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**Groundbreaking ceremony for new courthouse in Springer, New Mexico**

SPRINGER – A groundbreaking ceremony for a new magistrate courthouse in Springer, New Mexico is set to take place at 15 Frontage Road SW on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Representatives from the City of Springer, Colfax County, the Administrative Office of the Courts, magistrate and district judges and a member of the state Supreme Court will attend.

The new courthouse will have secure holding areas for in-custody defendants, a larger multi-purpose courtroom, jury box and gallery, attorney/client rooms, staff areas, public areas and a jury deliberation room. Currently, jury trials take place at Raton Magistrate Court because of space limitations.

"We are invested in the community of Springer. The new and improved Springer Magistrate Courthouse will offer the public and jurors much more space for a safer way to do business with New Mexico Courts," said State Supreme Court Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon. "I'd like to thank judicial staff for their hard work to make this vision a reality."

The new courthouse will replace the current location at 300 Colbert Ave, where Springer Magistrate Court has been for more than 25 years.

Construction on the new courthouse is underway and scheduled for completion in the fall.

Magistrate courts have limited jurisdiction and handle DWI cases, misdemeanors, traffic violations, civil actions up to $10,000, and hold preliminary hearings to determine probable cause on felony charges.

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**Rendering of the new Springer magistrate courthouse. Courtesy: NCA Architects**

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