

❧ In Appreciation ❧

Pulaski County Fiscal Court

Pulaski County Judge Executive Barty Bullock
Magistrates Tommy Barnett, Kenny Isaacs, Glenn Maxey, Mike Strunk, Mike Wilson

Pulaski County Project Development Board

Barty Bullock, Judge Executive, Chair
Jeffrey T. Burdette, Chief Circuit Judge, Vice Chair
Mike Wilson, Magistrate, Fiscal Court Representative
George Flynn, Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk
John Prather, Kentucky Bar Association Representative
Sara Boswell Dent, Administrative Office of the Courts Representative

Kentucky Court of Justice, Sponsoring Agency

John D. Minton Jr., Chief Justice of Kentucky
Jason M. Nemes, Director, AOC
Laurie Dudgeon, Deputy Director, AOC
Garlan VanHook, Executive Officer, AOC Department of Facilities
Vance Mitchell, Manager, AOC Department of Facilities

Architect

Bennett Rosser International, Lexington

General Contractor

D.W. Wilburn Inc., Lexington

Financial Agent

Ross, Sinclair & Associates

Special Guests

Donna McClure, Field Representative for U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell
Chris Girdler, Field Representative for U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers
Bob Mitchell, District Administrator for U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers
State Sen. Vernie McGaha
State Reps. Danny Ford, Jimmy Higdon, Jeff Hoover, Tommy Turner, Ken Upchurch
City of Somerset and Pulaski County Officials
Michael Caperton, Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge
James H. Lambert, Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge
Jeffrey T. Burdette, Chief Circuit Judge, 28th Judicial Circuit
David A. Tapp, Circuit Judge, 28th Judicial Circuit
Walt Maguire, Family Court Judge, 28th Judicial Circuit
Jeffrey Scott Lawless, Chief Regional District Judge, 28th Judicial District
Kathryn G. Wood, District Judge, 28th Judicial District
Joseph E. Lambert, Chief Senior Judge



Groundbreaking for the Pulaski County Judicial Center

February 2, 2009 • 1:30 p.m. EST

Somerset, Kentucky



Groundbreaking Ceremony

Welcome

Pulaski County Judge Executive Barty Bullock

Invocation

Pastor David Bullock, Eagle Heights Church

Presentation of Colors

Pulaski County High School Color Guard

“My Old Kentucky Home”

The Masseys

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Regional District Judge Jeffrey Scott Lawless

National Anthem

The Masseys

Recognitions

Judge Executive Bullock

Remarks

Justice Daniel J. Venters

Kentucky Supreme Court

Groundbreaking Address

Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr.

Kentucky Supreme Court

Closing Remarks

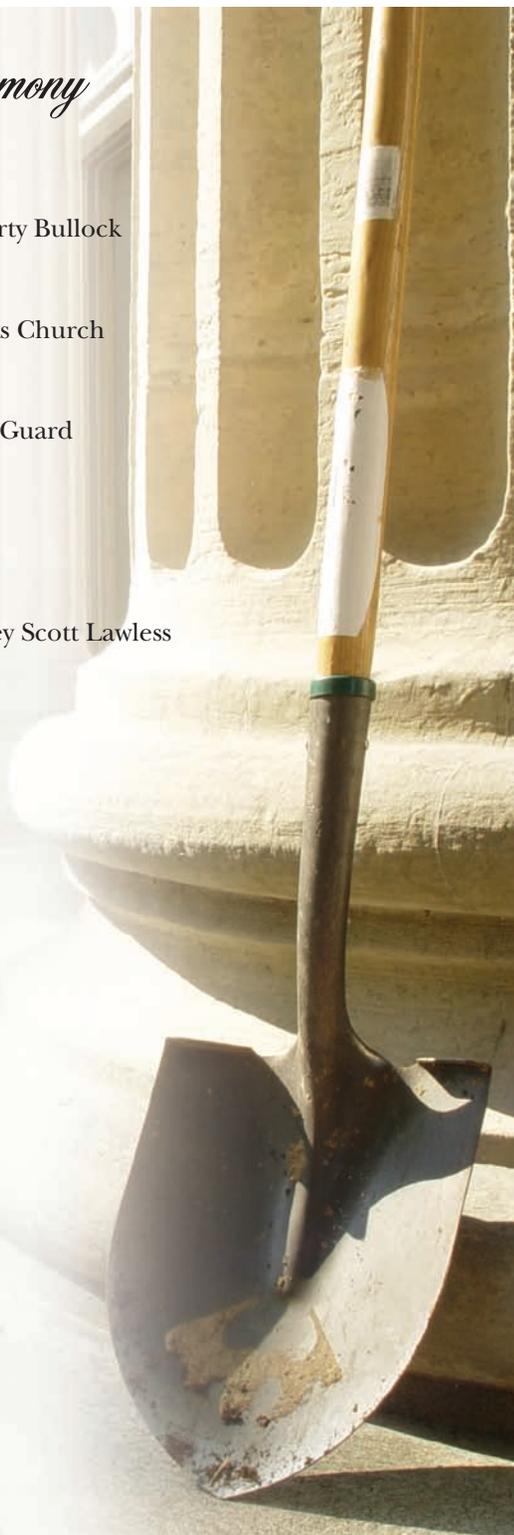
Judge Executive Bullock

Benediction

David Carr, King of Kings Radio

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dignitaries



The Proposed Pulaski County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the Kentucky General Assembly authorized the Pulaski County project in 2005 and approved its funding in 2006. The total project cost is \$22.4 million. The building will be approximately 78,000 square feet and is expected to be completed in October 2010.

New judicial centers often replace older, vastly inadequate facilities, greatly increasing 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.”

Bennett Rosser International architectural firm of Lexington designed the Pulaski County Judicial Center. D.W. Wilburn Inc. of Lexington is the general contractor 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 works with local communities to assemble the Project Development Board in their 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 the AOC 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 approximately 4,000 court system employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks.