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Gilbane Building Company | K2M Design | Lakeland, The Construction Group, and Lake County Celebrate Groundbreaking for New Sheriff's Office

Photo caption: *Key stakeholders taking part in Friday's groundbreaking ceremony.*

Painesville, Ohio – November 25, 2024 – Last week marked a significant milestone as Lake County and the design-build team of Gilbane | K2M | Lakeland broke ground on the new Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Frank Leonbruno stated, "We are extremely excited as we begin the construction of our new facility, which will enable us to better provide for our inmate population with increased medical, mental health, and drug and alcohol treatment. This will help us meet our goal of returning inmates to our community better than when they first arrived at our doors." The state-of-the-art correctional facility, located across the street from the county's current jail, will increase the capacity from 355 to 504 beds over three and a half floors and 250,000 SF. It is designed to enhance the criminal justice system with innovations in inmate supervision, mental health treatment, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, medical care, and post-release supervision through intensive probation. The project is scheduled to open in the summer of 2027.

Operations Manager Scott Bindel of Gilbane spoke at the event, highlighting the importance of the Sheriff's Office to Lake County community members and how the project exemplifies Gilbane's commitment to the community. "At Gilbane, we are committed to fostering partnerships that enhance communities and create lasting impact. This design-build partnership exemplifies how a shared vision and teamwork can deliver lasting value."

"The groundbreaking ceremony highlights our commitment to transparency, community engagement, and top-tier law enforcement," added Commissioner Richard J. Regovich. "The new Sheriff's Office is more than just a building; it is a commitment to enhancing trust and cooperation between our deputies and the community they serve."

The project will be completed by the design-build team of Gilbane | K2M Design | Lakeland, The Construction Group, a team comprised of firms with a long-standing history of building within Lake County. Scott Maloney, owner of K2M Design said on the project, "It's been an incredible honor to collaborate with our partners in Lake County over the years to bring this vision to life." Fahim Gemayel, Founder and President of Lakeland, The Construction Group added, "Lakeland is proud to represent Lake County in the design-build team for this historic project that will help shape a safer community and bring economic growth to our great county."

Commission President John T. Plecnik expressed the importance of this project, stating, "The new Sheriff's Office will enhance our law enforcement capabilities and ensure our deputies have the resources they need to serve and protect our community effectively."

"We are investing in the future of public safety. This facility will provide our dedicated law enforcement professionals with the tools and support they deserve, allowing them to keep our neighborhoods secure for years to come." said Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.

The new Lake County Sheriff's Office facility represents a significant commitment to the safety and well-being of the community, ensuring that Lake County remains a secure and thriving place for residents.

The public can stay informed about the latest developments and information about the Lake County Safety Center project by visiting <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/> and clicking "Public Safety Center Updates" for video updates and other project information.

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Established in 1986, Lakeland, The Construction Group is a premier general and design-build contractor committed to quality, value, and integrity. Located in Painesville, Ohio, Lakeland specializes in commercial and industrial construction, focusing on metal building systems and construction management. Lakeland's portfolio includes institutional, educational, retail, religious, residential, and hospitality.