



## JUSTICE CENTER FACTS

- \* The project is 16% completed, based on the revised schedule and completion date.
- \* 100 workers are currently working on the job, having first been processed through the E-Verify system.
- \* 360 cubic yards of additional concrete have been required for the foundation work.
- \* It is estimated that the building's foundation will be completed in May, tower crane installation will begin in late April or early May, and structural steel will start rising in May or June.
- \* The standard hours of work are Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. Crews have worked past 3:30 pm in special circumstances.



Workers use a crane to drop a wall into place.

## Commissioners, Public Receive Update on Justice Center Construction

Recently, county General Services Director Jerry Anderson reported that the new target date for completion of the Bucks County Justice Center is February 21, 2014. The update took place during the March 21 meeting of the Board of Bucks County Commissioners. It was one of many regularly planned updates.

At this juncture in the project, work is taking place 34 feet down from (Main) Street level in excavation for the building's foundation. According to Mr. Anderson, "It was hard to determine conditions because there was an existing four-level parking garage on top of the site."

The initial notice to proceed on the Justice Center was issued on April 13, 2011. Due to easement problems that had to be resolved with the site, that date was moved back to June 28, 2011. Another 10 weeks were compromised by conditions at the former Armory, which will have its façade preserved as part of the Justice Center's Shewell Avenue wall. "We're trying to save a building that was built in 1908,

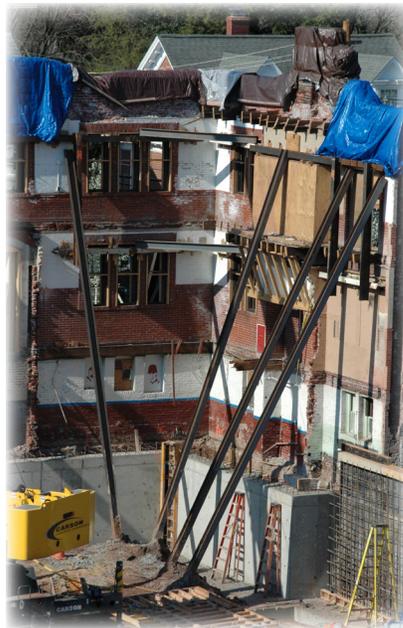
as we were asked by the (Doylestown) Historic Commission."

Mr. Anderson detailed the care that has been taken to preserve two walls of the brick Armory, noting: "Picture a cardboard box and take two sides off the box and envision what would happen. We had to move very slowly and secure the underpinnings."

He told the commissioners that work currently is proceeding at a "very good pace," adding, "We will do everything we can to pick up time."

Another interesting aspect of the Armory preservation is that a "significant" second-floor fireplace featuring several Mercer tiles is being preserved for use in the new Justice Center. "We have taken great pains to do that," Mr. Anderson stated.

The next phases of the construction will include columns and walls starting to go up. During April, a crane will begin the process of placing structural steel.



## Laying the Groundwork



### REVISED CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

(As a Result of the Construction Delays Through February 29, 2012)

(Original Notice to Proceed) April 13, 2011

Project Completion: October 16, 2013

**11 Week Delay** *Incurred delays due to easement issue concerning adjacent property owner.*  
(Revised Notice to Proceed) June 28, 2011

Schedule Impacts Through November 30, 2011

**10 Week Delay**

*Existing Armory Structure, Weather Delays (Hurricane Irene), Rock Excavation*

Schedule Impacts Through December, 2011

**15 Day Delay**

*Existing Armory Structure, Rock Excavation*

Schedule Impacts Through January, 2012

**8 Day Delay**

*Existing Armory Structure, Rock Excavation*

Schedule Impacts Through February 2012

**16 Day Delay**

*Over Excavation/Concrete Fill Foundation Bearing Capacity Adjacent to Armory Structure, Rock Excavation*

Revised Project Substantial Completion Date as of February 29, 2012: February 21, 2014

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE Commissioner Robert G. Loughery

During the March 21 Commissioners' meeting, General Services Director Jerry Anderson offered the public an update on the Justice Center's construction timeline. Due to uncontrollable site conditions and great care to secure portions of the former Armory for historical preservation, a new target date for completion is now February 21, 2014. While work on the construction site is progressing, every attempt is being taken to make up lost time. Walls are currently going up and structural

steel work will begin shortly.

As work continues on the Justice Center, the County is in the midst of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to redesign the current Courthouse/ Administration Building for future space utilization, as it is our hope to move several government operations into the complex upon the Justice Center's completion. In February, the County hosted a public bid meeting with architects and design consultants from more than 50 companies. The goal of this RFP is to select a qualified architecture and engineering firm who will work with the County to put together detailed analyses of various options for the reuse of the existing Courthouse. My

colleagues and I pledge to evaluate all options and associated costs in order to make the best informed decision.

In our ongoing attempt to keep the lines of communication open with our residents, we offer this information in a new edition of Justice Center Project newsletter series. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Justice Center's construction, please call our General Services division at 215-345-3949. We also encourage residents to view the ongoing construction firsthand with the Justice Center Construction Web Cam at [www.BucksCounty.org](http://www.BucksCounty.org).

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