

## *❧ In Appreciation ❧*

### **Whitley County Fiscal Court**

Whitley County Judge-Executive Pat White Jr.  
Magistrates Mike Baird, Joe Moses, David Myers, Roger Wells

### **Whitley County Project Development Board**

Whitley County Judge-Executive Pat White Jr., Chair  
Chief Regional Circuit Judge Paul E. Braden, 34th Judicial Circuit  
Chief District Judge Cathy E. Prewitt, 34th Judicial District  
Whitley County Circuit Court Clerk Gary Barton, Vice Chair  
Magistrate Roger Wells, Fiscal Court Representative  
Robert Brown, Kentucky Bar Association Representative  
Sandra Reeves, Administrative Office of the Courts Representative  
Don Ashley, Citizen at Large

### **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  
Brad Smith, AOC Project Coordinator

### **Architect**

Murphy + Graves, Lexington

### **Construction Manager**

Codell Construction, Winchester

### **Financial Agent**

Ross, Sinclair & Associates

### **Special Guests**

Kentucky State Representative Charles L. Siler  
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Michael Caperton  
Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge James H. Lambert  
Circuit Judge Daniel Ballou, 34th Judicial Circuit  
District Judge Jason P. Price, 34th Judicial District  
Senior Judge Jerry D. Winchester  
Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorney Allen Trimble, 34th Judicial Circuit  
Whitley County Attorney Paul K. Winchester



## *Groundbreaking for the Whitley County Judicial Center*

April 24, 2009 • Noon

Williamsburg, Kentucky



# Groundbreaking Ceremony

## Welcome

Whitley County Judge-Executive Pat White Jr.

## Invocation

Minister Ernie Gill

*Shiner Church of Christ*

## My Old Kentucky Home

Lisa Lawson

## Pledge of Allegiance

Whitley County High School ROTC

## National Anthem

Savannah Faith

## Recognitions

Chief Regional Circuit Judge Paul E. Braden

## Legislative Address

Kentucky Senate President David L. Williams

## Remarks

Supreme Court of Kentucky Justice Daniel J. Venters

## Groundbreaking Address

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.

## Closing Remarks

Whitley County Circuit Court Clerk Gary Barton

## Benediction

The Reverend Fred Powers

*Calvary Missionary Baptist Church*

## Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dignitaries



# The Proposed Whitley County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the Whitley County project in 2006 and approved its funding in 2008. The total project cost is \$18.9 million. The building will be approximately 58,728 square feet and is expected to be completed in 2011.

"I am excited to be involved with the Whitley County Judicial Center project, which will bring a modern facility to downtown Williamsburg and benefit generations to come," Whitley County Judge-Executive Pat White Jr. said. "The design of the judicial center will help revitalize Williamsburg, improve our ability to effectively process legal matters and offer a high level of security."

New judicial centers often 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 that he appreciates the legislators and county officials who have supported this project for Whitley 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."

Murphy + Graves architectural firm of Lexington designed the Whitley County Judicial Center. Codell Construction 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 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 offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks.



Chief Justice  
John D. Minton Jr.