

## *❧ In Appreciation ❧*

### **Marion County Fiscal Court**

Marion County Judge-Executive John G. Mattingly  
Magistrates Larry V. Caldwell, John A. Elder III, Steve Masterson,  
Roger "Cotton" Smothers, Jackie Wicker

### **Marion County Project Development Board**

County Judge-Executive John G. Mattingly, Chair  
Senior Judge Douglas M. George, Vice Chair  
Chief District Judge Connie S. Phillips, 11th Judicial District  
Marion County Circuit Court Clerk Kim T. May  
Magistrate Larry V. Caldwell, Fiscal Court Representative  
Elmer J. George, Kentucky Bar Association Representative  
Melissa Lee Knight, Administrative Office of the Courts Representative  
Kandice Engle-Gray, Citizen at Large

### **Sponsoring Agency**

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.  
Laurie K. Dudgeon, AOC Deputy Director  
Doug Teague, Acting Executive Officer, AOC Department of Facilities  
Vance Mitchell, Manager, AOC Department of Facilities  
Vic Peterson & Danny Rhoades, AOC Project Coordinators

### **Architect**

Sherman Carter Barnhart, Lexington

### **Construction Manager**

Codell Construction, Winchester

### **Financial Agent**

Ross, Sinclaire & Associates

### **Special Guests**

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Daniel J. Venters  
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Michael Caperton  
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge James H. Lambert  
Chief Circuit Judge Allan Ray Bertram, 11th Judicial Circuit  
Chief District Judge Connie S. Phillips, 11th Judicial District  
District Judge Amy S. Anderson, 11th Judicial District  
Marion County Officials  
City of Lebanon Officials  
Citizens of Marion County



## *Groundbreaking for the Marion County Judicial Center*

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April 17, 2009 • 10 a.m.

Lebanon, Kentucky



# Groundbreaking Ceremony

## Welcome

Marion County Judge-Executive John G. Mattingly

## Invocation

Reverend Darren Gillespie

*Lebanon United Methodist Church*

## Presentation of Colors

Marion County Veterans Honor Guard

## Pledge of Allegiance

Marion County Veterans of Foreign Wars

## National Anthem

Kandice D. Spalding

## Recognitions

Judge-Executive Mattingly

## Remarks

Mike Haydon

*Legislative Liaison, Governor's Office*

Kentucky State Representative Jimmy Higdon

Kentucky State Senator Dan Kelly

## Groundbreaking Address

Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr.

*Supreme Court of Kentucky*

## Closing Remarks

Judge-Executive Mattingly

## Benediction

Reverend Pablo Hernandez

*St. Augustine Church*

## Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dignitaries



# The Proposed Marion County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the Marion County project in 2006 and approved its funding in 2008. The total project cost is \$11.78 million. The building will be approximately 34,000 square feet and is expected to be completed in September 2010.

"Marion County is fortunate to have the opportunity to replace our outdated, 75-year-old courthouse with a modern facility for the 21st century," Marion County Judge-Executive John G. Mattingly said. "The new judicial center will accommodate the people of Marion County for years to come and will be a tremendous improvement in providing accessible court facilities to our citizens."

New judicial centers replace older, inadequate facilities, greatly increasing the efficiency of services and public flow. All new judicial centers are equipped with the modern infrastructure to support 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.

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. said he appreciates the legislators and county officials who have supported this project for Marion 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."

The Sherman Carter Barnhart architectural firm of Lexington designed the Marion County Judicial Center. Codell Construction of Winchester is the construction manager for the project and Ross, Sinclair & Associates, which serves Kentucky and six other states, is the financial agent.

The Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts 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. 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 Department of Facilities 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 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 AOC legal counsel serve in an advisory capacity.

As the administrative and fiscal agent for the Kentucky Court of Justice, the AOC oversees the construction and maintenance of court facilities statewide and supports the activities of 3,800 court system employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks.



Chief Justice  
John D. Minton Jr.