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Murrells Inlet magistrate's office moves to Pawleys Island

GEORGETOWN COUNTY — Murrells Inlet Magistrate John Benso's office relocated to Pawleys Island beginning at noon on Friday, Sept. 27.

Benso will temporarily share quarters with Pawleys Island Magistrate Dan Furr until next year, when both offices find a permanent home in the Litchfield Exchange, which the county recently purchased for use as office space. In addition to the magistrates' offices, a sheriff's substation will also be housed at the Exchange.

The Murrells Inlet magistrate's office was moved as a result of work taking place at the Murrells Inlet Community center, where the office has been housed for many years, said Chief Magistrate Isaac L. Pyatt. Because the office will move again in six to nine months, it didn't make sense to look for a temporary space to house the Murrells Inlet magistrate's office, Pyatt said.

Inlet residents won't see any other changes to business in the magistrate's office. The office will keep the same hours — 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays — and Benso and his clerk will continue seeing to Murrells Inlet cases. Benso will continue to hold court on Thursdays, while Furr will have court on Wednesdays.

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