



Commission Declares Outdated Computers as Surplus Equipment

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TRENTON, Ga. (Nov. 6, 2025) — The Dade County Board of Commissioners approved the disposal of approximately 50 outdated county computers and related equipment during its November workshop, citing system incompatibility and performance limitations as the primary reasons for the surplus designation.

Resolution R-45-25 formally authorizes the sale or disposal of computers that can no longer run required software or security updates. The action follows the county's recent approval to purchase new servers and upgrade essential IT infrastructure.

Assistant IT Director Alex Case explained that the decision was based on technical necessity rather than age alone. "Many of these computers have reached a point where they can't install the updates needed to stay secure or support new applications," Case said. "Some are operating on systems that are no longer supported by the manufacturer, and others simply don't have the capacity to handle the programs our departments now use."



Case also noted that the county continues to reuse any functional components where possible before declaring items surplus. "If a computer or part can be repurposed for light use, we do that first," he said. "We try to get every bit of value out of the equipment before retiring it."

Commissioners expressed agreement that retiring the obsolete equipment is part of responsible asset management and ensures compliance with county and state procedures. The surplus process also allows departments to clear inventory, reduce maintenance costs, and prepare for integration of new systems once the county's technology upgrades are complete.

County departments periodically review older assets in accordance with Georgia procurement and disposal regulations. Functional items may be reassigned or sold through an approved surplus platform, while nonfunctional equipment is recycled or destroyed under data security protocols.

Resolution R-45-25 was unanimously approved and added to the November consent agenda for final adoption during the regular meeting.