



APSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES SERVICE AWARD

JIM DURRETT

Former Mayor of Montgomery County, Tennessee

Jim Durrett is the former mayor of Montgomery County, Tennessee. He was previously the director of streets for the city of Clarksville, where he served for 20 years. He then served as chief of staff for the city of Clarksville. From 2014 to 2022, he completed two terms as mayor, and in that time, his administration completed several projects that have benefited to the local community and Austin Peay State University. In 2017, Montgomery County was one of only seven Army communities worldwide to be recognized in Washington, D.C., with an Army Community Partnership Award. By August 2016, the Durrett administration broke ground for the Downtown Commons, an outdoor gathering space in the heart of Clarksville. In November 2020, the county broke ground on F&M Bank Arena, a state-of-the-art multi-purpose event center located at 101 Main St. in Clarksville. The 250,000-square-foot facility is home to the Austin Peay men's and women's basketball teams, and will begin hosting events for the University and its surrounding communities in July 2023. Over the years, Jim and his wife Mary have personally supported Austin Peay through the Candlelight Ball and various other athletic and academic funds.