



Commission Takes Thoughtful Steps Toward Nuisance Ordinance Updates

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TRENTON, Ga. (Sept. 9, 2025) — The Dade County Commission is moving carefully through updates to the Nuisance Ordinance—placing residents' rights and community well-being at the forefront.

Commissioner Melissa Bradford spoke candidly about the issue's personal importance, calling it "really heavy on me." She emphasized that her goal is to help, not limit, and she's targeting specific challenges like debris from torn-down buildings, abandoned properties, and environmental risks tied to salvage yards. She expressed commitment to exploring long-term, grant-supported solutions rather than short-term fixes.

Commissioner Bob Woods passed along top concerns raised by the Sheriff's Department, including noise — especially from short-term rentals — and trash complaints. While no immediate enforcement changes are on the table, the feedback makes clear that thoughtful refinements are needed.

Dade County values its residents' freedoms and the pastoral charm of its communities. The Commission's approach—especially spearheaded by Commissioner Bradford—reflects a balanced, proactive effort to protect both individual rights and shared well-being.



Pictured left are Commissioner Melissa Bradford and citizens of Dade County in front of the Blessing Box in the New Salem Community on Lookout Mountain.