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FAYETTE COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON NEW PRISON

Uniontown, PA – The Fayette County Board of Commissioners hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony Thursday for the new Fayette County Prison.

The invitation-only event included information booths where attendees could speak to key Fayette County Prison Project team members about the endeavor; virtual and photographic displays of the future facility; a press conference; turning-of-the-earth ceremony and more.

The Fayette County Prison Project is the ongoing planning and future construction of a new county jail on McClellandtown Road in Uniontown. The facility will be located on the site of the former U.S. Army Federal Reserve Center, across from WVU Medicine Uniontown Hospital, where Thursday's festivities took place.

The event marked the start of what will be a multi-year construction plan, with the contract bidding process currently under way. Project officials anticipate the new facility will be completed and operational by the beginning of 2023.

Following a socially-distanced networking session, Fayette Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Muriel Nuttall served as master of ceremonies for the press conference.

In addition to Fayette County Commissioners Dave Lohr, chairman; Vincent A. Vicites and Scott Dunn, speakers included:

- Terry McMillen Sr., founder of McMillen Engineering.
- Diane Glarrow, L.R. Kimball Senior Project Manager.
- Scott Palmquist, SiteLogIQ Director of Business Development.
- Fayette County District Attorney Rich Bower.
- State Rep. Bud Cook.
- State Rep. Ryan Warner.
- State Rep. Pam Snyder.
- A representative of state Rep. Matt Dowling's administration.
- Sue Quinn, Outreach Coordinator for state Sen. Pat Stefano.
- Nate Nevala, District Chief of Staff for U.S. Rep. Guy Reschenthaler.
- John Frick, Regional Manager for U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey
- Fayette County Warden John Lenkey
- Fayette County Sheriff and Prison Board Chairman James Custer

Nuttall also read a congratulatory letter of support from U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, as he was unable to attend.

Following the press conference, attendees gathered near the site's flag pole for the ceremonial turning of the earth. Rev. Terry Sanders of Genesis House offered a prayer blessing the site before the commissioners and other Prison Project team members officially broke ground.

Light refreshments from some of Fayette County's most beloved local businesses were featured, with Fayette County Fair Board President Bill Jackson of Jackson Farms donating beverages; and Mary DeAngelo of Mary's Corner Cafe supplying custom, individually-sealed cookies.

Fayette Rental Solutions of Uniontown and the Fayette Chamber of Commerce each provided many materials for the event, and Fayette County Building and Grounds Director Ray Eicher and team members were instrumental in the event setup.

Fayette County Community Relations Coordinator Kaylie Moore organized the event, with assistance from L.R. Kimball Marketing Director Renee Schoop. Representatives from the teams at SiteLogIQ, McMillen Engineering, Maser Consulting and Professional Systems Engineering also took part in the planning process.

Video and photos from the event will be available on the Fayette County Facebook page. More information about the Fayette County Prison Project is available at www.FayetteCountyPA.org.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit www.FayetteCountyPA.org.

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