# County IT Department to Receive New Servers Through SPLOST Funds

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TRENTON, Ga. (Nov. 6, 2025) — The Dade County Board of Commissioners approved funding for the purchase of new computer servers to modernize county technology systems and strengthen cybersecurity across multiple departments. The equipment, totaling $59,418.75, will be purchased using Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds rather than general budget revenues.

Assistant IT Director Alex Case explained that the upgrade is necessary due to aging infrastructure and compatibility issues with newer software systems. Several county servers—some more than a decade old—can no longer support required security updates or meet the performance standards needed for modern operations.

"These servers handle everything from public safety to tax and accounting systems," Case said. "We're at the point where replacement is essential to maintain reliability and protect our data."

Commissioner Phillip Hartline asked for clarification about which department's SPLOST budget would cover the expense, noting that the county's IT allocation was already above 100 percent for the current fiscal year. Chairman Don Townsend responded that the funding would come from SPLOST and emphasized that the county would discuss broader budget adjustments later in the meeting under Resolution R-43-25.

Chief Financial Officer Rebecca Jones elaborated on the funding source, explaining that SPLOST revenues have outperformed original projections by approximately $5.3 million. "Because these special local option sales tax collections have come in higher than expected, we can reallocate funds for critical needs like IT infrastructure without drawing from the county's general budget," Jones said. "This keeps property tax revenue focused on operations while still allowing us to make long-term capital improvements."

Townsend commended the IT staff for proactively identifying and addressing equipment concerns before they become service interruptions. "These upgrades are about stability and preparedness," Townsend said. "They ensure that our departments—from public safety to administration—can continue serving the public effectively and securely."

The replacement plan also includes new redundancy and backup systems to protect data and maintain essential county services during outages or emergencies. The servers will support critical functions for the Sheriff's Office, Jail, E-911, Tax Commissioner's Office, and several administrative departments.

The expenditure was unanimously approved by the Board and added to the November consent agenda for final adoption during the regular meeting.