

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 5, 2015

1 MR. RUMLEY: Has everyone had a chance
2 to look at the agenda? Anything we need to add? Is
3 everyone fine with it? Number two, our previous
4 minutes. I know you've had those quite a while to
5 look at. Any changes or comments?

6 Okay. I might add Mitchell is not
7 going to be here tonight. His mother-in-law passed
8 away, Mrs. Gifford. Okay. Move down to number
9 four, proclamations. 4A, that's Save Your Vision
10 Week, March 8th through the 14th, Dade County
11 Lions Club. 4B, Resolution, R-18-15, reappointment
12 of Sandra Pullen to the DFACS board. She's been on
13 there one term and she does a good job. Attends --
14 I think she's got roughly 100 percent attendance.

15 Anyway, we're on the 4B, Resolution,
16 R-18-15, reappointment of Sandra Pullen to the DFACS
17 board. Also, we have Resolution R-19-15, which is
18 reappointment of Darrell Pardue to the alcohol
19 board. So we can do these separately or we can do
20 them all together. It's pretty well cut and dry.
21 Just go down the line. Is everyone fine with --

22 MR. PITTMAN: You've already spoken to
23 them and they're willing to serve?

24 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, yeah. They've been on
25 there. They're willing. Is everybody on board with

1 that?

2 Okay. Move down to number five,
3 approval of S.P.L.O.S.T and capital equipment.
4 There shouldn't be any. Number six, FY2016 budget
5 process. We have sent that announcement out. We
6 will get started with that as far as the schedule
7 goes -- Don, have you actually set a schedule?

8 MR. TOWNSEND: We have put the word out
9 and only had a couple of people respond as far as
10 dates, but, you know, it's only the second business
11 day. We're doing well. Let me say this about it,
12 adoption of annual budget, we're going to start
13 around March 16th. We're going to end hopefully by
14 May 1st. And then following that, if we need to
15 have any additional work sessions with the whole
16 board, we'll be advertising those on May 7th for
17 whatever date the Commission decides they want to
18 meet if you so deem you need to meet.

19 And following that, hopefully, we'll
20 advertise the first public hearing around May 28th.
21 We're well in advance here. Seven days later, we'll
22 have the public hearing. I'm sorry. We'll
23 advertise on the 20th and then advertise on May
24 28th. Seven days after that, we'll hopefully adopt
25 the budget at the regular meeting in June, June 4th.

1 After that, we'll begin the millage rate
2 discussions. I heard in the legislature -- I don't
3 know if it was yesterday or today, but anyway,
4 they're talking about waiving or help expedite the
5 process of appeals. So maybe we could each -- you
6 know, that seems to be the holdup every year.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Every year.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: If that were the case,
9 perhaps that would be moved up and we could have our
10 digest papers a little earlier and we can begin
11 formalizing the millage rate.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions?
13 Okay. Move down to number seven, Resolution
14 R-20-15, FY2015 budget amendment. Don, I'll let you
15 do that.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: This was what I was
17 continuing to work on. We were out of the office
18 yesterday in Atlanta and --

19 MR. RUMLEY: Yesterday.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah, yesterday. It hit
21 me a couple more things we needed to try to add. We
22 do budget amendments to hopefully stay ahead of any
23 changing issues, any kind of revenues that came in
24 over what we expected, expenses that are under or
25 over. We try to maintain our budget to keep it

1 clean. So the cleaner it is, the more up-to-date it
2 is, the more accurate the figures are compared to
3 what we are at budget attainment. Right now we
4 should be at about 50 percent attained through these
5 reports.

6 So anyway, this is the budget amendment
7 so far and I have one -- I was adding a couple of
8 them back trying to get ahead. If we need to, we
9 can approve them tonight or I can bring to a future
10 meeting. It doesn't matter to me. But as you see
11 under tab seven, the revised budget summary, these
12 are just the revenues that have come in in excess,
13 which is a great thing.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Good thing.

15 MR. TOWNSEND: From what we had
16 budgeted. And the one at the top there is a really
17 big one, which we're happy to report. As of the
18 current date and projecting through the end of the
19 year, meaning June 30th fiscal year, we believe we
20 will actually close at \$100,000 in excess on local
21 option sales tax. Even though it's been down, we
22 anticipated it would be down and this is actually
23 looking at it from the standpoint of what we collect
24 in the next four months would be the bear minimum.

25 Now that we know pretty much that the

1 legislature is not going to change after July 1st,
2 it will help us next year, but that's a whole
3 different story on L.O.S.T.

4 Energy excise tax has been coming in a
5 little healthier. It's looking at a \$1,500 increase
6 the way it was projected. The insurance premium tax
7 has already settled and we actually brought in
8 42,000 above what was budgeted. There's some
9 grants. You can see there. That's the Georgia
10 County Internship Program, the ACCG, Association of
11 County Commissioners of Georgia, a wellness grant
12 that we get. The LMIG came in a little bit higher
13 with DOT. Alex can help me with this one. It's the
14 emergency -- EMS responder training grant.

15 MR. CASE: Georgia trauma grant.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah. Georgia trauma
17 grant, \$1,800 there we got. And just some other
18 things. You can see what's listed there. So it
19 actually came in at \$196,300 in excess if you add
20 them all together. Then at the bottom are
21 expenditures that have either been increased or
22 decreased. We've only had one decrease, which
23 was -- there's a vehicle. The reason that's a
24 decrease to repairs and maintenance vehicle for the
25 senior center is because, as you may recall, we got

1 rid of the van that was older and they purchased a
2 brand new car and put in the county's name to
3 deliver the Meals on Wheels. So, you know, a brand
4 new car, hopefully the maintenance goes away for at
5 least a little while.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Which we didn't purchase
7 it.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: No. We didn't purchase
9 it. The State purchased it.

10 MR. RUMLEY: We just furnish the
11 insurance on it.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: In exchange of that, we
13 did have to increase the fuel. We agreed to, you
14 know, put the fuel back that we had taken out as
15 part of the deal. Anyway, you see all the different
16 things listed in there. I mean, \$200 here. The one
17 I was working on was in addition to those, radio
18 repairs and Alex can help me here. I mean, I think
19 I've got it. They're in excess right now of --
20 well, this says \$26,000. We've had a lot of radio
21 repairs, but it's in his budget -- I mean, it's hit
22 his line item, but he's going to be over on that
23 line item if we don't increase that budget and
24 that's not just him. That's lots of departments.

25 MR. CASE: That's also what we deal --

1 the Department -- Board of Education, all of our
2 buses and all of our schools that has the 800 radios
3 and the City of Trenton. It's an expense, but it's
4 also a revenue back in. And then the rest of the
5 budget takes care of the volunteer fire departments
6 and EMS and EMA and 911.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Right. We've already
8 increased -- I mean, we've already shown the
9 revenue. We just didn't have expenses high enough
10 for the radios in the budget. And also, the
11 vehicles. There was a vehicle purchased, but what
12 it is, it's the matching three percent fund. We got
13 an extra van this year. We weren't sure if it would
14 come through when we did the budget this past year,
15 but it did come through. And it was basically a
16 \$46,000 van we purchased for \$4,500. It was a three
17 percent match or five percent match, whatever we had
18 to come up with. So there's two. There's two. We
19 got one. We weren't sure we were going to get the
20 one, but we did. So that's what that increase is
21 for.

22 And there is an -- y'all caught me. I
23 needed five more minutes and I had it. In Billy's
24 budget, there's an inner-department cost right now
25 that's posted to his budget. We had only budgeted

1 6,000 for the year, but it's actually coming in at
2 14,000 and so we needed to put another 10,000. What
3 that is, I believe, is fuel inventories. We do the
4 best we can in guessing what the price of fuel is
5 going to be. But at this point, it came in a little
6 higher on the first part of the year. But now it's
7 lower right now, but we don't know what it's going
8 to do the rest of the year. To clean that up, it's
9 \$10,000. Anyway, I'm just -- I know I rattle. But
10 I just wanted to bring this to your attention and if
11 you've got any questions, I'll be glad to --

12 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions, Robert,
13 Allan?

14 MR. PITTMAN: It's just bookkeeping.

15 MR. TOWNSEND: It is. I mean, we don't
16 really have to do this until June 30th. But I
17 figured we might as well do it, clean the books up a
18 little bit.

19 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Move down to
20 number eight. This is an ordinance amending the
21 prohibiting the blocking of railroad crossings. I
22 know, Scottie, you would be interested in that.
23 Make a motion.

24 MR. GOFF: Is this the one changing the
25 ten to thirty basically?

1 MR. RUMLEY: Do what, Robert?

2 MR. GOFF: Just changing the ten
3 minutes to thirty minutes?

4 MR. RUMLEY: That's correct.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: For the unincorporated
6 area.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah, for the county. The
8 city has already -- they're in the process of maybe
9 at their next meeting. Anything else you want to
10 add to the work session? Okay. We'll go ahead and
11 adjourn just for a second or two. We'll go up here
12 and finish the meeting.

13 (Thereupon, a brief recess was
14 taken.)

15 MR. RUMLEY: I'll go ahead and call the
16 meeting to order. As always before we start the
17 meeting, Robert, would you lead us in the Pledge and
18 lead us in prayer, please?

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

21 MR. RUMLEY: This is the regularly
22 scheduled meeting which takes place at the same time
23 on the first Thursday of every month. Proper notice
24 of the meeting was given to our legal organ in the
25 Dade County Sentinel and has been posted in the

1 hallway. At this time, I do need a roll call.

2 Mr. Bradford?

3 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

5 MR. GOFF: Here.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

7 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

8 MR. RUMLEY: And Mitchell will not be
9 here. The chair is present.

10 All right. Scottie, do you want to
11 start with your report?

12 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. I talked to Stacy
13 today and ball has kicked off. Rec ball has kicked
14 off, middle school ball. The ball fields are not in
15 great shape right now. As everybody knows, we've
16 had a ton of snow and rain. As soon as the weather
17 breaks, he'll get started on getting the fields in
18 good order. We did order a new set of chalking
19 equipment. So now we have two and hopefully it will
20 all go good and the kids will be able to play ball
21 in a few weeks. It all depends on the rain.
22 Everybody knows the fields do not drain well as of
23 now. That's all I've got.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Robert?

25 MR. GOFF: All right. I've been

1 reporting on these laws that are -- on a law
2 basically that's in Atlanta that is affecting the
3 state. I know that most everybody up here realizes
4 that this has been a big -- the law HP170 has been
5 the biggest fire storm, caused the biggest fire
6 storm of anything since I've been sitting on the
7 Commission, I guess.

8 It did go through the House today.
9 Somewhere around 4:00 this afternoon it was voted in
10 the House to go to the Senate. All the House
11 members, the chairman who wrote the bill, Jay
12 Roberts, says that you won't recognize it when it
13 comes out. John Deffenbaugh called me on the way
14 home from Atlanta because they're not in session
15 tomorrow. Said tell everybody hi by the way. He
16 did not vote. Well, he voted, but the vote was 120
17 something to 40 something to take it out of the
18 House into the Senate.

19 That has consumed a lot of our time.
20 I've actually been to Atlanta a time or two on it
21 stating our case as a border county. As I told you
22 last month, we were told we were the worst case
23 scenario. Well, we found out in dollars and cents
24 we're not the worst case scenario, but we are number
25 two of the top five.

1 I'm going to give you a quick synopsis
2 of the way this bill went today because it's going
3 to affect us even more than these numbers here. If
4 it goes through the Senate the way it passed today
5 through the House, in -- July 1st our sales tax
6 here in Dade County will go -- statewide will go up
7 a fourth of a penny. That is on the L.O.S.T. penny
8 that we have. That's the one that's not earmarked
9 for anything. It goes into the general fund. It's
10 the one that every ten years on a year of census you
11 have to negotiate with your cities. Of course, we
12 only have the one city, so we negotiate with
13 Trenton. They get, I think, Don, it's 20 percent.
14 So 80 percent has been coming to us and 20 percent
15 then goes to the cities. If you have more cities,
16 you negotiate with each one based on their amount.

17 So when it first started, they were
18 going to take all of our fuel, the S.P.L.O.S.T.,
19 E.S.P.L.O.S.T. and L.O.S.T. on all of our fuel sold
20 in Dade County, sold statewide. They were going to
21 put that in the state for transportation. Of
22 course, that's where we would get our transportation
23 money. That changed over the course of this thing
24 because people did go. Commissioners were going.
25 Mayors were going to Atlanta, phone calls. A lot of

1 people I know here in Dade County that I know made
2 phone calls and e-mails, so on and so on. You've
3 got, I guess, the representatives that heard more
4 from this than any bill that's come up in recent
5 years statewide.

6 But as it passed today, they're going
7 to raise L.O.S.T. as I told you. They're not --
8 S.P.L.O.S.T or E.S.P.L.O.S.T will not be affected
9 until another one is voted in. Now, we will not
10 start ours that was just voted in until 2016 -- no,
11 2015, which is just a few months away. Then it will
12 go to 2021. So we've got six years before that will
13 affect us as it is written now.

14 At that time if another S.P.L.O.S.T is
15 voted in, the pennies that are spent at the fuel
16 pumps will have to be earmarked on that S.P.L.O.S.T.
17 You know how we have the wish list. Everybody talks
18 about our wish list. They're going to add one to
19 your wish list for you, transportation. And you
20 have to go about three years and say this is what
21 we're going to put on this S.P.L.O.S.T for
22 transportation.

23 That's not all bad because that does
24 free up money that's now in -- some of the money
25 that's now in the general budget unless -- do what

1 you want to do, talk about it. Unless you say,
2 well, we just won't vote for a S.P.L.O.S.T if that's
3 the way they're going to do. We do get to vote for
4 S.P.L.O.S.T. But that's going to be on it and you
5 cannot have a S.P.L.O.S.T referendum without putting
6 that on it. We don't have a choice. So the monies
7 then will start coming when you go to pump gas.

8 Now, the impact on Dade County and what
9 went from the House to the Senate today -- remember
10 I said we were one of the top five. We were the
11 only ones in red on the far side of this. Butts
12 County is going to lose \$667,805. They're number
13 one. That's a county inside of Georgia down around
14 Macon.

15 MR. RUMLEY: 75 runs right through it.

16 MR. GOFF: Right. So they get a lot of
17 that traffic probably to Savannah. I won't read
18 them. There's only five of them, but Dade County,
19 number two is \$196,263 that it's going to impact us.
20 That's in the red. So you've got five in the red.
21 They've got it now to where most are going to
22 benefit. Some of the counties that would have been
23 losing like Paulding County and some of them are
24 actually going to benefit now from that. And that
25 was the reason for the quarter of a cent on L.O.S.T.

1 was to help you make that up.

2 So a lot of the counties that were
3 going to lose money are now actually going to gain
4 money because of that fourth of a penny. Because a
5 fourth of a penny is -- you know, it's a pretty good
6 amount of money, but not when -- now, please, folks,
7 take into consideration that's just the money. That
8 does not compensate or take into -- into mind all
9 the money that we may lose when people bypass Dade
10 County to buy gas in Tennessee or in Alabama.

11 That's the reason we're called worst
12 case scenario. Because nothing having to do with
13 this, but the State is still going to take all the
14 taxes on fuel. They're going to add to them. So
15 for each gallon of gas, there will now be an excise
16 tax on fuel, 29.2 percent and on diesel, 33 percent
17 meaning we're going to add about 14 cents, 15, 16
18 cents to a gallon. And so, yes, you may go in a few
19 years and you'll see we're \$2.50. Right over in
20 Lookout Valley, they're only two and a quarter and
21 that's where -- but we can't put a dollar figure on
22 that because we don't know. And then when we do
23 that and people that go in and buy the bag of
24 peanuts and the popcorn and the donuts and the
25 Cokes, we lose those S.P.L.O.S.T pennies that were

1 inside the store, not outside the store.

2 I'll be glad to go over this a little
3 more with anybody that wants to. I could spend all
4 night talking about it. To give you an idea, it
5 went from seven pages and it's now up to about 22
6 pages. They just keep adding words and words and
7 words and they kind of lose you and I think they've
8 lost themselves.

9 But just keep this in mind. This is
10 going to hit us and it's going to hit us hard. And
11 there's going to be people at that time. I'm going
12 to say it right now. There's going to be people
13 that look at whoever is sitting in these seats --
14 and we're talking some years down the road,
15 remember. It may not be any of these five people
16 that are here now that are sitting in these seats.
17 It's going to hit them because we don't have the
18 revenue stream to make it up anywhere, where some
19 counties do. They have the sales tax and all that.

20 So that's just being honest with you.
21 If you want to talk about it, whatever you want to
22 say about it. That's the cold hard facts from the
23 Department of Revenue, not something we sat together
24 and made up. So as it gets through the Senate,
25 we'll be reporting on what they do, because there's

1 no way of knowing if they're going to make it better
2 or worse.

3 The schools will be affected. They
4 don't do transportation in the sense that we do.
5 Our transportation is roads and bridges and
6 railroads, which is another spot. They don't do any
7 of those, but they will be able to buy things that
8 they were not -- they're not capped on anymore.
9 They can buy bus parts and tires. Anything
10 necessary for the taking a child home to school and
11 back home including salaries for school bus drivers.
12 And you're cautioned on that from better minds, I
13 guess, that have thought it out. If you don't pass
14 another S.P.L.O.S.T and you've been paying your
15 drivers out of S.P.L.O.S.T, now you don't have that.
16 You've got to go back in the general fund. Did you
17 budget money for those drivers in the general fund?
18 So you have to watch.

19 So if somebody says, well, we're going
20 to pay so-and-so's salary out of this. Well, if you
21 don't pass another S.P.L.O.S.T, you better have the
22 money somewhere to pay it or so-and-so doesn't get
23 paid.

24 It's like a bowl of spaghetti and you
25 don't know where the other end of the piece you're

1 picking up is, but if you pull on it enough, you'll
2 find out it's in there somewhere. So we're looking
3 for the other end of this bill as well as others
4 that may help or hurt.

5 But just keep that in mind that you've
6 been forewarned, that it didn't come from this bench
7 up here. We don't set gas taxes. We don't set
8 those and we don't make them happen. As some may
9 believe, that's set by the state and federal.
10 They're going up on excise tax and they're taking
11 part of our money in a sense so we can fund
12 somewhere else and we've got to deal with it. Thank
13 you.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Allan?

15 MR. BRADFORD: First, I would like to
16 tell the road crew I appreciate all the work they've
17 done and the hours that they spent these past couple
18 of weeks. As a matter of fact, our county was ahead
19 of the state. You could get around on the county
20 roads, but you couldn't get on the state roads. I
21 know 189 was cleared about 6:00 or 7:00 that night.
22 But I appreciate all the hard work they've done in
23 the past couple of weeks. They've done a really
24 good job.

25 And on the transfer station, there's

1 not a whole lot to say about it. They're doing a
2 really great job. I would like to give an update.
3 In about the past eight months, the recycle brought
4 in about \$19,000, which is not a lot of money, but
5 it is money. And I appreciate everybody out there
6 that recycles. It's really good that you do. We
7 have a really good recycle system and people use it
8 pretty frequently.

9 We had a very productive day yesterday.
10 I know Tom Black is about to go to sleep, but he'll
11 appreciate hearing this. We're going to have a
12 representative come into our county from the VA,
13 which we haven't had one in the past month or two.
14 They have a gentleman that's already trained. He's
15 in Lafayette and he's going to be coming one day a
16 week.

17 MR. RUMLEY: A month.

18 MR. BRADFORD: One day a month. That's
19 going to be good for the veterans. I've talked to a
20 couple of veterans and I've gone to Lafayette and
21 nobody was even there. I've gone to Dalton, had to
22 wait three and four hours and still not got to see
23 anybody. That's a bad situation. But I was
24 promised that we would be getting that within the
25 next month or so.

1 Eddie Gifford's mother passed away and
2 he wanted me to tell you the times --

3 MR. BLACK: Are we going back on the
4 same schedule we had the --

5 MR. BRADFORD: Yes, same schedule.
6 Right. But Eddie Gifford, which everybody knows,
7 his mother passed away and they said they're going
8 to have visitation tomorrow from 5:00 to 8:00 and
9 the funeral will be Tuesday -- I mean, Saturday at
10 2:00 and you can visit up until 2:00 at Ryan's
11 Funeral Home. I didn't know she was that sick. I
12 don't know if anybody did. I didn't realize she had
13 gotten that sick. Anyway, that's when the funeral
14 service will be. That's all I've got.

15 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you,
16 Allan. Good report.

17 We'll start with what Robert was
18 touching on there is really a critical thing. Of
19 course, it hasn't passed yet. It did leave the
20 House today and it will be in the Senate. Anyway,
21 we spent a lot of time -- I know Robert spent a
22 whole lot -- put a lot of work in it in the past
23 month or so and myself, too, voicing our concern, of
24 course. We are the second county or the number two
25 county in the state that will be losing. All I'm

1 asking our senator to do is to actually -- there's
2 really only four counties. They said nine
3 yesterday, but there's four counties it's really
4 going to hit. And there's got to be some type of
5 supplement or some kind of exemption. I don't think
6 there's a county in the state that would actually
7 vote against it because most of these counties are
8 bordering counties. We're going to lose. Like
9 Robert said, what worries me is not just what the
10 State is doing to us, but a man would be crazy to
11 buy fuel here or gas when you can go ten minutes
12 from here and save 25, 30 cents a gallon on your
13 fuel. I think we made our point yesterday
14 especially and the past week. We'll see what our
15 senators do and see exactly what happens on that.

16 Also, I've been working this month on
17 reviewing -- every year, we get a bridge report in
18 our county. We do have several bridges that's --
19 they're not totally condemned. They're not falling,
20 but it's work we're going to have to do this summer,
21 so we're preparing for that. I met with some people
22 getting figures. We have like six bridges. So I
23 spent a little time on that.

24 Also, with this environmental MS4 issue
25 on Lookout Mountain, we'll be taking our second set

1 of samples after this rain event, probably pull them
2 tomorrow. They're forcing us to do four samples a
3 quarter for one year. And that's to prove that
4 Lookout Mountain, the north end of Lookout Mountain,
5 if you haven't been keeping up with this, is not
6 actually putting fecal or feces -- they're not a
7 contributor to the feces problem in the Lookout
8 Creek on the north end. And I know that sounds
9 crazy, but it's something -- this is a federal
10 thing. EPD is handling it because it's been passed
11 down to them. We were going to spend probably
12 roughly for this testing -- Don, what did I figure,
13 about 5,000, I think, 4,500?

14 MR. TOWNSEND: It's currently 8,000 and
15 another five.

16 MR. RUMLEY: But that could -- I feel
17 good about it because the samples we've had we've
18 actually taken so far has really been in our favor.
19 This may not sound like a big deal, but if we had to
20 actually implement the MS4 on the portion of the
21 mountain that we're talking about, it could go into
22 the hundreds of thousands of dollars. We've already
23 reviewed that with the federal people and some of
24 the things that they require us to do is just
25 totally -- like replacing all of our road tiles

1 because of the texture of the tiles, things that are
2 crazy.

3 But anyway, we're working and doing
4 everything we can to get out of that. Hopefully, we
5 can. We do have an inspection coming up on Lookout
6 Lake. It will be happening here in the next two or
7 three weeks. That dam out there, we do have a
8 yearly inspection on it. I'll be attending a
9 seminar next week on that. We're prepared for it.
10 I mean, it hasn't changed since they have written us
11 up on it. We're just kind of waiting for them to
12 review the plans and tell us exactly what we can do.

13 Let's see what else I've got on here.
14 We did have a bike -- the sheriff actually had a
15 scheduled bike meeting where the bike event will be
16 coming the first Saturday in May. That's when they
17 come down the valley, go up Burkhalter. We did have
18 that meeting with the Association and the only
19 change in it this year is they are not going Mount
20 Olive. They are going to go on the state highway.
21 So they'll come out on the Lula Lake Road and go
22 that path. It may not sound like big news to y'all,
23 but to a lot of people it is because that day is
24 pretty congested on roads that are being used on the
25 mountain and the valley. We'll keep you -- I'm sure

1 the papers will keep you up to date on that.

2 Yesterday we did -- as Robert and Allan
3 said, we did go to Atlanta. Don went with us. We
4 had a good day. I think a productive day. We
5 talked about this a little while ago. We do have an
6 issue on the south end of -- actually the south end
7 of the city limits there in Trenton with some sewer
8 issues that people are having. It's kind of an
9 unexpected thing on -- financial-wise with the Water
10 Authority, but we're going to have to actually put
11 another forced main or actually do a step system,
12 partial step system on the side of the road there.

13 We did meet with DCA yesterday and also
14 a couple of other groups there that we hope we can
15 get some grant money to do that and hopefully that
16 will happen. I feel good about it. That will help
17 not so much the county, but the water -- the Dade
18 County Water Authority.

19 Do y'all have anything else? Of
20 course, the weather. You know, we've spent a lot of
21 time on weather-related. Billy, he still hasn't
22 caught up on his sleep. I don't think any of us
23 have really. Hopefully springtime is here. We've
24 got another little event coming next week.
25 Hopefully that won't happen, but we'll just have to

1 play it by ear. Do y'all have anything to add to
2 the report?

3 MR. BRADFORD: No.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Marshanna from the
5 library, is she here tonight?

6 MR. TOWNSEND: She's sick.

7 MR. RUMLEY: All right. You're next,
8 4H, Ms. Hammond.

9 MS. HAMMOND: Hello, I'm Katie Hammond,
10 the County Extension agent. We had a great
11 February. I would like to tell you a little bit
12 about it. BB practice went strong two nights a
13 week. We have a full BB team. We have 28 children
14 shooting. That's a good strong program. We had
15 shotgun team signups. We have 14 members in
16 shotgun. Our three coaches are Stetson Stephens,
17 Darren Lingerfelt and Caleb Everett.

18 Of course, we had our regular in-class
19 monthly meetings for 4H. We hosted the Northwest
20 Georgia Winter Livestock Show on the Saturday which
21 happened to be Valentine's Day, which didn't really
22 make anybody happy. But we had great participation.
23 We had 46 participants with dairy, heifers and hogs
24 down at the extension office. So that was a big day
25 for us.

1 The Georgia Junior National Livestock
2 Show was held in Perry. Brett Dyer went down with
3 his two heifers and he won reserve champion angus
4 and had fifth overall. Then we turned around and
5 had the Walker County Tri-State Cattlemen's
6 Association Steer and Heifer Show. Brett Dyer went
7 to that. He placed first in junior showmanship and
8 he had both the champion and reserve champion
9 heifers. So he has had a great year. That's why
10 you've seen him in the paper and on our Facebook
11 page so much.

12 For upcoming events this month, we have
13 our final CCRPI lessons in the fifth grade
14 classrooms. We'll have monthly 4H club meetings.
15 We'll take six junior and seniors down to Rock Eagle
16 for project achievement. Then on March 24th, we
17 we have a full day of classes at the Extension
18 office. We'll have a vegetable gardening class from
19 1:00 to 3:00. At 5:00 we'll have a pasture weed
20 control class and then we have the Tri-State
21 Cattlemen's Association monthly meeting. So if
22 y'all are interested in any of that, please let me
23 know. I'll put you on the list.

24 Walker County is looking into hosting
25 an egg candling certification class. If you have

1 backyard poultry and you sell the eggs, legally in
2 the state of Georgia, you should be candling them.
3 So this class would be free. It would be a two-hour
4 class. It will be in April or May. So if you know
5 anyone, have them call us. We'll get their name on
6 the list. Any questions?

7 MR. RUMLEY: When you say handling
8 them, are you talking about --

9 MS. HAMMOND: Candling them. You can
10 take a developing egg. And in this case, we would
11 take a nonfertilized egg. If you go in a dark room
12 and take a candle -- a flashlight will work. You
13 sit it on top and you can look inside the egg, look
14 at the air sac, the yolk and the white of the egg to
15 determine if there's any blood spots, any meat spots
16 in the egg. Because if there are, obviously, you
17 don't want to sell those eggs because nobody wants
18 to see blood when they crack open their egg.
19 Technically they're safe to eat, but you probably
20 wouldn't have that customer very long if you got an
21 egg with blood in it.

22 MR. GOFF: It would be called rare
23 eggs.

24 MS. HAMMOND: Yeah. I don't know if I
25 would really want to try that or not.

1 MR. GOFF: Rare steak, rare eggs.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you. Good
3 report. We appreciate it. Zach Stone, he's our
4 Dade County Chamber Director.

5 MR. STONE: I'll be really short for
6 you guys. First off, I want to thank you guys for
7 the contract. I'm glad that we finally got that put
8 away and behind us. I thank Don and Robin for
9 helping out with that as well.

10 We've been working with you guys and
11 the City and the school in getting a vendor list put
12 together so we can kind of look outside of the
13 county for new members and I thank Don for that. He
14 put that together for us. Another thing, we're
15 establishing a 501(c)(3). We're currently a
16 501(c)(6), but in order to solicit some donations
17 outside of that that would also be tax deductible,
18 we're starting alongside of that a 501(c)(3).

19 We've been working with the IDA to put
20 together a brochure to attract industry and
21 business, so we should be able to have that by the
22 next meeting. And we are also putting together as
23 far as the welcome center a new mover map and packet
24 that we'll be able to start sending out. And we've
25 been working with the County Assessor's office to

1 try to put some of those maps together. Also,
2 soliciting new members. We've been signing a few of
3 those up. We'll have a few more this next month.
4 So any questions?

5 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions? Okay.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. GOFF: Thank you, Zach.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do we have anyone
9 here from the City of Trenton tonight or the IDA?
10 Okay. Move down to Don. If you would give us our
11 monthly financial report.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: As of February 28, 2015,
13 the general fund had a balance of \$1,889,899. But
14 let me give you the most important thing on that
15 page. Right under there is a new line item called
16 certificate of deposit, 200,000. We have two CDs
17 currently. One at the Bank of Dade and one is at
18 Citizens Bank and Trust. And I'll talk a little bit
19 more about that in a minute. Anyway, so that's a
20 total general fund balance of \$2,089,896.

21 Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury,
22 \$288; Sheriff's Special Fund, \$17,948; Drug Abuse
23 Education Fund, \$85,361; Supplemental Juvenile
24 Services Fund, \$23,835; Victim Assistance Fund,
25 \$1,718; Jail Fund, \$41,606; Federal Asset Fund,

1 Department of Justice, \$742. Employee's flexible
2 spending account, \$35,399 and payroll account,
3 \$186,172.

4 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T funds are as follows:

5 Construction account had a balance of \$150.

6 Projects account, \$7,775 and the proceeds account,

7 \$899,418. 2015 S.P.L.O.S.T funds, this is the first

8 time you've seen this on this report in the yellow

9 there. Projects account, of course, is still zero,

10 but we now have a special purpose local option sales

11 tax, general obligation sales tax bond debt services

12 account. It's a long title for what's really going

13 to become the proceeds account. That's the way the

14 attorney did it. Thank you, Mr. Attorney. \$26,364

15 is the balance and the reason we have those funds

16 today is because the City of Trenton chose to bond

17 their funds. Of course, the County did not and this

18 is the first payment that's been capitalized for the

19 debt service to those funds for the City. And since

20 the county is responsible for paying that.

21 Then the Series 2013 bonds, IDA county

22 construction Series B, \$206,328. And then the IDA

23 Series -- IDA debt service Series A has a balance of

24 zero and county debt service Series B has a balance

25 of zero. Then at the very bottom of the page, you

1 see the new line items there for the two different
2 CDs, one at Citizen's Bank and Trust and one at Bank
3 of Dade. I currently have a check today -- tomorrow
4 or early next week and hopefully purchase another CD
5 at the bank. This is just to set it aside. It's
6 the only purpose. We could do it by leaving it in
7 the general fund, but traditionally we have in the
8 past gotten certificates of deposit that we do this
9 and -- it's called a reserve fund, cash reserve
10 fund.

11 We're going to put -- the goal is, of
12 course, initially 600,000 in Citizen's Bank and
13 600,000 in the Bank of Dade and then if we have more
14 in the future, then we'll look at that at that time.
15 That's the goal. We'll try to do this once a month
16 around the 15th of the month, so if we purchase a
17 12-month CD going forward, every month we would have
18 them mature. So if we ever get in a situation where
19 we really need funds, we would not have to cash one
20 out and have a penalty or interest payment come due
21 before that. That's the thought behind that.

22 Anyway, just letting you know that is taking place.

23 The next page is the revenue funds and
24 expense funds as of January 31st, 2015. You see
25 the actual funds expense for that month was

1 \$789,658. We budgeted \$710,524. So in revenues, we
2 actually were over \$79,133 for the month. And then
3 for the year-to-date, \$6,474,751. We budgeted
4 \$6,409,729, so that actually gave us an excess cash
5 of \$65,022.

6 At the bottom, you see the expenses for
7 January was \$777,587. We had budgeted 754,379. So
8 we actually were over \$23,208. But for the
9 year-to-date, we had expensed \$4,842,474. We
10 budgeted through that same period of time
11 \$5,083,132. So we were under budget as of
12 year-to-date January 31st, 2015, at \$240,658.

13 Revenues less expenses for January
14 actual was \$12,070, which was under budget 55,925
15 and revenues less expenses year-to-date, the actual
16 was 1,632,277. And again, that's under budget
17 \$305,680. Budget attained through January 31st
18 should be right at 58.33 percent. Revenues attained
19 were 73.18 percent. Expenses attained were
20 54.76 percent.

21 The six pages following that is just a
22 project variance report showing the detail behind
23 those numbers that we just reviewed. Following that
24 is pledge statements from Citizen's Bank. The first
25 one there you see shows a balance of -- they have on

1 hand \$1,583,922. What that is -- let me give you
2 Bank of Dade. Bank of Dade's total pledge is
3 4,550,000. The pledge funds -- again, I'll review
4 that at 125 percent because we not only have FDIC
5 coverage of funds, but in Georgia at least you have
6 to have -- a financial institution has to back the
7 funds up at 25 percent additional dollars -- 25
8 cents on the dollar at 125 percent in case the bank
9 ever went belly up, which neither of our banks will
10 ever go belly up surely.

11 The local option sales tax for the
12 month of February, \$142,805. Special purpose local
13 option sales tax was \$178,507. See the following
14 two reports there, it's just the breakdown of the
15 monthly collection for S.P.L.O.S.T.

16 And on the final pages there, you see
17 the collection for year-to-date for tax
18 commissioner's office and as of -- through
19 January 31st she was collecting 78.5 percent or
20 that equals \$3,460,084. Just for the record, I
21 would like to say again, we are purchasing an
22 additional CD each month every other month at each
23 bank. I'm trying to put one at Bank of Dade and
24 Citizen's. Thank you very much.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Any questions

1 for Don? Okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion to
2 approve our monthly financial statement.

3 MR. GOFF: I make a motion we approve
4 as read.

5 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion. Do I
6 hear a second?

7 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call the vote. Mr.
9 Pittman?

10 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

12 MR. GOFF: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

14 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

16 Robin, do you have anything tonight?

17 MR. ROGERS: I do not.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Unfinished
19 business. The reading of the minutes of last
20 month's regular meeting and any special-called
21 meeting will not be required since all Commissioners
22 have been furnished copies in advance. The minutes
23 are public record and available for review in the
24 County Commission office. The minutes are included
25 in our consent agenda and will be considered upon

1 new business.

2 Don, if you'll go over the consent
3 agenda, we'll entertain a motion.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: I have the approval of
5 the agenda as presented, approval of previous
6 meeting minutes, review and approval of personnel
7 status report, board appointments and proclamations.
8 We have the following: Proclamation for the Dade
9 County Lion's Club Save Your Vision Week proclaimed
10 by the Commission for March 8th through
11 March 14th. Resolution R-18-15, resolution to
12 reappoint a member to the Dade County Department of
13 Family and Children's Services board, which is
14 Sandra Pullen for a five-year term beginning
15 July 1st, 2015, and expires June 30th, 2020.
16 Resolution R-19-15, a resolution for appointment of
17 a member to the Dade County Alcohol Beverage Control
18 Board, which is Darrell Pardue for a four-year term
19 which began January 1st, 2015, and expiring
20 12/31/2018.

21 And a Resolution R-20-15, which is a
22 2015 budget amendment. It is the second amendment
23 this year. That is revenues of \$196,300, expenses
24 totaling \$96,300. So that is a savings -- not a
25 savings. An additional reserve of \$100,000 that we

1 will be putting into our -- I guess if you want to
2 purchase another CD in the future for that. This is
3 the -- these -- what you see here as well as the
4 changes I verbally went over during the meeting, the
5 workshop and that's it. We've moved number eight to
6 new business.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. All right. Any
8 questions or corrections? All right. I'll
9 entertain a motion.

10 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
11 approve the consent agenda as read by the clerk.

12 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion. Do I
13 have a second?

14 MR. GOFF: Second.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call a vote.
16 Mr. Pittman?

17 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

19 MR. GOFF: Yes.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

21 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Chair votes yes.

23 Move down to citizens -- oh, I'm sorry.
24 All right. Pertaining to Ordinance 03-05-15,
25 amending prohibiting blocking of railroad crossings.

1 That pertains to the -- from the ten minutes to
2 thirty minutes. That was a mistake we made and the
3 City is going to follow us on that, too. Do I hear
4 a motion pertaining to that?

5 MR. BRADFORD: I make a motion.

6 MR. GOFF: I'll second.

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

8 Mr. Pittman?

9 MR. PITTMAN: Abstain.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Mr. Goff?

11 MR. GOFF: Yes.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

13 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

15 MR. GOFF: Question, Mr. Chairman.

16 Since we talked to the railroad up here about this
17 issue, how much better is it? Is it noticeably
18 better now?

19 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it has been.

20 They've been at least breaking the train like they
21 promised. We've only had two instances, you know,
22 but that it was actually mechanical. It was on the
23 main line. They did take care of it pretty quick.
24 You know, that happened before, you know, back a
25 year ago when we went through that about a month or

1 so it was pretty good. Then they evidently changed
2 people or whatever and then it went back. We'll
3 see. We'll know in the next few months.

4 MR. GOFF: I was told by -- speaking to
5 somebody in one of the companies in Industrial Park,
6 they said it was better. I think in fairness to the
7 railroad, they may or may not hear it. Scottie may
8 send out a smoke signal to them. It has been
9 working a little bit better since we --

10 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, they do keep up with
11 our news here. I mean, anytime that you mention the
12 railroad, you know, we get a call. They do monitor.
13 I don't know. I'm sure it's through the internet
14 and all.

15 Okay. Does anyone want to come up and
16 talk to us tonight? Feel free to come up. It's
17 awful cold outside.

18 Okay. If not, we don't have an
19 executive session. I'll entertain a motion to
20 adjourn.

21 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
22 adjourn.

23 MR. GOFF: I second.

24 MR. RUMLEY: All right. I'll call a
25 vote. Mr. Pittman?

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MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

MR. GOFF: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Bradford?

MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: I thank all of you for
being here this cold night.

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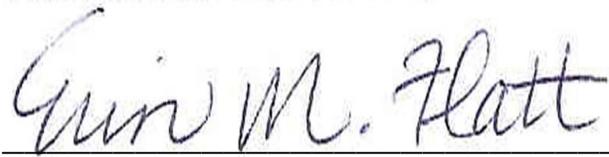
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