

# FORWARD TOGETHER



## Part 5 — The Path Forward

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TRENTON, Ga. — The Dade County Board of Commissioners is currently reviewing six qualified proposals for the construction of a new elections building, a decision that will shape the county's ability to securely and efficiently conduct elections in the years ahead. These proposals, which range between \$2.9 million and \$3.2 million, are being carefully evaluated to ensure that any decision made is in the best interest of the citizens of Dade County.

No official decision has been made at this time. The Board will continue its due diligence over the next several weeks before any vote is taken.

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### A Careful Review Process

The evaluation process includes a detailed review of each proposal's design, security features, compliance with Georgia elections requirements, and cost breakdown. The Board is also considering the operational needs of the elections team, the long-term security of voting equipment, and the most efficient use of taxpayer funds. In addition, future space and planning needs are being taken into account, recognizing that state and federal guidelines may evolve in the years ahead.

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### Managing Multiple County Projects

Some citizens have expressed concern that starting the elections building project might delay the planned Trenton-Dade Animal Center. Both projects are recognized as important to the community, and the Board is committed to giving careful consideration to each as planning moves forward.

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### Listening to Citizen Concerns

We understand that the cost of the proposed elections building has raised questions in the community. Citizens are encouraged to seek accurate information directly from county officials and to share their perspectives through the established channels of communication.

Citizens can contact us by email at [info@dadecounty-ga.gov](mailto:info@dadecounty-ga.gov), via Facebook Messenger or by phone at 706-657-4625. The Board welcomes public input and is committed to ensuring that the decision-making process remains transparent.

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## Conclusion

Over the coming weeks, the Board of Commissioners will weigh all the available information to determine how best to move forward with the elections building project. Throughout this process, the Board remains committed to placing the needs of the community first and foremost in every decision.

The Commissioners also extend their gratitude to the Dade County Board of Elections, our Elections Supervisor, and the many poll workers who have served faithfully for years. Their dedication and hard work make it possible for elections to run smoothly in our county, often under challenging circumstances. Moving this project forward means supporting the people who make elections happen — our staff and poll workers — while also making sure every voter in Dade County has access to elections that are secure, efficient, and compliant with state and federal requirements.

The ultimate goal is to provide facilities that meet the operational, security, and compliance needs of Dade County—while ensuring the responsible use of taxpayer funds. Finally, the Board wishes to thank the citizens of Dade County who have taken the time to read this five-part series and stay engaged in the process. Your commitment to being informed helps strengthen our community.

*thank you*

