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**FORSYTH COUNTY LAUNCHES TIME-LAPSE VIDEOS  
OF NEW COURTHOUSE AND JAIL CONSTRUCTION**

*Videos will be updated weekly on county Web site*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – Residents have a new way to watch the construction of Forsyth County’s new courthouse and jail. Time-lapse videos of the construction are available for viewing on the county Web site at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com) as a way for residents to view the ongoing progress of the new facilities.

Two different perspectives of the project site in downtown Cumming are available for viewing. One camera views the site from Cumming City Hall. The other option displays the site as seen from the existing Forsyth County Courthouse.

Visitors to the county Web site will have the option of viewing weekly progress from either perspective as well as viewing the progress-to-date time-lapse video, which includes footage from the beginning of construction to the present date. A time-lapse video of the site demolition, completed in March 2013, is also available.

“The construction of these two new facilities is such a big step forward for this community in terms of our judicial and public safety infrastructure,” County Manager Doug Derrer said. “We are excited to offer the time-lapse videos as a unique way for citizens to follow the progress of these projects.”

The time-lapse videos will be updated weekly throughout construction. To view the videos, visit [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com) and click on the Courthouse and Jail Project Update icon under ‘Special Features.’

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### **About the New Courthouse and Jail**

Ground was broken for Forsyth County's new courthouse and jail July 8, 2013. The projects were approved as part of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VII program approved by voters in 2011. Construction of the new courthouse and jail is expected to be complete in December 2014.

The new Forsyth County Courthouse will be approximately 158,000 total square feet. Approximately 120,000 square feet will be finished and the balance of the space will be shelled providing space that can be finished in the future to add courts and help meet demands associated with future growth. The building will include five floors plus a basement and will house Superior Court, State Court, Solicitor-General, District Attorney, Clerk of Courts, Court Administration, Grand Jury, and Jury Assembly. The courthouse will feature enhanced security systems and overall improved efficiency.

Once the new courthouse is complete, renovations to the existing courthouse are slated to commence. It will be called the Forsyth County Courthouse Annex and, once renovated, will house Magistrate Court, Probate Court, Pre-Trial Services and Indigent Defense. Renovations are expected to be completed in April 2015.

The new jail will be approximately 177,000 square feet with an inmate capacity of 608, and will include three inmate levels plus a support level. Like the courthouse, the new jail was designed with the county's future growth in mind. The jail has been designed in such a manner as to allow for future expansion to the south.

The new jail will include enhanced security systems, will be staff efficient, and is being constructed at the maximum security level. Its connectivity to the new courthouse via a bridge will allow for the secure transport of inmates to court.

Once the new jail is completed, the current jail will be demolished to make way for surface parking.

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