



*****GEORGETOWN COUNTY*** Judicial Center Groundbreaking**

August 10, 2007 – Today in Georgetown over 100 people braved 100 degree heat to celebrate the groundbreaking of Georgetown County’s new Judicial Center. This state-of-the art 79,300 square foot, 19.5 million dollar facility will house all court related functions upon completion in early 2009.

Georgetown County has not built a courthouse facility since the 1840’s when the County’s historic Robert Mills designed facility was constructed.



County Council Chairman Sel Hemingway expressed his excitement at being part of the groundbreaking for the new facility. His comments included observations of the many changes over the centuries since the existing facility was constructed. “Upon completion of the current facility electricity was not even in use in our buildings not to mention all of the technology and

security advancements that are required in a modern judicial complex today” Hemingway remarked.



The Chairman also expressed his hope that the new facility is able to satisfactorily serve future generations of citizens just as the historic facility has successfully done for almost two hundred years.

County Administrator Thomas W. Edwards, Jr., Judge Paula H. Thomas of the South Carolina Court of Appeals, Alma Y. White, Clerk of Court, and Georgetown County Councilman Thomas E. Drayton also spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony.

The new facility was designed by Michael Walker of Tych & Walker Architects of Murrells Inlet, SC. General Contractor is M.B. Kahn Construction Co. Inc. of Conway, SC.



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