

THANK YOU for giving me an opportunity to say a few words. Billy TRAPNELL

Make sure all taxes collected from our citizens are remitted estimated hundreds of millions or more not remitted.

INCREASE AUDITS

Full collection of sales tax.

- Sales Tax Pilot project- Hall, Cherokee, Lowndes, Chatham and the cities within participated.
 - 1356 business were not on the Dept of Revenue's original list of Hall County taxpayers, but were current business license holders in Hall County.
 - There are 3235 business in Hall Co. more than ¼ of those businesses DOR did not know about.
 - Reversely 881 businesses were on DOR's list but did not have a business license with Hall County.

Require DOR to share sales tax data for collections within Municipal boundaries

- **HB 1093** allows local governments to provide data to DOR but DOR is not required to give local governments any information.

Tax Revenue should be remitted to local governments in a more timely manner.

Some private collectors do it within 48 hours, not 60 to 90 days.

MOST

Back in the 70's and 80's local governments got revenue sharing funds, funds for water and sewer improvements. 80 and 90 year old water and sewer lines

Give cities the flexibility to ask their voters to approve a Municipal Option Sales Tax to be used to repair and replace aging infrastructure in order to attract more jobs and industry to their cities and be used to offset property taxes.

EXAMINE ALL THE SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS

Although sales tax incentives could be helpful in attracting new businesses to downtowns, the continued erosion of the sales tax will only transfer the tax burden to another taxpayer class. Remove the exemptions from sales tax during this economic downturn.

GIVE US FLEXIBILITY

Recognize that cities vary across the state and no one revenue situation will work for everyone. Different economies are helpful during an economic crisis and we should encourage cities to continue diverse economic recovery efforts. (alcohol tax increases, additional lodging taxes, local transportation tax, broaden sales tax base, lower sales tax rate)

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE THE CLOSEST TO THE CITIZENS
GOVERNMENTS SUPPLY THE PRIMARY SERVICES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ON THE COUNCIL.