

**MEMORANDUM**

April 19, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Dedication of Benton County Courthouse / Conger's Crossing Park

They are expecting a large crowd at this event. I spoke with Bill about what you should mention – he felt prepared remarks weren't needed, but you should refer to the new courthouse as a "court facility." Bill said folks in Benton County have a strong attachment to the old courthouse, so there should be no mention of it in your remarks. You are only expected to speak for a few minutes, and Bill said you should just compliment Benton County on their new "state of the art court facility."

Other scheduled speakers at the event include Chief Justice Ed Pittman, Circuit Judge Henry Lackey, Chancellor Glenn Aldemon (sp?), Chancellor Norman Gillespie, and Circuit Judge Andy Howorth.

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The Conger's Crossing Park event is a grand opening. They have asked for a few remarks about communities and children; the remarks from the earlier event in Ripley would be applicable. Robin Costa will introduce you. The sponsoring organization for this event is the Maddox Foundation.