



Chairman Townsend Provides Administrative Update on Community Events, Development Projects and Transportation Issues

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TRENTON, Ga. (Nov. 6, 2025) — Chairman Don Townsend delivered a comprehensive administrative report during the November regular meeting of the Dade County Board of Commissioners, outlining recent community activities, economic development updates and ongoing transportation issues that continue to shape county planning and operations.



Chairman Townsend began by recognizing a series of community events held throughout the past month. Local schools hosted Trunk-or-Treat celebrations, the Dade County Sheriff's Office held its annual Trick-or-Treat on the Square and students at Davis and Dade Elementary Schools participated in pumpkin-painting programs. He also noted a recent Tree City USA tree-marking ceremony and a community meet-and-greet with Georgia Chamber of Commerce CEO Chris Clark, which highlighted ongoing collaboration between the county and statewide business leaders.

Chairman Townsend reported positive developments in the county's economic landscape. Food City held its grand opening following the completion of its expanded Trenton location, a project expected to support long-term commercial growth. He also highlighted the ribbon cutting for the Lookout Mountain Pickleball Club Stay and Play facility, which adds new recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. In addition, Chairman Townsend shared updates from the Joint Development Authority's quarterly meeting, where regional partners reviewed current projects and discussed future opportunities for coordinated growth and investment.



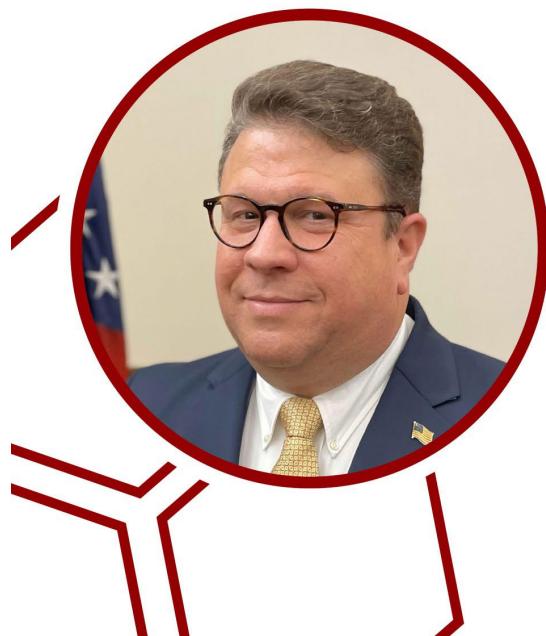


He also discussed transportation concerns, noting continued train delays in the Wildwood community. Extended blockages have impacted school transportation, daily commutes and emergency response access. County officials are continuing to work with railroad representatives and transportation partners to explore long-range solutions that protect both public safety and traffic flow.

In election updates, Chairman Townsend reported that voters approved the renewal of the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST). The one-cent sales tax will continue providing dedicated funding for school facility improvements, technology upgrades and equipment needs. He also noted that neighboring counties passed similar measures, reflecting continued regional support for education infrastructure.

Chairman Townsend concluded by noting that the county remains active in its coordination with community partners, local businesses and state agencies as planning efforts continue across multiple departments. He said the Board of Commissioners will receive ongoing updates as these projects advance.

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