



## Commissioners Receive Updates on Election Building, Animal Control Facility and Future SPLOST Planning

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**TRENTON, Ga. (Jan. 12, 2026)** — The Dade County Board of Commissioners received detailed updates during its January workshop on several ongoing and planned capital projects, including the Election Building and a future animal control facility, while also discussing long-term capital planning supported through SPLOST.



Chairman Don Townsend and Emergency Services Director Alex Case provided a monthly update on the Election Building project, outlining recent coordination efforts with engineers and local subcontractors. Townsend said the county met earlier in the week with project engineer Robert Roberts to review civil, electrical and plumbing plans before distributing bid information to local contractors.

Townsend noted that a minor plumbing issue was identified in the original plans and is being corrected prior to construction. Representatives from Tri-State Electric, Tri-State Plumbing and Reeves Heating and Air are scheduled to meet with county officials on Jan. 21 to further review project details.

To manage costs, Townsend said the county is completing all dirt work for the project in-house rather than contracting that portion of the work. He said this approach is expected to generate meaningful savings while keeping the project on schedule.

Commissioners also received an update on planning efforts for a future animal control facility. Case reported that survey work for the site has been completed and that the ground has been prepared. The building has been ordered, and county officials expect to receive drawings later this month so the project can move into mechanical, electrical and plumbing design phases.

Townsend said preliminary pricing for the animal control facility is anticipated soon and noted that the building is expected to arrive in February. The facility is intended to support long-term animal services needs and improve operational capacity for the Trenton-Dade Animal Center.

During the workshop, Townsend also discussed SPLOST as a critical funding mechanism for capital improvements, emphasizing its role in supporting infrastructure and facilities without increasing the county's operating tax burden. He noted that the county plans to seek voter approval for a future SPLOST referendum to continue funding priority projects as current SPLOST collections are allocated.

Commissioners discussed the importance of thoughtful planning, fiscal responsibility and clear communication with residents as capital projects advance.