

∞ In Appreciation ∞

The Grayson County Fiscal Court appreciates those who are supporting the planning and construction of the Grayson County Judicial Center.

Jackson County Fiscal Court

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Magistrates Leon Bingham, Doug Rose and Dale Vaughn

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Jeff Lilly, AOC Project Managers

Architect

JRA Architects, Louisville

Construction Manager

Codell Construction, Winchester

Financial Agent

Ross Sinclair and Associates



Groundbreaking for the Jackson County Judicial Center

October 25, 2007 • 3:00 p.m.

McKee, Kentucky

☞ Dedication Ceremony ☞

Welcome

Honorable William O. Smith
Jackson County Judge Executive

Invocation

Recognitions

Honorable William O. Smith

Remarks

Groundbreaking Address

Joseph E. Lambert
Chief Justice of Kentucky

Closing Remarks

Honorable William O. Smith

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dignitaries



*Jackson County Judicial Center
Corner of First Street and Highway 421
Mckee, Kentucky 40447*

☞ The Proposed Jackson County Judicial Center ☞

Ground will be broken for the proposed Jackson County Judicial Center on Thursday, Oct. 25, at the construction site located at the corner of First Street and Highway 421 in downtown McKee.

The Kentucky General Assembly approved the Jackson County project in 2005 and authorized its funding in 2006. The new judicial center has been budgeted at \$11 million for 35,000 square feet and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2009. Construction will begin soon after the groundbreaking ceremony.

"I appreciate the legislators who supported improved judicial centers for Jackson and other counties," said Chief Justice Lambert. "Kentucky citizens generate more than 1 million court cases each year. Our citizens deserve safe, efficient facilities in which to conduct their business before the courts."

"Because the new judicial centers often replace older, vastly inadequate facilities, the new buildings greatly increase the efficiency of services and public flow," said Garlan VanHook, general manager of the Department of Court Facilities for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). "All new judicial centers are equipped with the modern infrastructure to support data, computer, video and networking technology. They also provide the highest level of Kentucky court security through a single-point entry with magnetometers and security personnel."

JRA architectural firm, with offices in Lexington and Louisville, Ky., designed the Jackson County Judicial Center. Codell Construction Co. of Winchester, Ky., is the contractor for the project and Ross, Sinclair & Associates, which serves Kentucky and six other states, is the financial agent.



*Chief Justice
Joseph E. Lambert*

Process for Constructing Judicial Facilities

VanHook said that once funding is authorized, the AOC Department of Court Facilities begins to work with local communities to assemble the Project Development Board (PDB) in each county. 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 circuit court clerk, the AOC director or designee, and a Kentucky Bar Association designee. The AOC's general manager of court facilities and legal counsel serve in an advisory capacity.

VanHook explained that the AOC provides oversight and administration of 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 facility needs," he said. "Our 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."

As the administrative and fiscal agent for the Kentucky Court of Justice, the AOC oversees construction of court facilities statewide. The AOC also supports the activities of more than 3,500 court system employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks.