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GWINNETT BUILDS NEW MORGUE AND MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Dec. 1, 2015) – Gwinnett commissioners today approved a construction contract for a new morgue and medical examiner's office. The 2014 SPLOST is funding the 15,000 square foot facility that will be built on 5.6 acres the County owns at 320 Hurricane Shoals Road in Lawrenceville.

McKnight Construction Company Inc. was the lowest of three pre-qualified bidders at \$5.7 million. The building is designed by Precision Planning Inc. to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification through the U.S. Green Building Council. The facility will be designed with energy and water efficient fixtures and will be built using environmentally friendly practices and materials.

The morgue space will have three state of the art autopsy stations plus a laboratory and space for evidence processing and storage. The facility will also have office space for the Medical Examiner, medical staff, investigators and administrative staff along with a family conference room and respite area.

The medical examiner conducts death investigations, including postmortem examinations of bodies, in order to determine cause and manner of death in cases that meet certain criteria as defined under state law, such as sudden or suspicious deaths.

Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash said, "Locating these two facilities together will greatly improve efficiency and provide adequate space to meet the needs of Gwinnett into the future."

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