



## Commissioners Receive Update on Emergency Medical Services Agreement and Ongoing Negotiations

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TRENTON, Ga. (Dec. 4, 2025) — The Dade County Board of Commissioners received an update on the county’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agreement during its December regular meeting, outlining the status of ongoing negotiations and the timeline for future decisions.

Chairman Don Townsend explained that the county is approaching the end of the fifth year of a six-year agreement with CHI Memorial for EMS services. The current contract year concludes Jan. 31, 2026, with the sixth year scheduled to begin Feb. 1, 2026. Because EMS contracts involve complex operational and financial considerations, county officials have begun discussions well in advance of any required action.

Townsend noted that county leadership, along with representatives from neighboring Walker County, recently met with CHI Memorial to review service levels and pricing. Discussions include both the cost of maintaining the county’s current service model and an alternative scenario in which the provider would supply all EMS equipment, allowing for a comprehensive comparison of options.



Commissioners emphasized that no decisions were being requested at this time. County officials stated that negotiations are still in progress and that additional information will be brought back to the board once pricing details and service proposals are fully developed. Depending on the outcome of those discussions, further action — including the potential issuance of a request for proposals — may be considered in the future.

Commissioners also discussed the importance of coordination with neighboring jurisdictions, noting that regional collaboration can help manage costs while maintaining consistent service standards.

The item was presented for informational purposes only, and no vote was taken.