

œ In Appreciation œ

Russell County Fiscal Court

Russell County Judge-Executive Mickey Garner
Magistrates Steve A. Bledsoe, Ronald Johnson, Jimmy McQueary,
Greg Popplewell, Gary Robertson

Russell County Project Development Board

Russell County Judge-Executive Mickey Garner, Chair
Kevin Shearer, Administrative Office of the Courts Representative, Vice Chair
Chief Circuit Judge Vernon Miniard Jr., 57th Judicial Circuit
Chief District Judge James M. Lawson, 40th Judicial District
Russell County Circuit Court Clerk Tony D. Kerr
Magistrate Jimmy McQueary, Fiscal Court Representative
M. Gail Wilson, Kentucky Bar Association Representative
Ronald Hopper, Citizen at Large

Kentucky Court of Justice, Sponsoring Agency

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

Architect

Brandstetter Carroll Inc., Lexington

Construction Manager

Branscum-Pepper Construction Company, Russell Springs

Financial Agent

Ross, Sinclair & Associates

Legislators

Kentucky State Senator Vernie McGaha
Kentucky State Representative Jeff Hoover

Special Guests

Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Michael Caperton
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge James H. Lambert
Family Court Judge Jennifer Upchurch Clark, 57th Judicial Circuit
District Judge Robyn Edmonds Williams, 40th Judicial District
Commonwealth's Attorney Matthew B. Leveridge
Russell County Attorney Mark L. McGaha
Mayor R. Brooks Bates, City of Jamestown
Mayor Hollis DeHart, City of Russell Springs



*Groundbreaking
for the
Russell County Judicial Center*

September 28, 2009 • 10 a.m.
Jamestown, Kentucky



Groundbreaking Ceremony

Welcome

State Representative Jeff Hoover

Invocation

Sister Marian Stenken, SCN
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Presentation of Colors

Russell County High School JNROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Emma Honaker, Student
Russell County Middle School

National Anthem

Jim Bean, Teacher
Russell County High School

Remarks

Kentucky State Senator Vernie McGaha
Russell County Judge-Executive Mickey Garner

Groundbreaking Address

Justice Daniel J. Venters
Supreme Court of Kentucky

Benediction

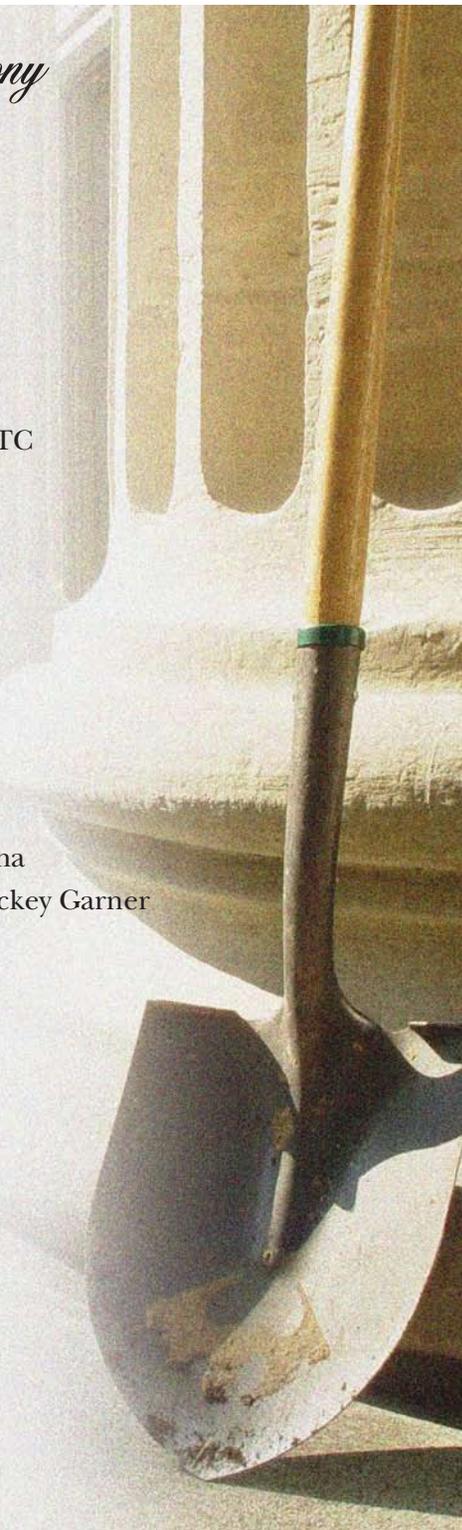
The Reverend Jeff Griffin
Russell Springs First Baptist Church

“My Old Kentucky Home”

Rickie Mann

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dignitaries



The Proposed Russell County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the judicial center project for Russell County in 2006 and approved its funding in 2008. The building will be approximately 44,500 square feet.

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

The Brandstetter Carroll Inc. architectural firm of Lexington designed the Russell County Judicial Center. Branscum-Pepper Construction Co. of Russell Springs is the construction manager for the project and Ross, Sinclair & Associates 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.*