



Commissioners, President Judge Break Ground for New Justice Center

A milestone in the evolution of the Bucks County Justice Center complex was reached on the morning of July 19, as Bucks County Commissioners Charles H. Martin, chairman, and Robert G. Loughery joined former Commissioner and Pennsylvania Lt. Governor James F. Cawley, Esq., Bucks County President Judge Susan D. Scott, Doylestown Borough Mayor Libby White and Doylestown Borough Council Vice President Lou White for a ceremonial groundbreaking. The kickoff to the \$84 million Justice Center took place at the building site between Shewell Ave. and N. Main St. According to county Director of Operations Jerry Anderson, the tentative timetable for construction calls for a substantial completion by fall 2013.



a portion of which will be preserved as part of the new Justice Center. In the background, construction workers moved some of the 40,000 cubic yards of dirt that will be excavated from the site over the next several months.

be here today," Judge Scott observed. "There are many judges who never thought this day would come. Some of them are retired now."

President Judge Scott joined several members of the county judiciary, including the Hon. Jeffrey L. Finley, the Hon. Robert O. Baldi, the Hon. Diane E. Gibbons and the Hon. James M. McMaster. Also on hand were former president judge and current District Attorney David W. Heckler, and county Chief Operating Officer Brian Hessesenthaler.

Commissioner Loughery pointed his remarks toward the work to be done, both at the new Justice Center site and in plotting the future of the current Courthouse/ Administration Building. "It's a privilege to be part of such an important project for our judicial system," he noted. "I'm thrilled to be starting a new chapter."

"This is an important day because we are launching the largest – and probably most expensive – project that the county has ever undertaken," stated Chairman Martin.

Lieutenant Gov. Jim Cawley reflected on his involvement with the project as a county commissioner from 2005-2011, adding "I look forward to being back very soon for a ribbon cutting."

The groundbreaking took place adjacent to the 1909-era Doylestown Armory,

"I can't tell you how glad I am and, on behalf of the Board of Judges, how glad we all are to

Doylestown Borough Mayor Libby White lauded the working relationship between Borough and County officials throughout the new Parking Garage construction, the former parking Garage demolition, and moving ahead with the Justice Center project.



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JUSTICE CENTER FACTS

Groundbreaking: July 19, 2011

Substantial completion by fall 2013.

6 awarded contracts, including General Contractor Ernest Bock & Sons.

"Green" elements including recycling construction debris, recycled construction materials, insulation upgrades and the use of high efficiency windows, lighting and heating and cooling elements.

More than 2,000 tons of structural steel will rise starting in late fall, 2011, and ending in winter, 2012.

In late fall of this year, workers will install a 160-foot crane with a 200-foot boom.

Precast concrete installation will begin in May, 2012, and the building should be covered by October, 2012.

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"It is an honor to speak on behalf of Doylestown Borough on this historic and auspicious occasion," Mayor White said. "I would like to commend Borough officials and the Bucks County Commissioners for their ability to work together on this project, which is truly a tremendous task."

Mayor White also addressed "green" building elements that will be incorporated into the Justice Center construction. "It's really amazing that we are now ready to put bricks and mortar together, and we are doing it in the most environmentally friendly way possible." She singled out efforts such as recycling construction debris, recycled construction materials, insulation upgrades and the use of high efficiency windows, lighting and heating and cooling elements.

Chairman Martin also thanked Borough officials, including Borough Manager John Davis and Assistant Borough Manager/Zoning Officer Phil Ehlinger.

Inside the Justice Center Construction Site



Updated artists' rendering of covered walkway leading from the new parking garage to the justice center and Main Street.

Want to stay updated on the Justice Center Project?

Remember to visit www.BucksCounty.org for pictures and regular updates on the project's progress and to view the construction web cam.

"We recognize as a county government we really are guests here in Doylestown Borough."

– Commissioner Chairman Charles H. Martin

A Message from the Chairman Charles H. Martin



On July 19, 2011, I joined Commissioner Rob Loughery, President Judge Susan Scott, Doylestown Borough Mayor Libby White, government colleagues, architects, construction officials and members of the Bucks County community to break ground on our new, 285,000-square foot Justice Center on the site of the former Bucks County Parking Garage.

This groundbreaking signaled a very significant

milestone in this project. As Mayor White stated eloquently, we are "ready to put bricks and mortar together." We reiterate our commitment to the residents of Doylestown Borough that we will make every attempt to be a good neighbor throughout the anticipated 2 ½ years of construction. As the project advances, we will work with borough officials and residents to minimize disruption around the construction site.

In our ongoing attempt to keep the lines of communication open, we offer this information as another installment of our Justice Center Project newsletter series. Questions or concerns? Simply call our General Services division at 215-345-3949. We thank you for your understanding during this time of unprecedented capital progress for Bucks County residents.

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