



Dade County Commission Confirms Board Appointments, Issues Proclamation, and Encourages Flu Vaccination

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TRENTON, Ga. (Dec. 4, 2025) — The Dade County Board of Commissioners approved a series of board appointments and reappointments during its December regular meeting, reinforcing continuity and leadership across several county and regional boards while also issuing a proclamation recognizing National Influenza Vaccination Week.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

As part of its regular business, the board acted on the following appointments and reappointments:

- **Allen Walters** was reappointed to the **Dade County Board of Assessors** for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2026, and expiring Dec. 31, 2028.
- **Jeff Poston** was reappointed to the **Board of Assessors** for a three-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2028, following completion of an unexpired term.
- **Katie Kasch Bien** was reappointed to the **Special Use Permit Board**, representing North Dade County, for a four-year term through January 2029.
- **Susan Talbott** was appointed to fill an **unexpired term on the Special Use Permit Board for District 3**, with service extending through Dec. 31, 2027.
- **Sandra Heming** was appointed to an **unexpired term on the Special Use Permit Board for District 4**, with her term expiring Dec. 31, 2028.
- **Stacey Prater** was reappointed to the **Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority**, with a four-year term running through Dec. 31, 2029.
- **John Case** was reappointed to the **Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council**, continuing his service through Dec. 31, 2027.

Commissioners thanked each appointee for their willingness to serve, noting that the experience and institutional knowledge provided by these boards play a vital role in county planning, land use decisions, economic development and regional collaboration.

In conjunction with these actions, the board approved a proclamation recognizing **National Influenza Vaccination Week**, observed Dec. 1–5, and encouraged residents to take advantage of the reminder to protect themselves and others during the flu season.



Public health officials, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recommend that everyone six months of age and older receive an annual flu vaccination. Health experts note that vaccination at any point during flu season can help reduce the risk of illness, hospitalization and severe complications, particularly for older adults, young children, pregnant individuals and those with underlying health conditions.

Local health departments, healthcare providers and pharmacies throughout the region continue to offer flu vaccinations, many of which are covered by insurance plans.

By pairing formal board actions with public health awareness, the commission emphasized its commitment to responsible governance and the overall well-being of Dade County residents.