

## *❧ In Appreciation ❧*

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

### **Laurel County Fiscal Court**

Laurel County Judge Executive Lawrence Kuhl  
Magistrates Noah Baker, Tom Baker, Jeff Book, David Bruner,  
Roy Crawford, David Westerfield

### **Laurel County Project Development Board**

Lawrence Kuhl, Judge Executive, Chair  
Roderick Messer, Chief Regional Circuit Judge, Vice Chair  
Roger L. Schott, Laurel County Circuit Court Clerk  
Roy Crawford, Magistrate, Fiscal Court Representative  
Warren Scoville, Chief Justice Designee  
Tom Handy, Kentucky Bar Association Representative  
Garlan VanHook, AOC Representative

### **Kentucky Court of Justice, Sponsoring Agency**

Joseph E. Lambert, Chief Justice of Kentucky  
Jason M. Nemes, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts  
Garlan VanHook, Executive Officer, AOC Department of Facilities  
Michael V. Kier, AOC Project Coordinator

### **Architect**

CMW Inc., Lexington

### **Construction Manager**

Codell Construction Co., Winchester

### **Financial Agent**

Ross, Sinclaire & Associates

### **Special Guests**

State Senator Tom Jensen  
State Representative Marie L. Rader  
State Representative Charles L. Siler  
State Representative James "Jim" Stewart III  
State Representative Thomas J. "Tommy" Turner



## *Groundbreaking for the Laurel County Judicial Center*

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May 22, 2008 • 2:00 p.m. EDT

London, Kentucky

# Groundbreaking Ceremony

## Welcome

Laurel County Judge Executive Lawrence Kuhl

## Invocation

Reverend Gene Greene

## Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Judge Executive Kuhl

## National Anthem

Glenn Toney

## Recognitions

Judge Executive Kuhl

## Groundbreaking Address

Chief Justice of Kentucky Joseph E. Lambert

## Closing Remarks

Judge Executive Kuhl

## Benediction

Magistrate David Westerfield

## Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dignitaries



Laurel County Judicial Center  
305 South Main Street  
London, Kentucky 40741

# The Proposed Laurel County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the Laurel County project in 2005 and approved its funding in 2006. The total project will cost \$24 million. The building will be 82,899 square feet and is expected to be completed in January 2010.

“I appreciate the legislators who supported improved judicial centers for Laurel and other counties,” said Chief Justice of Kentucky Joseph E. 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, executive officer of the Department of Facilities for the Administrative Office of the Courts.

“All new judicial centers are equipped with the modern infrastructure to support data, computer, video and networking technology,” he said. “They also provide the highest level of Kentucky court security through a single-point entry with magnetometers and security personnel.”

CMW Inc. architectural firm of Lexington designed the Laurel County Judicial Center. Codell Construction Co. of Winchester is the construction manager for the project and Ross, Sinclair & Associates, which serves Kentucky and six other states, is the financial agent.

## Process for Constructing Judicial Facilities

Once funding for a judicial center is authorized, the AOC Department of Facilities begins working with local communities to assemble the Project Development Board 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 executive officer of the Department of Facilities and legal counsel serve in an advisory capacity.

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,” VanHook 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 4,000 court system employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks.



Chief Justice  
Joseph E. Lambert