



## Commissioners Approve Updated Agreement with UGA Cooperative Extension

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**TRENTON, Ga. (Dec. 4, 2025)** — The Dade County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved an updated memorandum of understanding (MOU) with **UGA Cooperative Extension** during its December regular meeting, formalizing revisions that reflect current operational needs, technology standards and collaborative practices.



The agreement had been tabled at the previous meeting to allow additional review and refinement. County Attorney Robin Rogers presented the updated MOU, explaining that the most significant changes involve expanded language related to technology and internet connectivity, which were separated into a dedicated addendum to reflect their growing importance in Extension programming and operations.

The revised agreement also includes strengthened equal opportunity employment provisions and clarifies the county's role in Extension hiring processes. Under the updated terms, a Dade County representative will be able to participate in interview committees and collaborate with Extension leadership on appointment recommendations.

Commissioners noted that these changes improve transparency and coordination while preserving the long-standing partnership between the county and UGA Cooperative Extension.

During discussion, commissioners expressed appreciation for the work of local Extension and 4-H staff, highlighting their role in agricultural education, youth development and community outreach throughout Dade County. Commissioner Bob Woods remarked on the value Extension brings to county residents, emphasizing the professionalism and dedication of its local leadership.

With no further questions or requested changes, the board approved the updated memorandum of understanding as part of the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous.

The updated agreement ensures that the county's partnership with UGA Cooperative Extension continues with clear expectations, modern operational standards and shared commitment to serving Dade County's agricultural and educational needs.