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Attending a ground-breaking ceremony for Putnam 1st Mercantile Bank are, from left, Albert Smith, CFO; George Halford, Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce president/ CEO; Ricky Shelton, Cookeville city council; Jean Davis, city council; Alma Anderson, city council; Kim Blaylock, Putnam County executive; Larry Vickers, bank CEO/ board chair; Peter Metts, AEI architect; David Stites, J&S Construction; Margaret Maxwell; David Maxwell, bank executive v.p.; Shelly Hutchison, bank v.p. of business development; Brian Finley, bank COO; Ricky Sherrell, bank board; Terry Kendall, bank board.

Putnam 1st Mercantile breaks ground on permanent site

COOKEVILLE — Putnam 1st Mercantile Bank celebrated a ground-breaking ceremony Oct. 20.

The bank opened in November of 2005 and is owned primarily by citizens from the Upper

Cumberland.

“We are pleased with our early success and appreciate the reception that Cookeville and the Upper Cumberland have given us,” said bank CEO Larry Vickers. “Our new facility will enable us to con-

tinue to improve and expand our service to this community,” said Larry E. Vickers, CEO.

The Bank is slated to have several distinctive features including a clock tower reminiscent of the clock tower that adorned the

Putnam County Courthouse for most of the 20th century.

J & S Construction is working with the architectural firm, AEI to complete the project. The building is expected to be finished by summer 2007.