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Groundbreaking ceremony for new courthouse in Belen

BELEN – Construction on a new courthouse in Belen, New Mexico begins with a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 5 p.m. downtown at 100 Main Street.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the City of Belen are partnering to provide a single courthouse in close proximity to City Hall with magistrate and municipal courts. Representatives from the City of Belen and the AOC, magistrate and municipal judges and a member of the state Supreme Court will attend.

"The new courthouse will offer the public a convenient way to do business with New Mexico Courts," said Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael E. Vigil. "I'd like to thank judicial staff and the City of Belen for all of the behind-the-scenes work to make this happen."

The new courthouse will have a magistrate courtroom, municipal courtroom, secure holding for prisoners as well as public and staff areas, and will be approximately 11,000 square feet.

Construction on the new courthouse should be complete by January 2023.

Municipal Courts are courts of limited jurisdiction hearing petty misdemeanors, DWI/DUI cases, traffic violations and other municipal ordinance violations.

Magistrate Courts hear tort, contract, landlord/tenant cases; felony preliminary hearings; misdemeanor, DWI/DUI and other traffic violations.

Rendering of new municipal and magistrate courthouse in Belen, New Mexico

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