

❧ In Appreciation ❧

Rowan County Fiscal Court

Rowan County Judge-Executive Jim Nickell
Magistrates Nick Caudill, Jerry Flannery, Troy Perkins, Ray White

Rowan County Project Development Board

Rowan County Judge-Executive Jim Nickell, Chair
Chief Circuit Judge Beth Lewis Maze
District Judge William E. Lane
Senior Judge William B. Mains
Rowan County Circuit Court Clerk Jim Barker
Magistrate Jerry Flannery, Fiscal Court Representative
Paul R. Stokes, Kentucky Bar Association Representative
Jerry Ravenscraft, Administrative Office of the Courts Representative
Jerry Alderman, Citizen at Large
Lois L. Hawkins, Secretary

Kentucky Court of Justice, Sponsoring Agency

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.
Laurie K. Dudgeon, Administrative Office of the Courts Deputy Director
Doug Teague, Acting Executive Officer, AOC Department of Facilities
Vance Mitchell, Manager, AOC Department of Facilities
David Whittaker, Project Coordinator

Architect

Sherman Carter Barnhart, Lexington

Construction Managers

Alliance Corporation, Glasgow
Packs' Inc., Morehead

Financial Agent

Ross, Sinclair & Associates

Special Guests

Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Janet L. Stumbo
District Judge Don Blair, 21st Judicial District
Senior Judge John R. Cox
Commonwealth's Attorney Keen W. Johnson
Rowan County Attorney William W. Roberts



Groundbreaking for the Rowan County Judicial Center

May 26, 2009 • 1 p.m.

700 West Main Street
Morehead, Kentucky



Groundbreaking Ceremony

Welcome

Rowan County Judge-Executive Jim Nickell

Invocation

Pastor Allan Hutchinson

First Church of God

“My Old Kentucky Home”

Sandy Knipp

Pledge of Allegiance

Corbie Ellington

American Legion Honor Guard Post 126

National Anthem

Vickie Fraley

Recognitions

Senior Judge William B. Mains

Legislative Remarks

State Senator Walter Blevins Jr.

State Representative Rocky Adkins

State Representative John Will Stacy

Remarks

Morehead State University President Wayne Andrews

Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Will T. Scott

Groundbreaking Address

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.

Closing Remarks

Judge-Executive Nickell

Benediction

Father Paul Prabell

Jesus Our Saviour Catholic Church

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dignitaries



The Proposed Rowan County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the Rowan County project in 2006 and approved its funding in 2008. The total project cost is \$13 million. The building will be approximately 37,750 square feet and is expected to be completed in January 2011.

“Today marks an exciting time in Morehead’s history as we break ground for the Rowan County Judicial Center project,” said Rowan County Judge-Executive Jim Nickell. “This project lays the foundation for having a judicial and governmental complex to serve the citizens of Rowan County.”

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 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 Rowan 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.”



Chief Justice
John D. Minton Jr.

Sherman Carter Barnhart architectural firm of Lexington designed the Rowan County Judicial Center. Alliance Corporation of Glasgow and Packs’ Inc. of Morehead are the construction managers 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 justices, judges and circuit court clerks.