

~ In Appreciation ~

Owen County Fiscal Court

Owen County Judge-Executive Carolyn H. Keith
Magistrates Teresa Davis, Bobby Gaines, Jerry Jones, Ray Smith

Owen County Project Development Board

Owen County Judge-Executive Carolyn H. Keith, Chair
District Judge Thomas M. Funk, 15th Judicial District, Vice Chair
Chief Circuit Judge Stephen L. Bates, 15th Judicial Circuit
Owen County Circuit Court Clerk Leigh New
Magistrate Bobby Gaines, Fiscal Court Representative
Charles E. Richardson, Citizen at Large
Todd Spurgeon, Kentucky Bar Association Representative
S. Ryan Newcomb, Administrative Office of the Courts Representative
Norma W. McDonald, Secretary

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
David Whittaker, Project Coordinator, AOC Division of Capital Construction

Architect

CMW Inc., Lexington

Construction Manager

Codell Construction Company, Winchester

Financial Agent

Ross, Sinclaire & Associates

Special Guests

Kentucky State Senator Damon Thayer
Kentucky State Representative Royce W. Adams
Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Wil Schroder
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Michelle M. Keller
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Joy A. Moore
Members of Ford Family



Groundbreaking for the Owen County Judicial Center

March 11, 2010 • 3 p.m.
100 North Thomas Street
Owenton, Kentucky



Groundbreaking Ceremony

Welcome

Owen County Judge-Executive Carolyn H. Keith

Invocation

Mayor David Wotier

Pledge of Allegiance

Private Jeremy Clark, U.S. Army

National Anthem

Chris Spurgeon

Recognitions

Judge-Executive Keith

Remarks

Senator Damon Thayer

State Representative Royce W. Adams

District Judge Thomas M. Funk

District Judge Elizabeth Chandler Lester

Chief Circuit Judge Stephen L. Bates

Groundbreaking Address

Laurie Dudgeon

Director, Administrative Office of the Courts

Closing Remarks

Judge-Executive Keith

Special Music

Chris Spurgeon

Benediction

The Reverend Keith Miller

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dignitaries



The Proposed Owen County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the judicial center project for Owen County in 2006 and approved funding in 2008. The total project cost is \$11.47 million. The building will be approximately 33,000 square feet.

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 Owen 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."

CMW Inc. of Lexington designed the Owen 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.

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



*Chief Justice
John D. Minton Jr.*