Groundbreaking for the Franklin County Judicial Center

April 29, 2011 • 1 p.m.
222 St. Clair Street
Frankfort, Kentucky
Welcome
Franklin County Judge-Executive Ted Collins

Invocation
Father Charles Howell

Pledge of Allegiance
State Representative Derrick Graham

National Anthem
Jeri Katherine Howell

Recognitions & Remarks
Judge-Executive Collins

Remarks
Kentucky Lieutenant Governor Daniel Mongiardo
Circuit Judge Thomas D. Wingate

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

Closing Remarks
Judge-Executive Collins

“My Old Kentucky Home”
Sarah Hurt

Benediction
State Senator Julian M. Carroll

Groundbreaking Ceremony
Dignitaries

You are invited to a reception immediately following the groundbreaking ceremony.

The Proposed Franklin County Judicial Center

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the judicial center project for Franklin County in 2006 and approved funding in 2008. The total project cost is $29.1 million. The building will be approximately 94,719 square feet.

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.

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

Louis & Henry Group of Louisville designed the Franklin County Judicial Center. Codell Construction Co. of Winchester is the construction manager for the project and Ross, Sinclaire & 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 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. The AOC also supports the activities of nearly 3,300 Kentucky Court of Justice employees and 403 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks.