



JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY



On March 9th at 4:00 P.M. CDT, the City of Jacksonville will break ground on the new Jacksonville Public Safety Complex located at the former Jacksonville Airport property bordered by George Douthit Drive, Branscomb Drive and Second Avenue Southwest. Mayor Johnny L. Smith, members of the City Council and others will be on hand for the ceremony. The public is invited to this exciting celebration.

The Jacksonville Public Safety Complex project will encompass approximately 48,000 square feet and house the Police Department, Fire Department/EMS, Municipal Court, Municipal Jail and the Jacksonville Civil Service Board. The municipal courtroom will be constructed to serve as a FEMA Community Safe Room funded in part by a FEMA grant awarded through the State of Alabama EMA.

This new facility provides space never before available for Jacksonville public safety employees. The jail facility will safely incarcerate municipal prisoners and comply with state and national codes. Training and meeting areas will be large enough for departmental wide meetings, officer work areas will be sufficient for administrative and investigative duties, and there will be ample evidence and supply storage areas. All departments in this complex will be accessible through a common lobby. Located to the east of the complex will be a pond accentuated by a water feature and encompassed by a quarter-mile public walking track.

The Mayor, Council Members, Public Safety Personnel and all City Employees wish to thank the citizens for supporting the City in this \$12 million dollar project; a project that we all will be proud of for many years to come.

The Jacksonville Public Safety Complex is scheduled for completion in August 2016.

McElrath & Oliver, Architects, P.C.

Boatner Construction Co., Inc., General Contractor