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Groundbreaking ceremony for new courthouse in Ruidoso

RUIDOSO – Construction on a new courthouse in Ruidoso, New Mexico begins with a groundbreaking ceremony at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 101 Reese Drive.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the Village of Ruidoso are partnering to provide a magistrate courthouse facility for magistrate and district courts. Representatives from the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, the AOC, magistrate and district judges and a member of the State Supreme Court will attend.

"We're pleased this new courthouse will serve the community for years to come," said New Mexico Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael E. Vigil. "The ability to have district court hearings while also serving citizens with needs at the magistrate court level is a considerable benefit to the Village."

The new courthouse will be nearly 11,150 square feet and will have one courtroom, one hearing room, and secure holding for prisoners as well as public and staff areas.

Courthouse construction should be complete by February 2023.

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

District courts are general jurisdiction courts. They hear and determine adult and juvenile criminal cases as well as civil matters, including contract disputes, personal injury litigation, and domestic relations cases such as divorce, custody, and child support enforcement.

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Rendering of new courthouse in Ruidoso, New Mexico

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