

	Current/Immediate Issues	Temporary or Immediate Solutions	Longterm Solutions	Status during FY 25 Work Session	Current Status (as of 3/31/25)
J u d i c i a l	Judicial Annex is in poor condition and at maximum capacity (Clerk of Court, Superior Court)	Renovate flooring to bury cords, window replacement, additional office space in lobby area	Locate property to construct a judicial complex	A Courthouse Committee made up of several judicial staff and attorneys have been meeting regularly to locate property and plan for design.	Discussions underway about new office space in the unused space.
	Courthouse needs major repairs and at maximum capacity (Probate, State Court)	Renovate and fix leaks; find other methods of storage and office space			Funding has been requested for FY26 for minor fixes. Doesn't address capacity issues.
	Magistrate Court building is at maximum capacity	Renovate to add additional office space			Funding is not adequate at this time. Refer to facilities assessment for future planning purposes.
R e c r e a t i o n	Board of Education has evicted the afterschool program from several areas and are anticipated to continue to remove the program from the schools.	Temporarily locate afterschool program in county-owned buildings until a permanent solution is identified	Build indoor recreation facility at Millcreek Park for multiple activities, including ASP	No progress made. The City of Statesboro has approached us to assist them in building a facility downtown. However, their idea is tourism focused and we believe that our facility should be community focused.	Summer camp uses BOE facilities
	Recreation storage is at max capacity - currently renting 2 storage buildings	Locate land and build a storage facility			No action taken - consider the longterm solution of an indoor facility.
	Higher demand for indoor recreation activities (basketball, dance, kickball, etc.)	N/A			
	Agricultural Complex has additional property that is undeveloped. Agricultural Complex needs additional RV space, connection between the two arenas, signage on 301, a new stall barn, and paving of entrances	No action	Expand campground, parking area, and event space on undeveloped property. Begin design for a new stall barn.	A Facilities Needs Assessment is being conducted to assist us in planning the most efficient way to utilize existing facilities and determine new ones needed.	Arena connection budgeted in FY25. Roll forward to FY26. Added paving in FY26. Addition of stall barns programmed FY26. Refer to the facilities assessment for future planning purposes.
5 Community/Recreation Centers are desired (Brooklet, Register, Portal, Stilson etc.)	No action	Locate properties to build new centers	Staff has been working with Willow Hill on a concept for a playground and recreation area. Staff has also been working to identify property in Register.	ARPA funds were allocated to Willow Hill for a recreation area. Potential property is being scoped in Portal and Register.	
P W	New collection Centers needed in SE Bulloch area	No action	Locate property to build new centers	Discussions are being had about combining some centers to increase efficiency and lower the cost of new centers.	No action.
	Fleet maintenance dilapidated and unsafe	No action	Part of the new master plan for the "camp".	Working on a master redesign of the Public	Master redesign complete.
A d m i n	Elections department is at maximum capacity and limited storage and testing space available in current location	No action	Locate property and build a new elections facility. Tax Assessors' office can expand into existing Elections office		Currently storing equipment in precincts.
	Tax Assessor will eventually need more space as the number of Appraisers will be required as the population increases.	No action			No action. Refer to the facilities assessment for future planning purposes. "Overall, there appears to be adequate square footage in both office spaced [Tax Comm and Tax Assessor]; therefore an updated interior layout would potentially address the needs of the next 5-10 years".
	Tax Commissioner is in need of an additional teller window	No action	Build additional teller window/drive thru; consider a remote location in SE Bulloch	Staff has begun gathering cost estimates for the addition of a teller window.	Placed in the FY25 budget - roll forward to FY26
	Election precincts are in poor condition	Continue minor renovations annually	Completely rebuild precincts to include more space and easier access	Minor renovations have continued.	Minor renovations continue and precincts are used for hub storage, rather than the basement. Will eventually need a box truck for move equipment.
B l o c k s	Storage issues county-wide: Recreation, Elections, Judicial, Administration, Public Safety	No action	Locate property to construct a logistics center to store and check-out items.	A Facilities Needs Assessment is being conducted to assist us in planning the most efficient way to utilize existing facilities and determine new ones needed.	No action taken. Refer to facilities assessment for future planning purposes.

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P u b l i c S a f e t y	BCSO Jail is at maximum capacity	Build new Jail Pod (semi-immediate)	Follow a master plan for the entire "camp" site	Working on a master redesign of the Public Safety Complex. This will provide us with cost estimates for construction.	2025 SPLOST includes \$51M for jail pod. Working on financing now.
	BCCI needs new laundry facility to accommodate BCSO inmates	Build new Laundry Facility			This will be required after the jail pod is complete.
	Coroner needs a morgue facility	Build new Morgue			Current SPLOST has \$500,000 budgeted
	Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility is dilapidated and has safety concerns	Build new Fleet facility			This will be required after the jail pod is complete.
	Crime Suppression Team is in immediate need of a new facility due to major dilapidation issues at the current facility. The CST has vacated the building.	No action	Build new facility	CST is working out of a temporary location.	Old facility demolished; new facility construction is underway.
	Fire Department does not have a central "headquarters". All fire administrators are working out of vehicles or vacant conference rooms.	No action	Build a new EOC for Fire and Public Safety; free up space in existing EOC for E911	A Facilities Needs Assessment is being conducted to assist in planning the most efficient way to utilize existing facilities and determine new ones needed.	Property may be acquired soon that has the potential to address this in the future. Refer to the facilities assessment for future planning.
	E-911 is at maximum capacity	No action			Contingent upon relocation of the EOC/Fire HQ. Refer to the facilities assessment for future planning.
	Additional Rural Fire Stations needed across the County	N/A			Applications have been/will be submitted to Warnock and Ossoff's office for the construction of a firestation at Hwy 119/Eldora Rd.
	EMS Grady Street station is in need of renovations. Need another station in the Cawana area. Possibly need more in SE Bulloch.	No action	Begin locating property for an additional stations.	Renovations of Grady Street station are underway. No action on a new station.	Grady St. renovations complete. Brooklet renovations underway. EMS proposed to be added to Stilson Fire in FY26. Potential EMS at a new station at 119/Eldora referenced above. Potential property acquisition could address the need for a new station in the future.
	Current Fire Stations are in need of renovations/expansion to add EMS rooms & ambulance bays. Additionally, many fire trucks do not fit in the bays.	Immediate remedies are in place by cutting out portions of walls to fit trucks temporarily. No immediate action to add EMS.	Begin major renovations to add bays and bedrooms to existing facilities to accommodate EMS. Expand bay areas to fit trucks.	Portal expansion complete to include EMS. Stilson expansion still necessary to include EMS Register station is currently undergoing expansion	Stilson renovations to add EMS funded. Register station renovations underway. <i>(complete)</i> Clito station renovations nearing completion. <i>14 stations total</i>
Fire Fleet is extremely aged (20+ years)	Begin building a replacement plan	Replace 2 engines per year	1 engine in FY 23 and 2 engines were ordered but have not been received	All 3 fire engines recently received. None in progress. 1 pumper tanker arriving next year. No other trucks in progress, putting replacement schedule behind.	
Fire Ladder Truck	N/A	Purchase ladder truck (2 year turnaround)	Funding is not adequate for a new ladder truck	1 used ladder truck ordered and received.	
Animal Services in need of expansion or relocation on Highway 301	No action	Build new facility	A Facilities Needs Assessment is being conducted to assist us in planning the most efficient way to utilize existing facilities and determine new ones needed.	Funding is not adequate at this time. Refer to facilities assessment for future planning purposes. "The Animal Shelter would greatly benefit from a master planning process..."	
Probation building is in poor condition and at maximum capacity	Renovate or locate property for a new one story building	Allow BCCI to reconstruct to accommodate a "transitional center" (would allow inmates to work following incarceration). Relocate Probation to the new building.	No progress has been made however, the Work Force Study and Facilities Needs Assessment will help us determine how to implement a transitional center.	Funding is not adequate at this time. Refer to facilities assessment for future planning purposes. "There is a need for 2-4 offices" "Overall, the building's functionality is poor" - Not ADA accessible.	