

Cobb County

2026 Legislative Breakfast Meeting

December 3, 2025

9:00-9:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Chairwoman Cupid
9:10-9:20	Delegation Overview	David Wilkerson, Delegation Chair
9:20-10:20	Elected Official & Guest Comments	Chairwoman Cupid Board of Commissioners & Elected Officials
10:20-10:55	Open Discussion	
10:55-11:00	Conclusion	Chairwoman Cupid





COBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Cobb County opposes any changes to the LMIG program that reduce current county funds or reduce counties' proportionate share of such grants. Cobb County requests the minimum percentage of funding generated from motor fuel sales appropriated for LMIG be increased from 10% to 15% and encourages GDOT to allow for the use of LMIG funds for the purchase/lease of transportation equipment.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Annexation – Annexation should solely be allowed to provide public services not otherwise available from the county or to incorporate an unincorporated island.

Additionally, annexations should: require that economic and fiscal impacts be assessed and reported; require that annexing cities reimburse counties to the extent of any negative fiscal impacts resulting, including the cost of any stranded infrastructure, infrastructure improvements, and long-range planning activities; ensure the county's land use planning process is not undermined; bar the effective date of annexation until such time that an annexing city provides the same level of service to areas proposed for annexation as it does within the balance of the city; strengthen the signature verification process in those annexation methods that require signatures; require sufficient notification to the county prior to annexation of any unincorporated islands; prohibit cities from using public property to meet contiguity requirements when property proposed for annexation does not otherwise touch the city boundary; require that affected counties be given advance notice of any annexation or boundary adjustments proposed by local legislation; and assist the DCA in better complying with its statutory obligations in administering Georgia's annexation arbitration process, such as allowing city/county managers and administrators to serve as panelists.

Deannexation – The General Assembly should protect property rights by authorizing property owners to deannex themselves from a municipality under the same conditions and safeguards as annexation, particularly if the city has not provided the property owner with the services that were promised within a given time frame. Any such procedure should allow for a property owner to deannex without obtaining the approval of the municipality or General Assembly as current law requires.

Evictions Process - Cobb County supports revisions to the evictions process that equally preserves landlord and tenant rights. Legislation should be passed to increase coordination of efforts between landlords and tenants prior to the tenant's possessions being placed on the street.

Restrictions on the use of Speed Detection Cameras in School Zones – Cobb County opposes any legislation that seeks to eliminate the ability for local governments to use speed detection cameras and/or speed detection technology in school zones. Cobb County also opposes any legislation that seeks to restrict/eliminate the use of speed detection cameras or technology by penalizing local governments through the removal of state funding for any local government violation of state laws regarding the use of speed detection cameras or technology (i.e., inaccurate speeding ticket, unlawful additional fees, etc.) Lastly, Cobb County opposes any legislation that appropriates revenue directly to schools, school systems, or school boards of a respected county or municipality.

Implementation of Next Generation 911 Systems - Cobb County encourages the Governor and General Assembly to continue appropriating funds to build the infrastructure for a statewide Next Generation 911 system following the passage of House Bill 423 during the 2025 Session. Cobb County will continue to collaborate and support Georgia Emergency Communications Authority's initiatives and appropriations for the implementation of Next Generation 911.

Increase of 911 fees - Cobb County supports increasing the 911 fee on phone system to enhance lifesaving services to those citizens using the 911 system.

Electric Franchise Fees - Counties are unable to charge electric franchise fees, unlike municipalities. This is true even in instances where the customer is in an unincorporated area of the county. With several large load customers coming online, Cobb County asks for the General Assembly to improve parity by allowing the county to receive a portion of this franchise fee for users in the unincorporated area.

Waiver of Sovereign Immunity – County Governments make decisions that have an impact on a wide array of citizens and entities. Sovereign immunity protects taxpayer dollars against an onslaught of litigation that may come from impacted parties. In recent years, the General Assembly has introduced numerous bills inviting litigation for policy actions at the local level, that the legislature does not agree with, seeking to waive a counties’ sovereign immunity as a deterrent from taking such actions. Such legislation would invite plaintiffs’ attorneys to file lawsuits against counties claiming the waiver of immunity applies, even where the lawsuit claims to have no relationship to the local policy decisions that the General Assembly is trying to deter. Cobb County opposes legislative attempts to waive county sovereign immunity.

Special Election Cost Reimbursement – Under current law, counties must bear the cost of special elections. As a result, affected counties must allocate funds away from essential, state-required public services to pay for these elections over which they have no control. Cobb County supports legislation requiring the state to reimburse counties for all expenses incurred in the preparation for and conduct of special elections to fill a vacancy in any statewide office, the Georgia General Assembly, the offices of U.S. Senator for Representative, or to approve a statewide referendum.

Continued Support for Dobbins Air Reserve Base - Cobb County encourages the Governor, state leaders, and the Georgia Joint Defense Commission to continue providing necessary support for Dobbins Air Force Base.

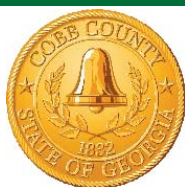
MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Reform - Cobb County encourages the General Assembly to address mental health reform through the expansion of crisis centers, co-responder programs, accountability courts, jail diversion initiatives, and supportive housing.

Support for First Responders – Cobb County encourages the General Assembly to continue to support programs for first responders, including: peace officers, correctional officers, emergency health workers, firefighters, highway emergency response operators, jail officers, juvenile correctional officers, probation officers, emergency services dispatchers, and coroners.

GENERAL LEGISLATION

Term of Commissioners – The County requests the General Assembly pass legislation allowing a sitting district commissioner, drawn out of their district through the reapportionment process, to serve the remainder of their duly elected term of office.



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