In Appreciation

Bracken County Fiscal Court

Bracken County Judge-Executive Earl Bush
Magistrates Carl Allen, John Corlis, Clark Hennessey, David Hughes,
Dennis Jefferson, David Kelsch, Scotty Lippert, Doug Smith

Bracken County Project Development Board

Bracken County Judge-Executive Earl Bush
Chief Circuit Judge Stockton B. Wood, 19th Judicial Circuit
Chief District Judge W. Todd Walton II, 19th Judicial District
Bracken County Circuit Court Clerk Kathy Free
Magistrate David Hughes, Fiscal Court Representative
John Corlis, Citizen at Large
Ed Rudd, Kentucky Bar Association Representative
John Watt, AOC Representative

Kentucky Court of Justice, Sponsoring Agency

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.
Director Laurie K. Dudgeon, Administrative Office of the Courts
Manager Vance Mitchell, AOC Division of Capital Construction
Project Coordinator David Whittaker, AOC Division of Capital Construction

Architect

Sherman Carter Barnhart, Lexington

Construction Manager

Trace Creek Construction, Vanceburg

Financial Agent

Ross, Sinclaire & Associates

Special Guests

Chase Crigler, Representative for Republican Leader, U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell
Bernie Kunkel, Representative for U.S. Senator Rand Paul
Rachel Jacobs, Representative for U.S. Congressman Geoff Davis
Kentucky State Senator Robin L. Webb
Kentucky State Representative Mike Denham
Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Wil Schroder
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Michelle M. Keller
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Joy A. Moore

Groundbreaking for the Bracken County Judicial Center

August 30, 2011 • 2 p.m.
110 Jefferson Street
Brooksville, Kentucky

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Welcome
Bracken County Judge-Executive Earl Bush

Invocation
The Reverend Ron Moser
Brooksville Christian Church

Pledge of Allegiance
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Mains Quinlin Post

National Anthem
Susie Hargett

Recognitions
Bracken County Attorney Mike Clark

Remarks
Kentucky State Representative Mike Denham
Kentucky State Senator Robin L. Webb
Chief Circuit Judge Stockton B. Wood
Chief District Judge W. Todd Walton II

Groundbreaking Address
Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.

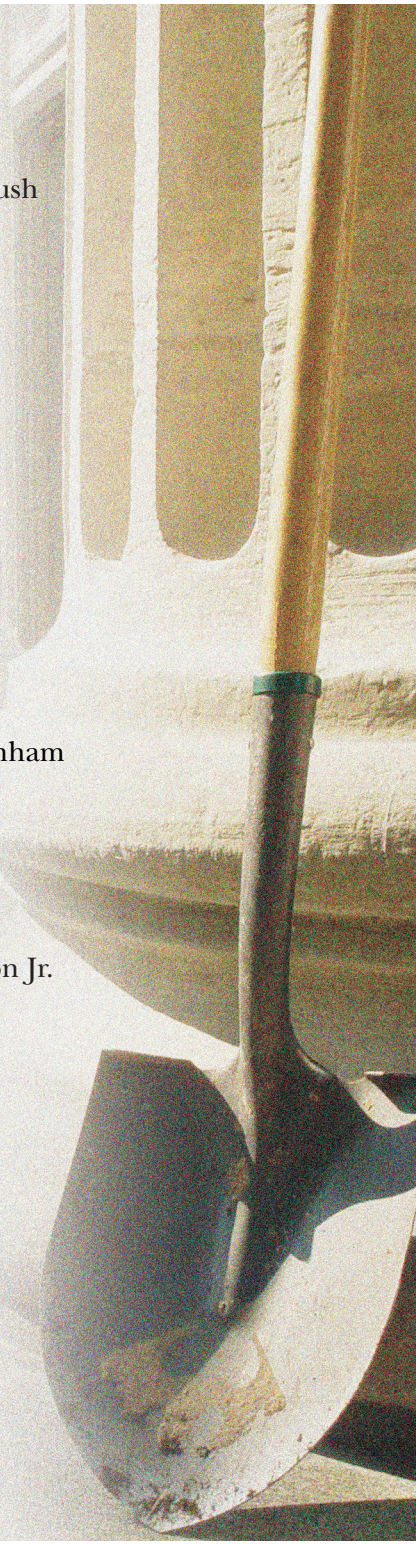
Closing Remarks
Judge-Executive Bush

"My Old Kentucky Home"
Ron Thornbury

Benediction
Tony Cox
Brooksville Baptist Church

Groundbreaking Ceremony
Dignitaries

You are invited to a reception immediately following the groundbreaking ceremony.



The Proposed Bracken County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the Bracken County judicial center project in 2008 and approved its funding in 2010. The building will contain approximately 34,993 square feet, with the total project to cost $15.6 million.

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. said he appreciates the legislators and county officials who support this project for Bracken County.

"Kentucky citizens generate more than 1 million court cases each year," Chief Justice Minton said. "Our citizens deserve safe, efficient facilities in which to conduct their business before the courts."

Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr.

New judicial centers replace older, inadequate facilities, greatly enhancing the delivery of court services. All new judicial centers support the latest data, computer, video and networking technology. The facilities also provide the highest level of Kentucky court security through a single-point entry with magnetometers and security personnel.

The Sherman Carter Barnhart architectural firm of Lexington designed the Bracken County Judicial Center. Trace Creek Construction of Vanceburg is the construction manager for the project and Ross, Sinclaire & Associates is the financial agent.

The Administrative Office of the Courts oversees the construction and maintenance of Kentucky court facilities in accordance with House Bill 734, which was passed by the 2000 General Assembly. As a result of this legislation, the AOC created a process that would fairly and objectively determine court facility needs. The AOC's Facilities Management System has earned the Kentucky Court of Justice a national reputation for being able to identify facilities with the greatest needs for new construction, renovation, expansion and adaptation.

Once funding for a judicial center is authorized, the AOC Division of Capital Construction works with local communities to assemble a Project Development Board. This board ensures that county and court officials have input on all aspects of the project, including decisions on the site, architect and contractor. The PDB consists of the county judge-executive, a fiscal court representative, the chief circuit judge, the chief district judge, the circuit court clerk, a citizen at large, the AOC director or designee and a Kentucky Bar Association designee.

As the operations arm for the state court system, the AOC in Frankfort supports the activities of nearly 3,300 court system employees and 403 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks. The AOC also executes the Judicial Branch budget.