



Commissioner Woods Provides Senior Center Update and Shares Progress on Animal Services Planning

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TRENTON, Ga. (Nov. 6, 2025) — Commissioner Bob Woods delivered updates on senior services, animal services planning and recent community activities during the November regular meeting of the Dade County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Woods began with an update from the Dade County Senior Center. A total of 878 meals were served on-site during October, with an additional 506 meals delivered through the Meals on Wheels program. Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, supplemental food items for homebound seniors — including shelf-stable snacks and picnic-style meal kits — have been temporarily suspended*. As a result, the Senior Center is unable to add new participants to its meal-delivery service at this time. October activities included guest speakers, special events, field trips, shopping trips and a Halloween celebration. Transit services provided 514 total trips for seniors throughout the month.



Commissioner Woods also reported on continued work by the Trenton-Dade Animal Center (TDAC) Planning Committee, which meets twice monthly. The committee consists of Commissioners Woods and Melissa Bradford, along with City Council representatives, and receives administrative support from the County Executive and the Mayor to ensure compliance with applicable laws and guidelines. Planning efforts have focused on education, staffing, construction planning and ordinance enforcement procedures.

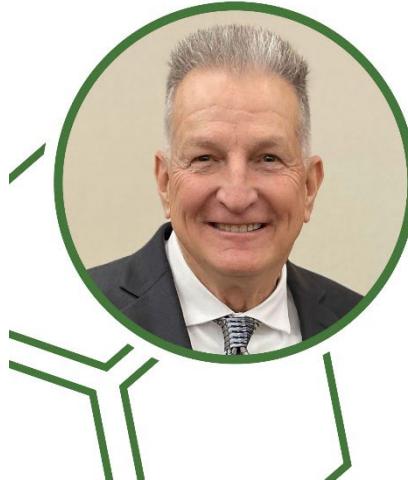
Both the City and County Commissions have approved the center's floor plan, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing design work is underway. The architect is now developing the full building concept based on decisions previously made regarding layout, HVAC, intake and play yards.



Staffing plans call for one director and two full-time assistants, supplemented by volunteers. The City has hired a part-time facility manager, and a veterinarian has been selected to serve the center. A portable trailer purchased for community outreach was recently used during a free October vaccine clinic, where more than 200 vaccines and 72 microchips were provided at no cost through grants and donations.

Commissioner Woods noted that both the Animal Center project and the Elections Building project are moving forward simultaneously. Community concerns continue to include the number of stray and abandoned animals in the county, with local rescuers taking in 45 dogs last month and transporting 77. Thirteen feral cat colonies have been identified, each containing ten or more animals.

The Board of Commissioners will continue receiving updates on senior services, animal services planning and outreach efforts as the county advances these community programs.



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*Note

As of the date of this article, the federal government has reopened. County staff are reviewing how the reopening may affect the availability of supplemental meal items and new enrollments in the meal-delivery program. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

