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Rockdale County Hosts Building Dedication for Magistrate and Probate Courts

ROCKDALE COUNTY, Ga. – The Rockdale County Board of Commissioners (BOC) held a dedication ceremony for the new Probate and Magistrate Court Building on Tues., Dec. 1 at its location, 874 North Main Street NW, Conyers, GA 30012.

The program started with remarks from Probate Judge Clarence Cuthpert, Jr. and Magistrate Judge Phinia Aten, followed by comments from Commissioners Sherri Washington and Dr. Doreen Williams. The dedication ended with Chairman Nesbitt delivering closing remarks before the Public Relations Department presented a video showcasing the needs of the Probate and Magistrate Court locations before they were moved to the current building.

The Rockdale County Probate Court was originally located within the Rockdale County Courthouse and had inefficient space for the court’s case load. It had no break room and had to share a courtroom with the Juvenile Court. The courtroom did not accommodate all their needs, including a jury box.

The Rockdale County Magistrate Court was also originally located at the Rockdale County Courthouse, before being moved to 945 Court Street where it remained for more than 2 decades. The Court Street location had no break room, had space and security issues, and the courtroom only seated 44 citizens. It also was not compliant with the American Disability Act.

The new North Main Street location will house both the Probate Court and Magistrate Court, with both courts sharing a courtroom that has a jury box and accommodates 65 citizens. The location also has a breakroom, and more space to accommodate the courts’ case load.

For more information, please contact publicrelations@rockdalecountyga.gov.

The video can be viewed on the Rockdale County Vimeo Page Here: https://vimeo.com/471573757/0c1468d812

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From Left to Right: Probate Judge Clarence Cuthpert, Magistrate Judge Phinia Aten, Commissioner Sherri Washington, and Chairman Oz Nesbitt, Sr. cutting ribbon to celebrate the new court building.

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