Ground Broken for New KPD HQ

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An artist rendering of the new Kodiak Police Department and Jail on Mill Bay Road.

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Even though it took a snow plow to get down to the gravel, city officials held the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Kodiak Police Station yesterday. The event was scheduled for last week, but the snow storm changed those plans. Though the snow started to fall again just as the dignitaries were putting shovel to earth, it did not dampen their spirits.

Especially not the spirits of Mayor Carolyn Floyd, who's been involved in the quest for a new police station as long as anyone:

-- (Station 1 31 sec "There's been many years ... excited about it.")

City Manager Linda Freed fought long and hard for a new station, and even though she will be retired before construction is complete, she's excited to be leaving this structure for the city:

-- (Station 2 21 sec "It's pretty exciting ... within a week or two.")

Councilman Gabriel (GABE-real) Saravia also felt a sense of relief in this step of the drawn-out process.

-- (Station 3 9 sec "I think it's a great day ... everybody's going to be happy.")

The man who will run the new station, Police Chief T.C. Kamai, was all smiles during the ceremony and afterwards:

-- (Station 4 25 sec "Oh it's a fantastic day ... you have to be optimistic.")

The jail portion of building will be closed in, but not completed until the state supplies more funding.

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