

FORSYTH COUNTY GEORGIA
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDER ESTABLISHING THE COURT FACILITY PLANNING TASK FORCE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 24 - 7

Whereas, the Forsyth County Magistrate Court is facing significant space constraints and the growing demands of our county require an informed and strategic approach to space planning for all court-related functions; and

Whereas, the County has identified a critical need for a comprehensive assessment and plan for the current and future space requirements of the court system, including the Superior Court, State Court, Juvenile Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court, District Attorney's Office, Solicitor General Office, Clerk of Courts, and Sheriff's Office;

It is hereby ordered that a Court Facility Planning Task Force be established, comprising the following members:

1. Chief Judge Jeffrey S. Bagley, Forsyth County Superior Court (Chair)
2. Chief Judge T. Russell McClelland, Forsyth County State Court (Vice-Chair)
3. Chief Magistrate Keisha Chambless, Forsyth County Magistrate Court
4. Judge Daisy Weeks-Marisko, Forsyth County Probate Court
5. Judge Christopher Willis, Forsyth County Juvenile Court
6. Penny Penn, Forsyth County District Attorney
7. Bill Finch, Forsyth County Solicitor General
8. Greg Allen, Forsyth County Clerk of Courts
9. Alfred John, Forsyth County Board of Commissioners
10. Ron Freeman, Forsyth County Sheriff's Office

In addition, designees from the following offices are hereby appointed as advisory members to the Court Facility Planning Task Force:

1. Robin Rooks, Circuit Court Administrator
2. David McKee, Forsyth County Manager

Committee membership may include additional advisory members appointed, as needed, by the Task Force Chair. Advisory members may be heard but shall not be entitled to vote.

Scope of the Task Force:

The Task Force is charged with conducting a thorough assessment of the current and future space needs for all court-related functions within the county. This includes evaluating existing facilities for

deficiencies in security, functionality, and adherence to design standards, and developing a comprehensive plan to address these issues. The assessment will take into consideration the projected growth in the county, workload trends, and staffing levels to ensure that the court facilities can adequately support the administration of justice both now and in the future.

The Task Force shall also explore alternatives for meeting space needs, including the feasibility of renovating existing structures versus constructing new facilities. The Task Force will utilize cost-benefit analysis to recommend the most effective and sustainable solutions. Recommendations will be based on best practices in courthouse planning and design, ensuring that proposed projects enhance security, functionality, and the efficient operation of the courts. The findings and recommendations of the Task Force will be submitted to the County Board of Commissioners for approval and implementation.

It is so **ORDERED**, this 26th day of July 2024



Jeffrey S. Bagley, Chief Judge
Forsyth County Superior Court
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit