

❧ In Appreciation ❧

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

Robertson County Fiscal Court

Robertson County Judge Executive Billy R. "Hammer" Allison
Magistrates David Conley, Terry Cracraft, Larry Jones,
Diana Poe, Melvin D. Whitaker

Robertson County Project Development Board

Billy R. "Hammer" Allison, Judge Executive, Chair
Robert W. McGinnis, Chief Regional Circuit Judge, Vice Chair
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Larry Jones, Magistrate, Fiscal Court Representative
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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
Danny Rhoades, AOC Project Coordinator

Architect

GRW Inc., Lexington

Construction Manager

Trace Creek Construction Inc., Vanceburg

Financial Agent

Ross, Sinclaire & Associates

Special Guests

Retired Judge Executive Bradley Gifford
Retired Judge Executive G. Wayne Buckler
Retired Circuit Court Clerk Judy Walters
Retired Magistrate Terry Norris



Groundbreaking for the Robertson County Judicial Center

May 19, 2008 • 1:30 p.m. EDT

Mount Olivet, Kentucky

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Welcome

Robertson County Judge Executive Billy R. "Hammer" Allison

Invocation

Magistrate Melvin D. Whitaker

Pledge of Allegiance

Robertson County Property Valuation Administrator Karen Curtis

Recognitions

Judge Executive Allison

Remarks

Chief Regional Circuit Judge Robert W. McGinnis

State Senator Charlie Borders

State Representative Thomas M. "Tom" McKee

Groundbreaking Address

Chief Justice of Kentucky Joseph E. Lambert

Closing Remarks

Judge Executive Allison

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Dignitaries



Robertson County Judicial Center
73 East Walnut Street
Mount Olivet, Kentucky 41064

The Proposed Robertson County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the Robertson County project in 2005 and approved its funding in 2006. The total project cost is \$3.3 million. The building will be 9,300 square feet and is expected to be completed in April 2009.

"I appreciate the legislators who supported improved judicial centers for Robertson 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."

GRW Inc. of Lexington designed the Robertson County Judicial Center. Trace Creek Construction Inc. of Vanceburg 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 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 approximately 4,000 court system employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks.



Chief Justice
Joseph E. Lambert