In Appreciation

Nicholas County Fiscal Court
Steve Hamilton, County Judge-Executive
Dawn Curran Letcher, County Attorney
Mike Webb, Magistrate, District 1
Matt Hughes, Magistrate, District 2
Kenny Holbrook, Magistrate, District 3
Jeff Randolph, Magistrate, District 4
Wayne Shields, Magistrate, District 5

Nicholas County Project Development Board
Steve Hamilton, County Judge-Executive
Sandye Watkins, Circuit Court Clerk
Jay Delaney, Chief Circuit Judge
Charles W. (Bill) Kuster Jr., Chief District Judge
Eric Tedder, Kentucky Bar Association Representative
Louise Zachary, Citizen-at-Large

Kentucky Court of Justice, Sponsoring Agency
Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.
Laurie K. Dudgeon, Director, AOC
Danny Rhoades, Executive Officer, Department of Facilities, AOC
Ronnie McCall, Manager, Division of Real Property, AOC
Corky Mohedano, Project Coordinator, Department of Facilities, AOC

Architect
Brandstetter Carroll, Lexington

Construction Manager
Trace Creek Construction, Vanceburg

Financial Agent
Ross, Sinclaire & Associates, Kentucky

State Legislators
State Senator Stephen West, District 27
State Representative Matthew Koch, District 72

Special Guests
Judge Allison Jones, Kentucky Court of Appeals, 6th District
Judge Joy A. Kramer, Kentucky Court of Appeals, 6th District
Groundbreaking Ceremony

Welcome
Nicholas County Judge-Executive Steve Hamilton

Invocation
Rev. Steve Smith
Carlisle Christian Church

“My Old Kentucky Home”
Nicholas County High School Band

Pledge of Allegiance
Nicholas County High School Band Flag Crew

Presentation of Colors
JROTC Color Guard

National Anthem
Leandra Evans

Remarks
Justice Michelle M. Keller
Supreme Court of Kentucky, 6th District

Groundbreaking Address
Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.

Closing Remarks
Judge-Executive Hamilton

Benediction
Rev. Smith

Groundbreaking Ceremony
Dignitaries

You are invited to a reception at the
Neal Welcome Center, 108 West Main Street,
following the groundbreaking ceremony.

Proposed Nicholas County Judicial Center

The new Nicholas County Judicial Center will contain approximately 30,002 square feet and have a total project cost of $13.3 million when completed in 2021.

New and updated judicial centers replace older, inadequate facilities, greatly enhancing the delivery of court services. All new judicial centers support the latest 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 Kentucky General Assembly authorized the Nicholas County Judicial Center project in 2013 and approved its funding in 2014. Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. said he appreciates the legislators and county officials who support this project for Nicholas County.

“Kentucky citizens generate nearly 900,000 court cases each year,” Chief Justice Minton said. “They deserve safe, efficient facilities in which to conduct their business before the courts.”

Once funding for a judicial center is authorized, the Department of Facilities of the Administrative Office of the Courts 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, the chief circuit judge, the chief district judge, the circuit court clerk, a citizen at large, and a Kentucky Bar Association designee.

The Brandstetter Carroll architectural firm of Lexington designed the Nicholas County Judicial Center. Trace Creek Construction of Vanceburg is the construction manager for the project and Ross, Sinclaire & Associates is the financial agent.

The AOC oversees the construction and maintenance of Kentucky 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 court facility needs.

As the operations arm for the state court system, the AOC in Frankfort supports the activities of more than 3,400 court system employees and 406 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks. The AOC also executes the Judicial Branch budget.