doing that; is

1 that not correct?

2 MR. TOWNSEND: That's true. But no one
3 called and asked to be placed on the agenda. I
4 mean, I don't even have it on the agenda. Mitchell
5 just brought the question to the floor.

6 MRS. CLARK: Well, I mean, I guess we
7 just -- there's a group of us and we really just all
8 work and everything. We meet once a month, too, and
9 we don't know exactly how the procedures go. So
10 tonight there's some of us here and we wanted to
11 talk to you about it and we have notes and
12 everything and our director wanted to bring that up
13 as well, but the way these meetings all go and I
14 guess how everything is held back, we don't know
15 exactly how to do what when. There's a couple of
16 things on that contract we do want to talk to you
17 guys about all at one time. So how do we do that?

18 MR. RUMLEY: Start talking right now.

19 MRS. CLARK: Okay. Let me get the
20 notes, because at our meetings, we have a couple of
21 notes.

22 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Chairman, this is not
23 on the agenda and so if you're going to meet
24 again --

25 MR. BRADFORD: I was going to say, why

1 don't we put it on the next Thursday meeting.

2 MR. RUMLEY: So do you want to rescind
3 what you just said as far as not renewing the
4 contract until January 1st? That's the only
5 reason why -- because I feel like we need to give
6 them until next week, at least give them until next
7 Thursday.

8 MR. SMITH: Well, I've got --

9 MR. GOFF: Special-called meeting.

10 MR. RUMLEY: We've got a called meeting
11 on Thursday.

12 MR. BRADFORD: Tell us right now and we
13 can put it on.

14 MR. RUMLEY: That way you can come in
15 here just like this right here. We'll have -- you
16 can have everything ready and we can talk about it.

17 MRS. CLARK: Okay. So what do we need
18 to have ready?

19 MR. RUMLEY: Whatever you don't like
20 about it.

21 MR. TOWNSEND: The board has already
22 approved the one contract.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. We've already
24 approved the contract on our end of it.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: We have a lot of

1 contracts. I would say the majority of our
2 contracts run calendar year, January 1st through
3 December 31st. Our budget year is a fiscal year,
4 July 1st through June 30th, but you can fit that
5 however we need to fit that. I mean, in fact, the
6 amount of money actually has increased 10,000
7 because y'all were trying to -- I know you wanted
8 the money for September, October, November,
9 December, but there was no director during those
10 months.

11 MRS. CLARK: Actually, that didn't get
12 brought up to us -- there actually was. There was
13 an acting director and I didn't know about that part
14 until we were talking and Robert said that I think
15 you had pointed that out to him or the other
16 commissioners and he said he needed some minutes.
17 So we furnished that not in complete detail because
18 part of that meeting was in -- what do y'all call it
19 when --

20 MR. RUMLEY: Executive session.

21 MRS. CLARK: Executive session. And so
22 we brought that tonight, too. So that -- and
23 there's an asterisk there of that meeting where we
24 had -- the assistant director was asked to be the
25 acting director in that interim. We didn't know to

1 present meeting minutes before, so that's there, so
2 that the Commissioners could all see that. And if
3 it's needed --

4 MR. ROGERS: I think let's move this to
5 the next meeting.

6 MR. RUMLEY: That's right. We need to
7 do that where we can take time to listen to it.

8 MRS. CLARK: So that's --

9 MR. GOFF: That's the kind of stuff --
10 you can bring that to the special-called meeting.

11 MRS. CLARK: There again, we just
12 didn't know and we couldn't do it one-on-one about
13 that Sunshine stuff. And until Robert mentioned
14 that, we didn't know about that part. So that's
15 why, Mitchell, you didn't have what was just handed
16 to us and until we had our meetings and everything,
17 we just didn't know. So if it's better for the
18 Commission and everything that that budget and the
19 dates be in conjunction with how the budget is done
20 with everybody else and on those timeframes, that
21 was another question.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Bring it back Thursday.
23 Get everything together.

24 MR. SMITH: My main point was to start
25 some kind of discussion.

1 MRS. CLARK: Oh, okay. We'll gladly
2 discuss.

3 MR. SMITH: If it took that to get it
4 started, it got it started.

5 MRS. CLARK: We just don't know exactly
6 all the ins and outs. Now, I have a question. Is
7 there anything else that we would need to have or
8 whatever?

9 MR. RUMLEY: We've already approved the
10 contract. We're waiting on y'all to sign it.

11 MR. SMITH: Waiting on y'all.

12 MRS. CLARK: Okay. So any changes or
13 anything, that would be -- and when is that, next
14 Thursday, here?

15 MR. SMITH: But at that time, it still
16 don't mean there will be a contract. We need to
17 book it, look at it again.

18 MRS. CLARK: Okay. All right. That's
19 why. We just didn't know. Thank you.

20 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Let's go ahead
21 and adjourn the work session, take a quick break
22 here.

23 (Thereupon, a brief recess was
24 taken.)

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MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Please everyone get a seat. We'll call this meeting to order. This is February 5th, 2015. I appreciate everyone staying with us through the work session and our meeting. As always, at the beginning of our meetings, we have the Pledge of Allegiance and also prayer. Robert, would you lead us in prayer and the Pledge, please? Everyone stand.

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

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

MR. SMITH: Here.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

MR. PITTMAN: Here.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

MR. GOFF: Here.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

MR. BRADFORD: Here.

1 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.
2 Okay. Before we go any further, we've got kind of a
3 special occasion tonight. We have a special person
4 in the house with us. Mike Wheeler, do you want to
5 come up here? Bring your family with you. Where
6 are you, Mike? We have Mike Wheeler with us tonight
7 and Mike is retiring after 38 years of service.
8 He's our oldest actually working employee that
9 actually we've had. We went back and tried to look.
10 He's put a lot of years and dedication at our
11 transfer station and I want to give this to him. It
12 says, this award is presented to Michael Wheeler
13 with grateful appreciation for your 38 years of
14 service and dedication to the citizens of Dade
15 County and the Dade County Commission.

16 Also, we want to proclaim actually
17 February 5th as Mike Wheeler day from now on in
18 Dade County. We also have a cake back there, a
19 large cake. So everyone help yourself back there.
20 We do appreciate you, Mike. If there's anything we
21 can do for you, we'll do it. We love you like a
22 brother. Do you want to make a speech?

23 MR. WHEELER: No.

24 MR. RUMLEY: We appreciate all the
25 family coming tonight, too.

1 Okay. Move down to our district
2 commissioner committee reports. Mitchell, do you
3 want to start?

4 MR. SMITH: This past month, we met
5 with Alex Case, Robert Goff, Roger Woodyard, Rodney
6 Ross and Dr. Pullen to review and finalize the
7 emergency ambulance service RFP15-1 and those
8 proposals are due back this next Monday,
9 February 9th at 2:00 p.m.

10 Also, this past month, we spent some
11 time talking to Zack Stone, the new Chamber
12 director. I don't know if Robert is going to give
13 his legislative update, but I do want to read one
14 section from the final report of the 911 System
15 Modernization Senate Study Committee. This
16 committee is chaired by Senator Jeff Mullis and it
17 has to do with the collection -- the proposed
18 collection recommendation on 911 fees. The
19 recommendation states the Study Committee feels that
20 a system of centralized collection and auditing to a
21 single state agency such as Department of Revenue
22 which streamlines auditing and the collection of
23 fees while reducing the administrative burdens
24 currently imposed on providers and local government.
25 In my words, the state collects the money, takes a

1 cut for handling it and returns what and when they
2 wish to the counties. It's all about getting the
3 money to the state coffers and forgetting the
4 counties. That's my report.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie?

6 MR. PITTMAN: County Road 6 reopened
7 today. That's wonderful news. I'm going to say
8 we've completed phase two. The holes have been
9 patched and repaired and they do have tar and gravel
10 in the areas that were falling off. We do have one
11 more phase. We're going to wait until the weather
12 warms up enough to really put down a good coat of
13 asphalt and that will be hopefully the last time we
14 have to patch that stretch of highway for years and
15 years.

16 We've been talking about this Rec
17 League Association, been meeting on this for months
18 now. Back in June of last year when we were going
19 through such a budget crunch, we were looking at
20 different ways to bring money into the county and
21 this is one way. Holly has done an excellent job
22 preparing paperwork. If anyone is interested in
23 seeing the documents, Don will have copies in the
24 Commission office for anybody that wants them.
25 We're having a meeting again next Thursday to go

1 over it again some more. The ball fields are --
2 they're an asset to the county. They really are.
3 They're some of the nicest fields in the area.
4 Anybody that's traveled any distance to see their
5 kids or friends' kids play ball, they know we do
6 have a nice facility and we would like to see it
7 used more.

8 And at the ball fields, Stacy does a
9 great job, but Stacy is by himself now. He does not
10 have any help. He's getting a part-time person, I
11 think, in March. The rec leagues are starting up.
12 I've had several phone calls this week from people
13 involved in the rec league that were distraught
14 because Stacy told them they would have to line
15 their own fields. I mean, if you don't know what
16 I'm talking about, it's the chalk lines that go down
17 first and third base and in front of the pitcher's
18 mound, around the home plate.

19 Stacy in the past has drug the fields,
20 done all the maintenance and then before the game
21 started, he would stripe all the fields. Each field
22 takes approximately an hour to lay out and then
23 stripe, so we've got five fields. That's five hours
24 worth of work. If Stacy does that, he doesn't have
25 time to do anything else. And he's not trying to be

1 mean and hateful. He's being honest with the rec
2 leagues. He doesn't have the help. He doesn't have
3 the manpower. And that came from the budget cuts.
4 When you have budget cuts, you're going to lose
5 certain services. And while it sounds trivial,
6 striping lines at the ball fields, that is one place
7 that was cut. So it's not that we don't care, but
8 that's what happened.

9 We are looking at alternative ways to
10 get this done, but right now the rec leagues will be
11 responsible for striping their own fields.

12 I would like to thank Billy and the
13 road crew for all the work they've done on County
14 Road 6. It looks really good. That's all I've got.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Robert?

16 MR. BRADFORD: He's going to let me go
17 first because he's going to talk about this HP170.

18 MR. RUMLEY: That means he's going to
19 be about an hour and a half. We'll have to take
20 another break. Go ahead, Allan.

21 MR. GOFF: You can adjourn while I'm
22 talking.

23 MR. BRADFORD: But anyway, I would like
24 to thank our transfer station crew again. I'm going
25 to miss seeing Mike down there. I used to see him

1 every morning come walking off of that hill up
2 there, no matter if it was raining, snowing or
3 whatever. I gave him a hard time, but I appreciate
4 what you done, Mike, down there. Probably one of
5 the oldest members of the county. We appreciate
6 that.

7 I would like to thank Billy for the
8 road work done on County Road 6. I've heard a lot
9 of comments. People love that. If you traveled up
10 and down that highway, you know what I mean because
11 traffic was always really, really heavy and I have
12 to travel it three or four times a day. But also,
13 Billy, I would like to tell him thank you for the
14 cave he filled in today. I don't know if you know
15 about it, but there was like a cave down on
16 Cloverdale Road and I think they had to put 20 or 30
17 tons of gravel in that thing to fill it up. It was
18 unreal. I've never seen a hole just come in the
19 ground like that.

20 I appreciate what our road crew does
21 and I appreciate what our transfer station people
22 do. I'm going to let Robert start because this
23 could take an hour or an hour and a half. He's
24 talking about the HP170 and we need to listen to
25 that really close.

1 MR. GOFF: I'm going to do something a
2 little bit different and stand as I give this one
3 because I want it to be -- if everything stayed
4 equal with what it is today with what I'm about to
5 talk about, I want you to remember that we said it
6 and that we've come to you.

7 And some of the bills -- Mitchell just
8 talked about one of them and I am the CLC and trying
9 to keep up with what's happening in Atlanta in the
10 forty days of the legislature and we're about
11 probably six or seven days into that because, bear
12 in mind, they're not consecutive days. They may
13 take three days off and do appropriations. Last
14 week that's what they did, appropriations, giving
15 money.

16 But to go along with what Mitchell
17 talked about, the first one that caught my attention
18 was a couple of weeks ago a guy from over around
19 Blueridge, Georgia dropped a bill that if a county
20 should take any federal funds, which we all do
21 for -- you know, we go for grants and that kind of
22 thing, that it would first now go through the
23 treasury down in Georgia. They would decide whether
24 or not Dade County, be that the 911 or the water
25 department or whoever, would get that federal money.

1 If not, they would be good and send it back to
2 Washington for us. They had the reasons for that.
3 I did send an e-mail. It got a response from the
4 author of that bill and it's based on Tea Party.
5 I'll just give you that. If you want to ask more,
6 you can and I can show you the correspondence we
7 had, but it's based on the Tea Party type thinking.

8 So that got me to looking a little
9 closer. Then they come up with this House Bill 170
10 and we have been told -- I got an e-mail late
11 yesterday that if we talk to any media or the
12 public, just make sure we have our facts straight.
13 Well, and I sent back an e-mail. The only facts we
14 have is the bill the way it was dropped.

15 Now, every month we report on
16 S.P.L.O.S.T and L.O.S.T. here at our meetings. We
17 tell you how much money came into this county in
18 special purpose local option sales tax and local
19 option sales tax. Bear in mind, the school also has
20 E.S.P.L.O.S.T that is separate from this. So if a
21 penny is a penny when I read you the number -- for
22 instance, this month we reported \$192,413.84 on
23 S.P.L.O.S.T. We're reporting \$153,930.82 on
24 L.O.S.T. That means that the school board as well
25 had somewhere in the neighborhood of \$192,413. I

1 don't know. There may be little different
2 accounting with them. It could be a little less or
3 a little more.

4 The bill as it's written now, the State
5 because -- for the transportation, that's House bill
6 170 for transportation wants to take those pennies
7 away from us. They want to take our S.P.L.O.S.T
8 penny, our L.O.S.T. penny and the E.S.P.L.O.S.T
9 penny the way it's written now. I'll keep
10 reiterating that. Because it's a new bill and it's
11 going to go through a lot of changes before it ever
12 hits the Senate. And then before it's voted, but I
13 would almost bet you a dollar against a donut that a
14 transportation bill will be passed and it's not
15 likely to be good for many counties. And I was told
16 Friday in Atlanta, we are the worst case scenario.
17 You know why that is. We border one other Georgia
18 county. That's Walker. We don't go to Walker to
19 buy our fuel as a rule unless maybe somebody works
20 there.

21 We do -- as I've said many times, our
22 Wal-Mart is a truck shop on either end of our
23 county, on 24 and on 59. I would ask you if we were
24 going to be interactive a little bit -- and I didn't
25 know this either. I knew it was large, but do you

1 know how much of our three cents local sales tax
2 comes from the sale of fuel in Dade County?

3 MR. RUMLEY: At the truck stops mainly.

4 MR. GOFF: Yeah. 40.2 percent of our
5 three cents comes from the sale of fuel. If I asked
6 you and you were honest, some of you and I guess
7 maybe all of us in here at one time or another have
8 said, nope, too high at the Pilot, I'll go on to
9 Tiftonia and fill up. Because we keep seeing on
10 Facebook, the price in Chattanooga, the price in
11 Georgia, in Dade County even at the truck stops,
12 which generally are quite a bit cheaper than any
13 other stations in the county, especially here on the
14 Trenton exit or the one at the Slygo exit.

15 If they take those, that's the impact
16 that we have on our S.P.L.O.S.T dollars. Now,
17 here's the killer or the savior, whichever way you
18 want to look at it. They are going to be good the
19 way it's written right now. They're going to be
20 sweet and kind to the people of Dade County.
21 They're going to let the five people you see sitting
22 in these chairs put three cents back on the gas
23 pump.

24 In a year or two from now or whoever,
25 who raised your taxes at the pump? We did. The

1 State is never going to come up and say we took it.
2 They didn't really have a lot of choice because you
3 couldn't afford to lose 40 percent of your revenue
4 just in fuel. There's a lot more to it. When the
5 current S.P.L.O.S.T -- the latest voted S.P.L.O.S.T,
6 which we have not started yet. You recall we're
7 still working under, am I correct, Don, the old
8 S.P.L.O.S.T up until July 1st and then we will
9 begin a new S.P.L.O.S.T. that we've already voted
10 in. At the end of that one, there will be no more
11 S.P.L.O.S.T or L.O.S.T. pennies on fuel. It will
12 still be on everything else, the hamburgers, the
13 groceries, the clothing, the cars, everything else
14 it will still be on, but it will come off of fuel.

15 So I want you to -- and I talked to
16 Jeff Mullis last night. The senator has told me I
17 am not and would not vote for that bill as it's
18 written. I don't think John Deffenbaugh is for that
19 bill the way it's written. I don't know.

20 MR. RUMLEY: He said today he was not
21 for it.

22 MR. GOFF: He's on the committee. He's
23 on the transportation committee. You as citizens,
24 if you have access to e-mail, e-mail these. We have
25 already -- on our consent agenda, we're going to do

1 a resolution from this. Jeff said get your city to
2 do one. The school board needs to do one. We need
3 to let them know, and they do. It's hitting. Ted
4 is getting calls hourly almost from people within
5 the region, other county executives and
6 commissioners and not just county executives and
7 commissioners. And I don't know where the larger
8 impact is, but whatever happens in Dade County, the
9 fuel taxes are going to go up as it's written now.

10 If we don't put another three cents on
11 it, they're still going to go up and I just want you
12 to know this because that's what -- we are so far
13 removed from Atlanta, we don't get -- we get a
14 little bit on the Chattanooga stations once in a
15 while. Evan and Eddie do a great job of keeping us
16 informed here, but it's limited information as to
17 what's going on down there. There will be about
18 1,500 bills dropped before it's over. And I urge
19 you -- somebody said well, where -- I'm sure there's
20 a lot of places, but I tell everybody, go to ACCG on
21 your computer. It will take you to the website. Go
22 to legislative advocacy and then go to bill tracker
23 and you can see all of them that are there.

24 Another one to affect our county and
25 I've already gone to the sheriff, the State is

1 wanting to make it mandatory that anyone who might
2 make a traffic stop, which is about 15 or 20 of our
3 employees, would be required to wear body cameras
4 with audio, not dash cams, body cameras. I don't
5 know what they cost, but I now want you to know --

6 MR. RUMLEY: A thousand dollars apiece.

7 MR. GOFF: Okay. So we may be 15. You
8 come when the budget process takes place and you say
9 why did the sheriff up his budget by \$15,000 or
10 10,000 or 20,000 and we say two words, unfunded
11 mandate. That's where this stuff comes in at. They
12 say you are required. And you know the carrot they
13 dangle for this one? In the bill as it's written,
14 if you refuse to do it as a county, you no longer
15 get State funding. So what do you do? So they're
16 pushing more and more. I may sound like an irate
17 commissioner, but they're pushing more and more down
18 to where we have to do it. We have to do it to you.
19 And that makes you look at this Commission and there
20 will be somebody if this went the way it is at some
21 point in time going to look your neighbor and say
22 that Commission raised our fuel tax and we've never
23 had the power to raise fuel tax, but they're giving
24 us that.

25 Now, we don't only have to go the three

1 cents, we can go up to another three cents if you
2 vote on it. If I ask you for a show of hands
3 tonight, how many would line up to tax yourself
4 three more cents on your gas?

5 MR. RUMLEY: On every gallon.

6 MR. GOFF: On every gallon of gas. We
7 can do three without asking you. They have let us
8 do that only by ordinance. We can put a three
9 cents, but we can do up to three more. But we have
10 to put it on a referendum and you have to vote on
11 it. I don't see that going through. I just don't
12 see it happening.

13 The City stands to lose because the
14 City gets 20 percent. That's why if you've ever
15 wondered why a penny and a penny don't match up.
16 How can one be 192 and one be 153, because the City
17 gets 20 percent of that other penny. They stand to
18 lose. The school board doesn't do transportation.
19 Transportation is not buses. Transportation is
20 roads, bridges, railroads, buses like -- MARTA is
21 not affected, by the way, and airports. So they
22 really stand to lose because other than S.P.L.O.S.T,
23 E.S.P.L.O.S.T and raising millage rate, they don't
24 have any way to gain their money back, so they stand
25 to lose. So if they come for a millage rate and say

1 we've got to because we lost 40 percent of our
2 local -- our E.S.P.L.O.S.T who raised your taxes.
3 That school board did. And we just can't sit as a
4 Commission and take it and not let you know upfront
5 that that's what's going on right now. Will it pass
6 in the form it's in? I don't think it will stay in
7 the form. It think it will pass, but I don't think
8 it will stay in the form it is because it is going
9 to devastate -- we're the third in the state. Butts
10 County is 53 percent. Dooley County is 43, I think,
11 and we're 40.2 of our local revenues from the sale
12 of fuel and that is huge.

13 So that's my report on it. I could go
14 all night, but if you go and look at it, there was
15 no movement on it today. So I'm giving you the
16 facts as we have them today. It will hopefully
17 change. I don't know how. I don't see it changing
18 for much the better for a true border county that
19 borders two Alabama and two Tennessee, you've got
20 too many places to go. And when we say shop at
21 home, I mean it. But I can't say, well, our gas is
22 only 20 cents higher, come on. I mean, you're just
23 going to fill up. It's just going to be 16, 18
24 gallon. Well, you can go another mile and a half
25 and you can put a couple more gallons in for a whole

1 lot less money.

2 So that's where we're at. If you want
3 to talk about it more, I'll do it. But I'm going to
4 do my best to inform you of what's going on down
5 there. And it's not picking on Mr. Deffenbaugh.
6 It's not picking on Jeff. There's 181
7 representatives. I'm not sure how many senators are
8 down there. Could their votes sway it one way or
9 the other. I don't have any idea how close the vote
10 would come down, but you need to let your
11 Representative John Deffenbaugh, your Senator Jeff
12 Mullis know that you are -- if you are opposed to
13 it. If you're not, you need to let them know you're
14 for it. So far, Ted, I don't think we have anybody
15 in the whole state that's been for it, but I'm sure
16 there's somebody that could benefit from it.

17 So, again, after the meeting, if you
18 have more questions, I'll be glad to answer them,
19 but that's where we're at now on House Bill 170.
20 And it is -- it's the biggest thing probably to hit
21 us down there in a long time. Thank you.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. Good
23 report. As Robert said, it's really serious. It's
24 something, it's almost unbelievable that our state
25 leaders would even consider anything like this to

1 answer their shortfall in transportation. Although,
2 you know, roads and bridges, you know, they've got
3 to have money to fix them, but there's other ways.
4 If they're going to levy a tax, they need to go
5 ahead and take care of it. That's their job. From
6 what I understand, there's several different options
7 that could happen to actually meet their shortfall.
8 One would be do like a five-year two cents a gallon,
9 instead of six cents or whatever, do that like a
10 S.P.L.O.S.T, you know, and after the five years,
11 evaluate it and if they've spent the money wisely,
12 then come back and vote another one in.

13 Like Robert said, right now there's a
14 lot of them dead set on doing this. So, you know,
15 if you can, try to e-mail Mullis or Deffenbaugh,
16 call them. Tell your neighbors to because it's a
17 really serious thing.

18 This month though besides dealing with
19 that -- and like Robert said, I've gotten many, many
20 calls from leaders throughout the state of Georgia
21 just finding out how we feel about it, how the
22 Commission feels about it daily almost. Not just
23 northwest Georgia, but all the way in south Georgia,
24 too.

25 But we had a meeting there. It's been

1 last week, Peter and I with the Department of
2 Transportation pertaining to the new road there at
3 one end of our IDA property. It was a good meeting
4 there with State. We're trying to work out the IDA,
5 Nathan and Peter and all the Commission, we're
6 trying to work out something that will address this
7 railroad blockage problem.

8 The meeting went real well. I know
9 we're going to have to make a trip to Atlanta. I'm
10 not sure how we're going to come out on that. We
11 did have another rail meeting last week with our
12 officials out of Alabama. It doesn't have anything
13 really to do with the Georgia people that we're
14 working to meet with. We had a couple of the actual
15 superintendents that actually regulate the traffic
16 through that has control. They're new men. A
17 couple of them -- well, one of them had only been on
18 the job for like six months. He said he wasn't
19 really aware of the seriousness of the problem.
20 There's no doubt that as many calls as I've had and
21 talked to these people there in his office, they're
22 more aware than I think they let on.

23 But anyway, he assured us that they
24 were going to break the train down at our south
25 Industrial for the months to come or however long it

1 takes us to get a permanent solution. I felt that
2 was a good meeting. Also, I think Mullis has got a
3 schedule of the real -- a meeting there in Atlanta
4 with the Federal Transportation people and all to
5 actually bring the importance to them.

6 We met with -- also met with -- Billy
7 and I met with the middle school over here, the --
8 well, actually we met at the baseball field here at
9 the old field where the Dade High baseball field was
10 at there. We're going to try to work with those
11 people and develop that field into a practice field
12 and take some of the load off our four fields, down
13 here. They are having their games, middle school
14 games there. And hopefully we can -- by summer,
15 midsummer we can have that field in shape for them
16 to actually do day practice and possibly day games.

17 We did meet, as we discussed, with the
18 elevator people there. They came up last week and
19 went back through all the plans on it. Hopefully,
20 you'll see that work begin in the next couple of
21 weeks. It will be approximately if we were to start
22 in two weeks, we could have possibly a finished
23 product by possibly the first of June is what they
24 said. That's from all the equipment ordered and
25 installed.

1 As Scottie had touched on there and
2 Allan, County Road 6, which is White Oak Gap, we're
3 pleased to open that this morning at 9:00. We saved
4 the county there by taking that and doing it
5 in-house. Probably saved roughly a million dollars
6 in money there by doing that the way we did the
7 process. It's going to cost us just a little less
8 than about 144,000. That's with the paving and all
9 and it's really -- it's not just a fix. It's a
10 permanent fix. So we're proud to get that.

11 And also back when we finished up on
12 the gap on the mountain on Lookout. That was a much
13 bigger job, but it was actually done through the
14 same process. And roughly on that job if you look
15 at the bidding back years ago, we saved well over
16 two and a half to three million dollars by doing
17 that the way we did it. I'm proud of that.

18 Also, another really important thing
19 that's going on right now that we talked about in
20 work session is our Puckett EMS group. We have an
21 extension on their contract for about another four
22 months, I think. It's four and a half months. And
23 that was to give us time to bid. As Mitchell said,
24 we've actually put that out to bid. We did have a
25 mandatory prebid meeting this past week, 9:00 one

1 morning or 10:00. For some reason, Puckett is the
2 only one that has shown any interest. We're going
3 to have a meeting next week, next Thursday as will
4 be announced to discuss this. We'll kind of go from
5 there. We really didn't have anyone show any
6 interest but Puckett, which is our existing people.

7 Let's see here if I've got anything
8 else that I'm missing. Oh yeah, on this -- the EPA
9 issue that we've got out on Lookout Mountain. I've
10 talked about this in several meetings. We actually
11 have a variance now for one year to actually do
12 testing here in the valley and on the mountain. We
13 met yesterday with the representative and Billy took
14 them up to the point on the north end that we've got
15 to do the testing from the outfall from the top of
16 Lookout there and the -- it's going to be a year
17 process. We're going to have to take four samples a
18 quarter and prove to those people that we're not --
19 that Lookout Mountain or that part of Lookout
20 Mountain is not actually polluting the upper part of
21 Lookout Creek. What they're looking for is feces,
22 fecal form, which is -- actually it could be from
23 septic tanks. It could be from animals. But the
24 north part of Lookout Creek as it turned out for the
25 past couple of years there have been studies is

1 extremely high in fecal. So I don't feel it's
2 coming from Lookout Mountain because we did some
3 testing back a few months ago and Billy and I pulled
4 those samples and they came back just minor if
5 nothing as far as the lab results.

6 But the EPA and EPD are making us go
7 through this. Hopefully, in a year we can get a
8 five-year variance. Now, if we -- don't get the
9 variance, it could cost us up to anywhere from a
10 quarter to a half a million dollars to implement
11 that MS4 plan on Lookout Mountain just on that
12 section out there of tax money. So that's why we're
13 fighting it. I don't feel that that's where the
14 pollution is coming from, but we've got to make this
15 effort because it would be a drastic hit to our
16 budget.

17 Do y'all have anything else you want to
18 say? Anything you forgot? All right. If not,
19 we'll move down to 3A, Ms. Marshanna Sharp. She's
20 our manager of the Dade County Public Library.

21 MS. SHARP: Okay. We had our quarterly
22 meeting and I have the statistics I gave all of
23 y'all. And, of course, from 2015, 2014, of course,
24 we were closed less hours, so it kind of shows a
25 negative, but we're still checking out the same

1 amount of books per hour. So they're still checking
2 out the same on those. But they're pretty much
3 close to -- of course, in January, I've already --
4 it looks like January is going to be really good.
5 We had 235 volunteer hours and on count day we had
6 224 people who walked through the library or came
7 and used the library.

8 I want to talk to you, at our meeting
9 we talked about we received the grant, Primetime
10 Grant. Only five regions received it. Columbus
11 County, of course, Trenton, Georgia, Waycross,
12 Georgia, Fort Valley, Georgia and Winder, Georgia.
13 And they -- seven libraries are doing this program.
14 The State is going to come out and look, you know,
15 kind of see how we're doing. Some people from the
16 University of Georgia is going to come out in the
17 next couple of months.

18 We started the program January 27th
19 and we have 17 families signed up, which is over 50
20 actual people, the whole entire family. If anybody
21 wants to know anything else about it, you can call
22 the library. You have to have a child that's three
23 to five years old, but the entire family is involved
24 in the program. We will be starting the next
25 session on March 10th for the next group of

1 people. This one has already gone through two.

2 Something new they voted on at the
3 meeting, our meeting room we always let the civic
4 organizations use it for free. We're still going to
5 do that, but we always think where you couldn't
6 exchange money in there or nonprofits for profit
7 could use it. We're going to start letting them use
8 it. They voted on it and there will be a fee
9 associated with that. And we have our computer lab
10 that has the TV where they can do -- have nine
11 computers where you can train on those computers.
12 We're going to let that be rented out to companies,
13 too. There's a fee associated to those. They
14 agreed to. And individuals can rent it or groups
15 can rent the rooms, but it has to be while the
16 library is open. We don't have any way of closing
17 those rooms off. So while the library is open, they
18 can rent that.

19 And everybody has been calling and
20 everybody has been yelling. The IRS has decided not
21 to send us tax forms this year. They only sent us
22 the forms, the 1040As, 1040EZs and the 1040s is all
23 we will get. We will not get the instruction books.
24 They want you to download them and they have a phone
25 number you can call if you really need one. They

1 will send you one in the mail. I ordered all the
2 forms back in August and I got an e-mail the other
3 day that said due to budget cuts, they will no
4 longer be sending them and next year I don't even
5 know that we'll get those forms. But we do have
6 those forms. Everybody has been calling and yelling
7 at me because I didn't get them. I can't -- you
8 know, the IRS didn't send them to me. But we do
9 have those forms at the library.

10 And AARP is there offering tax help.
11 They started last Tuesday and they did like 12 on
12 Tuesday and 18 today. And you can call. They only
13 do it by appointments only and you can call (706)
14 657-7348 or call the library and I'll give you that
15 number. And Mr. and Mrs. Hunt is doing them again
16 this year. Do y'all have any questions? Thank you.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate it. Good
18 report. All right. Kristy Hammond or Rich.

19 MS. HAMMOND: Actually, we have a
20 senior 4H here tonight.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Good. Come up and tell us
22 who you are.

23 MR. WOODY WALDEN: My name is Woody
24 Walden and the update is Cloverleaf District Project
25 Achievement was held in Rome on January 31st.

1 Twelve counties participated with a total of 485
2 4Hers. Dade County was represented by 19
3 participants scoring 53 percent from first through
4 third place in their category. The first place
5 winners are Kyle Brown and Christy Cuzzort. Second
6 place, Vanessa McCowan, Regan McKaig, Hannah
7 Phillips, Basil Nakhlea, Haley Brown. And third
8 place is Sam Kimball, Joanna Rosenbalm and Shannon
9 Ledford.

10 Sixteen 4Hers participated in the
11 January fun day and fashioned a lego creation for
12 display in the library. Twenty-seven 4Hers signed
13 up for BB team. Dade County also hosted the
14 TriState Cattlemen's meetings. Forty-two people
15 attended and the topic was on vaccinations.

16 Upcoming events are shotgun team
17 registration, dairy, heifer and hog show, Georgia
18 Junior National Livestock Show, Dade and Walker
19 County Heifer Show. Ms. Katie attended the belt
20 wide cotton conference, well water testing training,
21 2015 ag forecast, Georgia Cattlemen's Association
22 Awards meeting and Walk Georgia Explore Cloudland
23 Canyon planning meetings.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Good job. We appreciate
25 you. Any questions for him?

1 Okay. Move down to 3C, the
2 representative for the Dade County Chamber.

3 MR. STONE: All right. For the Chamber
4 report, we have four new board members replacing
5 four terms. Jennifer Taylor who is with Dade County
6 High School and T&T Golf Carts, Bill Brendon who is
7 with Holiday Inn Express, Careeye Bell who is with
8 Bellora Realty and Heather Cochran with Citizens
9 Bank and Trust.

10 Some of the things we're kind of
11 working on right now, we're currently adjusting and
12 updating our website, updating our contact and
13 e-mail list, contacting and soliciting new members
14 both in our county and the surrounding counties to
15 join the Chamber. We've also been contacting our
16 current business members for ideas and suggestions
17 on the how the Chamber can help serve them better or
18 if there's anything we can do for them now.

19 So some of the meetings we've had here
20 recently, obviously, you know, I've pretty much met
21 with all of you at this point, the IDA meetings with
22 Peter, the mayor, the Northwest Georgia Joint
23 Development Authority, Northwest Georgia Regional
24 Commission, State Tourism, toured the Veterans
25 Museum yesterday. If you haven't done that, it's

1 actually pretty cool and then several business
2 leaders. You know, the only meeting we did not
3 attend that we really wanted to attend was the
4 railroad meeting. So, you know, I know we were a
5 little disappointed that we weren't able to make
6 that one and that was just -- we just weren't aware
7 of it.

8 We have begun our planning for this
9 year's business banquet where we will highlight and
10 honor the business people of our county. We hope to
11 have a good time and invite all of you to attend.
12 We'll have more information on place and time next
13 month. Do you guys have any questions? No? All
14 right. Well, thanks for your time. I look forward
15 to working with you all. Thank you.

16 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Do we have a
17 representative from the City of Trenton tonight?
18 Okay. IDA, I know we've got the main man here,
19 number one and number two. Number two is sitting in
20 the back back there, Cervelli.

21 MR. WOOTEN: You've got to know Peter
22 didn't do this because it's not fancy at all.

23 MR. SMITH: And it's not on pink paper.

24 MR. WOOTEN: And it's not on pink
25 paper. And while there's a whole lot of stuff that

1 has been going on, I just kind of hit the highlights
2 here.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Nathan, tell them who you
4 are. Some people don't know you.

5 MR. WOOTEN: Nathan Wooten, chairman of
6 the Industrial Development Authority of Dade County,
7 lifetime resident here. I know most of you. I
8 wanted to let you know, today the current board
9 members include Doug Anderton, who you all know,
10 Dora Crisp, Larry Moore, Larry Case and myself.
11 Peter Cervelli is our executive director that we
12 hired in March of 2013. And, of course, Robin
13 Rogers keeps us out of trouble when we're headed
14 toward the cliff.

15 What I'm going to do real quickly is
16 kind of talk to you a little bit about what we're
17 here for, what we do, what we're supposed to do and
18 kind of some of the strides that we've made or
19 haven't made and kind of what we're looking to do
20 going forward this year.

21 For those who don't know, the
22 Industrial Development Authority was created back in
23 the early '80s whose mission is to aid existing
24 industry of Dade County to prosper and expand and to
25 seek out and attract new businesses and new industry

1 so our citizens can benefit from quality -- improved
2 quality of life and quality jobs. We have a few
3 goals. One is to retain existing jobs. A lot of
4 people in this county have no idea how close we came
5 to losing our largest employer not long ago. And
6 because Peter Cervelli from the start is one of the
7 major reasons they're still here and about to do a
8 large expansion.

9 To create new job opportunities through
10 the expansion of existing industry. We've got some
11 of that going on in the county right now. New job
12 opportunities through attracting new industry.
13 That's the hurdle we're at now. We've spent two
14 years getting infrastructure in place to be able to
15 attract new industry and I'll get into that in a
16 minute.

17 To work with state government, local
18 government, school board, basically whoever we have
19 to. We have joined the German Chamber of Commerce,
20 the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce. You know,
21 we're kind of moving all over the southeast trying
22 to network with these folks who bring industry. And
23 then, of course, the ultimate goal is to increase
24 the tax base in Dade County. And you guys that know
25 how the tax base works, the more industry, the more

1 business you've got, the less we all have to pay.

2 When I came aboard as chairman two
3 years ago with the IDA, we had no money and we had
4 no real property to operate with. And one of the
5 things they tell you is for you to attract industry
6 is you have to have something to offer and we really
7 didn't have much to offer. We had 80 acres over in
8 Piney kind of in the wetlands. That wasn't much to
9 work with. So we got very fortunate and we sold
10 that property and we used those funds from the sale
11 of that property to operate on since then.

12 As I mentioned, we hired Peter as our
13 executive director who goes well above and beyond
14 the call of his part-time position that we pay him
15 for. Immediately after that, we bought the 35 acres
16 directly behind the Shaw building on the east side
17 of the tracks and then at the same time we made a
18 deal to purchase the other 130 acres of Olgiatti
19 property that was back there. So today we're behind
20 the Shaw building and we're adjacent to the part
21 that's there now where we own no property at this
22 point in the old part.

23 Peter worked for probably a year to
24 earn us the GRAD status, the Georgia Ready for
25 Accelerated Development status. We're the only

1 county in north Georgia that has that status. And
2 basically what that does is these developers that
3 are looking for properties for industry to go, we go
4 to the top of the list. And that was a year long
5 process just getting all the paperwork,
6 applications, soil tests. We had guys down there
7 looking for tadpoles and everything else to get us
8 to the point, but we're there today.

9 We just last summer built on access
10 road into the new park that goes up along Roof Curb
11 Systems in Industrial Park and basically cul-de-sacs
12 in the new extension with Billy Massengale's help.
13 He has done a tremendous amount of work for us and
14 his crew and we're grateful wherever he went for
15 helping us do that.

16 We have continuously -- right now we've
17 got two expansion projects going. We've got -- I
18 still call them Accellent. I guess now they're
19 known as Lake Region. They're getting ready to do a
20 \$12 million expansion here in the county and add a
21 number of jobs. They basically are going to take
22 everything that's left in the old industrial park
23 for that expansion. And JMS currently is starting
24 an expansion project.

25 We've been working or Peter has been

1 mostly with Georgia Power. One of the projects
2 they're wanting to do is connect the Piney area to
3 Highway 11 on the north end going through our new
4 expansion. So one of the methods to do that is
5 these roads that y'all will see later that we're
6 putting in, they're going to run power along those
7 roads to connect that side of town with this side of
8 town.

9 Create sales and marketing tools to
10 promote Dade County. We had absolutely nothing to
11 do with the sale here two years ago. You know, like
12 I say, the infrastructure has taken a long time to
13 develop. Peter has worked with -- we've got a video
14 now that's online where if somebody wants to know
15 about Dade County, all they have to do is go to our
16 website and it's right there. So we're getting out
17 now and getting networked with the people, the
18 people who know the people who can get them to come
19 here.

20 As y'all know, we acquired two and a
21 half million in bonds for 2014 for both Dade County
22 and the IDA. In the last few years, we've done five
23 RFPs for new projects. Every company that has
24 visited here has been an automotive manufacturer of
25 some kind. We've had, I think, four or five of them

1 here now. We currently are still in the running for
2 the biggest one, \$120 million project and we're
3 still on the board somewhere. I didn't think we
4 would really last that long, but I think we're -- I
5 think we're well positioned to do it. We've only
6 got a couple of issues we've got to work through.

7 Like I said, we became part of the
8 Chattanooga Chamber, Thrive 2055, Chattanooga and
9 German Chamber of Commerce. So Volkswagen is kind
10 of the motor that's driving everything around this
11 whole region right now. All these folks that are
12 looking to come the area are automotive vendors.

13 We've created a standardized incentive
14 package for new and existing industry. You know,
15 the first -- one of the first questions they ask you
16 is what can you give us? You know, what are you
17 going to give us in land? What can you give us in
18 tax credits? What can you give us here, there and
19 yonder and so we basically put that out front to
20 begin with. Whether they take it or not, that's up
21 to them. And we've gotten involved with the JDA. I
22 was not very impressed with the JDA up until about
23 two years ago, but we work closely with them now.
24 Any projects that come up, I can't say they come
25 here first, but they come here close to first. So

1 we're working closely with them.

2 2015, obviously, we're in a position
3 now, we've got 180 something acres over there. We
4 could put as many projects in there as want to come.
5 That's our focus for 2015 going forward is to bring
6 companies in town.

7 We're going to clean up the old park
8 this year. There's a lot of underbrush, just a lot
9 of stuff over there that just needs cleaning up.
10 It's kind of not very pretty right now. We're going
11 to go through and redo all the signage that's in the
12 old park, the signage is either dull, boring or
13 wrong, so we're going to go through and redo all
14 that.

15 We're about to clear all the timber and
16 underbrush for the new expansion. So if you look at
17 the Shaw building and all that stuff behind it,
18 we're going to go ahead and get rid of all that
19 brush so it -- you know, the last company that came
20 in here, we kind of had to drive them everywhere
21 because you couldn't see anything for all the trees
22 and brush.

23 Create additional jobs through current
24 company expansions. Again, we've got two companies
25 right now in the process of expanding. And with

1 Lake Region being, I guess, the predominant one
2 right now, unless something has changed, they're
3 about to start work. They're going to do all their
4 work this year or most of their work this year. So
5 there's going to be a lot of construction going on
6 and, gosh, we've been involved with them now going
7 on three years trying to help them, you know,
8 everything from additional tax credits to financing
9 to you name it. There was a time they were wanting
10 us to finance everything for them and we were kind
11 of nervously agreeing. But we've gotten to know
12 those folks pretty well. The local people were
13 committed to staying here. Can't say that about the
14 corporate people. They had other opportunities.
15 They had lots of opportunities to leave, but the
16 local folks that run this operation here in Trenton,
17 they wanted to be here and so I think now for the
18 most part they're here, going to be here and you're
19 going to see some big changes over there. I would
20 like to answer any questions that y'all might have
21 that I have an answer to.

22 MR. RUMLEY: The creation of the jobs
23 created by the new -- by the addition on the
24 Accellent or -- wasn't it like 40 jobs, 45?

25 MR. WOOTEN: Yeah.

1 MR. RUMLEY: And then on the other
2 expansion, JMS, we were looking at close to 75 jobs
3 there, weren't we.

4 MR. CERVELLI: JMS is 17.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Okay.

6 MR. WOOTEN: Accellent is going to go
7 from 240 to close to 300.

8 MR. RUMLEY: And they are our largest
9 employer besides the school board.

10 MR. WOOTEN: They are. We didn't need
11 another Shaw situation down there.

12 MR. RUMLEY: And Shaw, you know, I know
13 you can't really give a report right now. It's
14 really a positive because, you know, when Mullis and
15 I went down to visit with them and it was only for
16 that reason. They called the meeting. You know,
17 they insinuated they were spending well over a half
18 a million dollars on that building cleaning inside,
19 dropping -- putting the ceiling back and also the
20 roof, but they couldn't tell us what they were
21 doing. They just said it's totally off the market,
22 not for sale. So it is a future for that building
23 and it's pertaining to Shaw, whether it be a
24 warehouse or whatever. But I feel good about it.

25 MR. WOOTEN: They're putting a roof on

1 it now. Have no idea why.

2 MR. RUMLEY: That's what I'm saying.
3 They're not patching it. They're putting a roof on
4 it. They're spending quite a bit of money on the
5 roof.

6 MR. WOOTEN: One of things that Ted
7 mentioned earlier, this whole train issue that we've
8 had, I did -- I had the guys from the -- this
9 gentleman from Shaw up here two weeks ago and were
10 looking at the possibility of purchasing that
11 north -- right on the northern most part of their
12 property a right-of-way to put a road in there. If
13 we have to go that route, that's going to be very
14 expensive and -- very expensive. So I'm hoping that
15 railroad issue gets resolved another way, because --
16 and I don't know if you guys will get into that, but
17 there's a whole bunch of manipulation of streets and
18 parking lots and all that that's got to be done down
19 there. They would basically become your northern
20 route, your northern truck entrance to the
21 industrial park. Again, it's going to be very
22 costly. It's not what we were planning on right
23 now. We were going to go ahead and develop that
24 road across Morrison Ridge by the Shaw plant where
25 there's already a crossing. The railroad is not

1 real keen on that to the point I swapped a few
2 e-mails with them yesterday and they're not keen on
3 developing that. That's where we were about to
4 build a second road. We were going to go ahead and
5 T it into the one that's already there.

6 So that may be our best answer. It's
7 not a great answer, but it may be the only one we
8 have. So -- but our meetings are here the third
9 Mondays, 4:00. So anybody is welcome to attend that
10 wants to. We've got a good crew and we're going to
11 try to make some good things happen this year.

12 MR. RUMLEY: You are moving the
13 meetings back?

14 MR. WOOTEN: Yeah.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions for Nathan?

16 MR. GOFF: Just thank them for the hard
17 work because that's how it gets done. We'll get
18 somebody.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate it. Thank you.
20 All right. Don Townsend, financial report.

21 MR. TOWNSEND: As of January 31st,
22 2015, general fund had a balance of \$2,264,402.
23 Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury, \$288; Sheriff's
24 Special Fund, \$18,148; Drug Abuse Education Fund,
25 \$82,809; Supplemental Juvenile Services Fund,

1 \$23,714; Victim Assistance Fund, \$1,581; Jail Fund,
2 \$39,744; Federal Asset Fund, Department of Justice,
3 \$742.

4 Employee Flexible Spending account,
5 \$36,783. Payroll account \$181,323: Construction
6 account still has a balance of \$150 and the 2009
7 S.P.L.O.S.T also in the S.P.L.O.S.T accounts and
8 projects account has a balance of \$147,731.

9 Proceeds account, \$790,853. And then the IDA
10 construction series B has a balance of \$206,312.

11 Under the -- as of December 31st,
12 2014, for the general fund by revenue set by
13 department for revenues, we have brought in
14 \$2,463,453. We budgeted 2,344,745, so we were in
15 excess of funds of \$118,708. Year-to-date, we
16 brought in \$5,687,136 and budgeted \$5,699,205. So
17 for year-to-date, we are actually short on revenues
18 \$12,068.

19 For the expenses by the department, the
20 county as a whole as of December 31st, 2014,
21 expensed of \$649,212. Budgeted \$675,446, so we were
22 under budget \$26,213. Year-to-date, we have
23 expensed \$4,050,635 and budgeted \$4,328,750. So we
24 were actually under budget \$278,118, which is
25 excellent.

1 As of December 31st, the budget
2 attained should be right at 50 percent. Revenues
3 attained reported at 64.28 percent. Expenses
4 attained at 45.81 percent. Revenues less expenses
5 for December was under budget \$144,922, but revenues
6 less expenses year-to-date was under budget
7 \$266,050.

8 Following that report is the project
9 variance report for your review by the different
10 general ledger numbers. Local option sales tax as
11 alluded to earlier, for January we collected
12 \$153,930.82. Special purpose local option sales
13 tax, we brought in \$192,413.84, which was a decent
14 month. It's been as low as 160 before, so 192 is a
15 good thing.

16 The next report is the year-to-date tax
17 collections and you see that July 1st through
18 December 31st, 2014, the tax commissioner's office
19 was at 72.12 percent. She's collected \$3,178,849.
20 Some people may think, oh, she has 3,178,000, does
21 that mean she gets to spend 3,178,000? No, she does
22 not get to spend 3,178,000, but you'd be surprised.
23 There are some people who think of it that way. So
24 we have some departments that are revenue generators
25 and others that are not.

1 To review from earlier when the
2 auditors were here, our CPA firm, Henderson,
3 Hutcherson, McCullough, I wanted to report again
4 last year June 30th, 2014, when they reported last
5 year's audit, they reported the unassigned fund
6 balance was negative 63,249 with a total fund
7 balance of \$289,040. Just reported June 30th --
8 June 30th, 2014, the unassigned fund balance is
9 now \$1,061,288 and the total fund balance now is
10 \$1,322,362. So I'm very thankful the fund balance
11 has gone up and as you -- as I noted earlier, the
12 general fund balance now, we do have \$2,264,000 in
13 the bank. That's the first time since I've been
14 here that we've had over \$2 million. So I would
15 highly recommend that the county begin a cash
16 reserve. We spoke about this last month and I've
17 taken information from all the Commissioners. So I
18 would like to see us at this time begin putting
19 \$100,000 CD in both banks around the 15th of each
20 month. That way we can keep up with it, when they
21 mature. Know that the 15th is the magic day, if
22 you want to put it that way, to either go to the
23 bank and either renew that CD or if we need the
24 money, we can cash it in. Of course, we can always
25 cash it in throughout the year. There are penalties

1 involved, but the penalties are normally about half
2 the interest on what -- what has accrued, which
3 means at this point, the accrual is zero since, you
4 know, no matter what bank you bank with in the
5 United States, really they're not paying much on
6 interest on checking accounts. So that's the --
7 that's my recommendation and I would like to include
8 as part of the financial report this afternoon.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions for
10 Don?

11 MR. PITTMAN: Can we include that,
12 Robin, and vote on it?

13 MR. ROGERS: Well, if -- are you
14 looking for a budget amendment or something? I'm
15 not sure voting would be required frankly.

16 MR. RUMLEY: It's not. It's
17 investment. We're not spending money.

18 MR. SMITH: Repeat it one more time.

19 MR. TOWNSEND: \$100,000 in both banks.

20 MR. SMITH: So \$200,000?

21 MR. TOWNSEND: Right. We can't keep up
22 that pace throughout the whole year, but it's a
23 beginning. As many of y'all have said, let's just
24 start and I think that is a beginning and we'll see
25 where we can go in the month of March and April.

1 Probably by May, June and July, it's going to start
2 getting tough again, but we'll take it month by
3 month.

4 MR. RUMLEY: I think it's a good idea.
5 It's the right thing to do.

6 MR. BRADFORD: I agree a hundred
7 percent.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any other questions
9 for Don?

10 The reading of last month's regular
11 meeting and any special-called meeting will not be
12 required since all Commissioners have been furnished
13 copies in advance. The minutes are public record
14 and available for review in the County Commission
15 office. The minutes are included in our consent
16 agenda. At this time I will entertain a motion to
17 approve our financial report by Don Townsend, our
18 county financial officer. Do I hear a motion?

19 MR. GOFF: I make a motion we approve
20 the financial report as read by the clerk.

21 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

22 MR. RUMLEY: I have a second. I'll
23 call a vote. Mr. Smith?

24 MR. SMITH: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

1 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

3 MR. GOFF: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

5 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

7 Also, pertaining to the railroad, Scottie asked us
8 to actually vote since he is an employee of Southern
9 Railroad. Okay. Number 16, the amendment,
10 20-06-02-11 blocking the railroad crossing. Do I
11 hear a motion amending the ten minute to thirty
12 minute time in blocking? Do I hear a motion
13 pertaining to that?

14 MR. SMITH: Motion.

15 MR. GOFF: I second.

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

17 Mr. Smith?

18 MR. SMITH: Yes.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

20 MR. PITTMAN: Abstain.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

22 MR. GOFF: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

24 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

1 Okay. Now I'll ask Mr. Townsend to go through our
2 consent agenda and I'll entertain a motion to
3 approve that.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. The approval
5 of the agenda as amended by adding a recommended
6 resolution to be sent to our legislators, which are
7 Senator Mullis and Representative Deffenbaugh to the
8 resolution in opposition of House Bill 170 to oppose
9 any recommendation or measure to reduce allocations
10 of sales tax funding for local government. Also,
11 approval of previous meeting minutes, review of the
12 personnel status report, proclamation proclaiming
13 Severe Weather Awareness Week, proclamation
14 proclaiming American Heart Month, proclamation for
15 Georgia Arbor Day designating February 15th in
16 Dade County, proclamation for national motto "In God
17 we Trust."

18 Resolution R-09-15, reappointment of
19 Buford Stephens to Limestone Valley RC&D for a
20 two-year term, Resolution R-10-15, reappointment of
21 John Case to Limestone Valley RC&D for a two-year
22 term. Approval of S.P.L.O.S.T capital equipment
23 purchase for the historic courthouse by Bluemoose
24 Elevators as quoted for a total price of \$46,900.
25 Approval of the fiscal year 2014 audited financial

1 statement presented by CPA firm Henderson,
2 Hutcherson and McCullough. Resolution R-08-15,
3 abandon a portion of Old Hales Gap Road, Resolution
4 R-11-15, fiscal year 2016 Department of
5 Transportation Section 53.11 grant application for
6 public transportation and public transit in Dade
7 County.

8 Resolution R-12-15, memorandum of
9 understanding for the Family Crisis Center for
10 Walker, Dade and Chattooga County. Resolution
11 R-13-15, Georgia Department of Transportation for
12 the local maintenance and improvement grant for Dade
13 County, which was applied for -- applied for
14 \$512,352. I don't think we got that, but that's
15 fine. Resolution R-14-15, disposal of surplus
16 property as noted on Appendix A. Resolution
17 R-15-15, 2015 S.P.L.O.S.T bond resolution for the
18 proceeds to bond the money for the City of Trenton.

19 Resolution R-16-15, 2015 S.P.L.O.S.T
20 bond placement agreement for, again, the City of
21 Trenton's bonded funds. Ordinance number 02-05-15,
22 modifying speed limits on certain highways and
23 roads. That is the final reading.
24 Intergovernmental agreement with the City of Trenton
25 and the Board of Elections for the Dade County Board

1 of Elections to perform the elections at the City of
2 Trenton for the year 2015 to expire on
3 November 3rd, 2015.

4 And a special-called meeting to be
5 called on Thursday, February 12th, 2015, at
6 5:00 p.m. with the agenda with the Chamber of
7 Commerce agreement and parks proposal of the
8 Recreation Association of Dade County and the
9 Emergency Medical Services ambulance service
10 contract consideration to award the agreement.
11 That's it.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Can you repeat that,
13 please, backwards? All right. Everyone
14 understands? So any questions or any comments,
15 corrections? If not, I'll entertain a motion to
16 approve our consent agenda as presented by Mr.
17 Townsend.

18 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

19 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
20 approve the consent agenda.

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

22 MR. SMITH: Second.

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

25 MR. SMITH: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

2 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

4 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

6 MR. GOFF: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. All
8 right. Robin, have you got anything you need to go
9 over with us?

10 MR. ROGERS: I don't, Mr. Chairman.

11 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Anyone want to
12 come up and talk to us tonight for the citizens
13 participation? Feel free to come up.

14 MR. YOUNG: Good evening. I am David
15 Young. I've got a question. Back in October, y'all
16 came out of executive session and said you were
17 going to do an investigation of a personnel matter.
18 Has that ever been done?

19 MR. RUMLEY: I don't know what you
20 mean. Out of executive session?

21 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. You said you didn't
22 make any decision until an investigation is over
23 with and then you would make a decision after that.

24 MR. RUMLEY: I just need to pull it up
25 and look. It was in October of last year?

1 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. I've got the minutes
2 of the meeting.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah. That was taken
4 care of. Oh, yeah. That was handled. That was
5 handle the next day.

6 MR. YOUNG: Oh, it was? I talked to
7 the employee and they didn't realize that it was --
8 that y'all had finished the investigation or not.

9 MR. RUMLEY: That employee? Oh, yeah.

10 MR. YOUNG: So that's been handled?

11 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. It's been handled.
12 That's been almost a year ago, David. I have to get
13 my mind to working here, '14, '15. All right.
14 Anyone else? Tom?

15 MR. BLACK: I'm Tom Black. I'll try to
16 move along as fast as I can since I'm going to wear
17 three hats again. One of them is the veteran's
18 service officer from the Legion Post and inform our
19 county that once again our veterans are going to
20 have to travel to beautiful downtown Lafayette where
21 they're going to be there one day a week and that's
22 on Thursday from 9:00 in the morning until 3:00 in
23 the afternoon and they will be serving Whitfield --
24 not Whitfield County, but Walker County, Catoosa
25 County and Dade County and Chattooga County. The

1 bad thing about that, there is no appointment. So
2 you may show up and there's going to be 50 other
3 people there and you may not be seen. This is
4 something that we have taken up with Representative
5 Deffenbaugh and the Georgia Department of Veterans
6 Affairs. They are the only ones who can apply for
7 veterans benefits now. We were able to do that
8 locally, but that has been taken away from us.

9 It seems to be the trend in government
10 to take things away from local control. So that
11 takes me to my next one, which is NRCS, National
12 Resources Conservation Service. There is movement
13 afloat to take that agency, which is a nonregulatory
14 agency to the Department of Agriculture and making
15 it state regulated. So once again, they're trying
16 to usurp some of our local control, which brings me
17 to -- gentlemen, I think you found in your box you
18 saw from me a copy of the plan for the 2017 mental
19 health, addictive diseases and developmental
20 disability program. And this is where we're
21 addressing the needs of the county for those things
22 that affect our citizens who suffer from one or all
23 of these conditions.

24 We're looking at several different
25 areas, which is a priority common to call

1 developmental disabilities and that is housing
2 options, lack of housing options for here in the
3 county for some of the people who need it. A big
4 one is transportation that we were looking at. I
5 don't know whether we suffer from it here as much as
6 others, but there's a lot of counties that wherever
7 the county lines reaches, their transportation
8 stops. Ours don't. Thank goodness. We're
9 fortunate even though we're here.

10 Employment opportunities, we're looking
11 at that, too, some areas of that. Since we're
12 basically a rural county, region one serves 37 other
13 counties in north Georgia. Most of us are rural
14 counties with the exception of Dalton and a couple
15 of the others, but this plan is a culmination of all
16 of us getting together and spending many hours
17 putting it together and I have a copy of it. We'll
18 get you a copy of it if you would like to see it.

19 Next Thursday we're going to take --
20 we're voting on this to go to the state to combine
21 with the other five areas in Georgia to develop a
22 plan for 2017. So we're working -- we're
23 anticipating quite far into the future. I will be
24 meeting with Commissioner Berry Monday. We have
25 from the state leadership council, which I'm a

1 member of. We will be meeting with Commissioner
2 Berry Monday. We've got about an hour with him.

3 Gentlemen, if you would look over this,
4 what I gave you. If you have any suggestions or
5 something else you want to see included in it, I
6 will be glad to present them Thursday of next week
7 whenever we go to the regional health board meeting.
8 But anything you want to direct to the commissioner
9 directly, I'll be glad to bring that to his
10 attention.

11 We are seeing control once again moving
12 to a centralized location and away from us and
13 they're moving -- basically wanting to move
14 everything to 2 Peachtree Street and I'll give you
15 quote that was given to me and when I sat through
16 the meetings and it stuck out like a sore thumb. We
17 have a procedure that we're implementing on the
18 first of June. We do not know what those procedures
19 are, but we're going to implement them the first of
20 June. Now, I'm sitting there, okay, I understand
21 that.

22 If you guys will think back for the
23 last three months I've reported to you, four months
24 I've reported to you, there's a plan in effect. We
25 don't know what it is. Well guess what? We still

1 don't know what it is, but it's going to be
2 implemented the first of June. And it looks like
3 they're going to be calling all the shots from 2
4 Peachtree. We're still fighting for some local
5 control. It's kind of like the gasoline tax that
6 Mr. Goff brought up. I don't know where these ideas
7 come from. We're trying to go back to what we had
8 before we changed to what we've got because what we
9 had didn't work. Now if that makes sense to you, it
10 makes sense to me and that's what we're fighting.

11 So gentlemen, if there's anything you
12 want to present for the county, look through these
13 and let me know. Anybody else, I'm always available
14 24/7. And so this is what we've got to do to try to
15 contain -- try to keep some control at the county
16 level and slowly by slowly you're seeing as well as
17 we are, they're trying to pull it away a little at a
18 time. It's all about the money and we are down
19 to -- I don't know whether you're aware of it yet or
20 not, but we have a value -- which is taking over
21 basically, Lookout Mountain Community Services.
22 They're the ones that answer to -- they're not
23 answering to us anymore. It's fee for service. So
24 we only have one provider. That is Lookout Mountain
25 Community Services and, guys, it ain't going to be

1 controlled from here. That's what we're being told.
2 Just be aware of that.

3 We're still trying to get some stuff
4 into the jail. That's in the plan, too. But y'all
5 can read that. I won't take up the time for that.
6 Please look through it. Mr. Chairman, if you want
7 to attach a letter to that signed by the Commission,
8 I will be glad to present that next Thursday. If
9 you want to get together between now and then, I'll
10 check with you.

11 MR. RUMLEY: I'll draft it and put it
12 on letterhead.

13 MR. BLACK: I will attach it to my
14 copy. Thank you, gentlemen.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you.

16 Okay. Anyone else? Okay. Thanks for
17 coming tonight. I want to entertain a motion here
18 to go into executive session. If y'all want to hang
19 around, that will be fine. If no one else wants to
20 talk to us tonight, I will entertain a motion to go
21 into executive session.

22 MR. GOFF: I move we enter into
23 executive.

24 MR. ROGERS: Is that for a personnel
25 issue? To discuss a personnel issue?

1 MR. RUMLEY: For a personnel issue,
2 yes. I'll call a vote. Mr. Smith?

3 MR. SMITH: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

5 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

7 MR. GOFF: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

9 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

11 (Thereupon, the Commissioners
12 retired to executive session
taken.)

13 MR. RUMLEY: I need a motion to come
14 out of executive session.

15 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

16 MR. RUMLEY: I need a second.

17 MR. GOFF: Second.

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

20 MR. SMITH: Yes.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

22 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

24 MR. GOFF: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

1 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes. At
3 this time there was no action taken. Do I hear a
4 motion to adjourn the meeting?

5 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
6 adjourn.

7 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote.
9 Mr. Smith?

10 MR. SMITH: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

12 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

14 MR. GOFF: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

16 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.
18 Thank you. Meeting adjourned.

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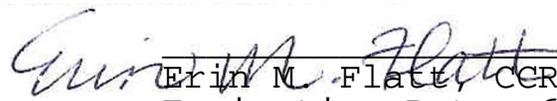
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