

## *œ In Appreciation œ*

### **Mercer County Fiscal Court**

Mercer County Judge-Executive W. Milward Dedman  
Magistrates J.B. Claunch, Wayne Jackson, Alvis Johnson,  
Larry Peyton, Ronnie Sims, Donald Webb

### **Mercer County Project Development Board**

Mercer County Judge-Executive W. Milward Dedman  
Chief Circuit Judge Darren W. Peckler, 50th Judicial Circuit  
Chief District Judge Jeff L. Dotson, 50th Judicial District  
Mercer County Circuit Court Clerk Rose Bishop  
Magistrate Alvis Johnson, Fiscal Court Representative  
Joetta Wickliffe, Citizen at Large  
David Patrick, Kentucky Bar Association Representative  
Tommy Hurst, Administrative Office of the Courts Representative

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

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

### **Architect**

CMW Inc., Lexington

### **Construction Manager**

Codell Construction Company, Winchester

### **Financial Agent**

Ross, Sinclair & Associates

### **State Legislator**

Kentucky State Representative Kent Stevens

### **Special Guests**

Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Mary C. Noble  
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Laurance B. VanMeter  
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Glenn E. Acree



## *Groundbreaking for the Mercer County Judicial Center*

November 10, 2009 • 11 a.m.  
224 South Main Street  
Harrodsburg, Kentucky



# Groundbreaking Ceremony

## Welcome

Mercer County Judge-Executive W. Milward Dedman

## Invocation

The Rev. Phillip Yates

## Presentation of Colors

Kentucky Army National Guard

## Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 127

## National Anthem

Rebecca Mitchell Sims

## Recognitions

John D. Trisler

## Remarks

Mercer County Circuit Court Clerk Rose Bishop

Chief District Judge Jeff L. Dotson

Family Court Judge Bruce Petrie

Chief Circuit Judge Darren W. Peckler

## Groundbreaking Address

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.

## Closing Remarks

Judge-Executive Dedman

## “My Old Kentucky Home”

Jennifer Ransdell Miller

## Benediction

Ronnie Ping

## Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dignitaries



# The Proposed Mercer County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the Mercer County Judicial Center project in 2006 and approved its funding in 2008. The total project cost is \$12 million. The building will be approximately 49,249 square feet.

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

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.

CMW Inc. of Lexington designed the Mercer County Judicial Center. Codell Construction Company of Winchester is the construction manager for the project and Ross, Sinclair & Associates is the financial agent.



Chief Justice  
John D. Minton Jr.

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 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, a Kentucky Bar Association designee and the AOC director or designee.

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 justices, judges and circuit court clerks.