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Johnson Construction holds ground breaking ceremony for new Rankin County Juvenile Justice Center

BRANDON, MS – One June 10, 2010 ground breaking ceremonies were held for the new Rankin County Youth Detention Center to be constructed in the Pelahatchie Industrial Park. Those in attendance included the Rankin County Board of Supervisors, Representative Gregg Harper's office, Pelahatchie mayor Knox Ross and numerous additional personnel from Rankin County.

The facility will include two distinct areas. The administrative wing is approximately 16,000 square feet and will include a court room, judge's chambers, secure visitation area, conferencing and administrative offices. The 22,000 square foot housing wing will include 42 holding rooms, 7 dayrooms, a recreational yard and a centrally located control room.

The Rankin County Board of Supervisors has prioritized the new center since it took office about three years ago, Board President Greg Wilcox said. A \$40.5 million bond issued in 2008 and 2009 is paying for the building. "The need is great for this building, and it's why we put it at the top of our list," Wilcox said.

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