

APPROVED

*Approved
4-23-12
Richard Tester
Vice Chair*

County County Tomorrow, LLC Minutes

**March 26, 2012
Place: Mapes Piano String**

Present: Delisa LaFleur, Pat Hicks, Sonja Culler, Felicia English, Tom Bowers, Bill Bautis, Richard Tester, David Bautista, Steve Lowrance, Tom Anderson, Annika Hampton, Leon Humphrey, Kim Eggers, Jason Mullins, Bill Schaff, Bob Schaff, John Thompson, Jason Mullins

Minutes approved motion made by Richard Tester, second by Sonja Culler

Financials approved motion made by Sonja Culler, second by Pat Hicks

Guests: Rusty Melton, Matt Garland

Presentation on the history of Mapes Piano Company was given. Mapes is celebrating 100 years of business this year. Mapes was founded in 1912 in New York State and began operations in East Tennessee in 1951 and by 1971 the Schaff family transferred the entire business to Elizabethton.

Before the tour Chairman Lowrance presented Bill & Bob Schaff family with a plaque in recognition for the decades of service and commitment to Elizabethton/Carter County. We were divided in groups of 5 to tour the 170,000 square feet business in which makes piano string and guitar string.

Presentation was given by Rusty Melton founder of cartercountyhistory.com. The Adult Leadership inspired him to create the website of the history of Carter County/Elizabethton. The website also includes information on area schools, local demographics, industry, local attractions and other items of interest. Melton encouraged the public to participate in the documentation of Carter County history by submitting photos and other items for the website.

No old business

Next meeting: Monday April 23 at 5:00 at Chamber of Commerce boardroom.

Meeting adjourned!

Everyone was invited to Lonestar for dinner hosted by The Schaff Family.

Recording minutes: Kim Eggers

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COUNTY CLERK
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