

# Positively UC

*A moment to focus on the good our team is doing every day*



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## NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED

In the latest Executive Committee meetings for UCDD and UCHRA, which took place on February 24, Jeff Mason, the Mayor of Smith County, was appointed as Chairman for both boards, while Allen Foster, the Mayor of Cumberland County, was designated as Vice Chairman.

These appointments come after the passing of Board Chairman Randy Heady in January.

*To watch a recording of the recent Executive Committee meetings or explore previous UCDD-UCHRA meetings and events, please visit our YouTube channel: UC Connect (@ucconnect66973).*



JEFF MASON  
UCDD & UCHRA Chairman



ALLEN FOSTER  
UCDD & UCHRA Vice Chairman



## PUTNAM COUNTY HOLDS FIRST COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION AT COOKEVILLE OFFICE



We want to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who volunteered at our recent commodities distribution event in Putnam County.

This event marked our first time hosting at the Putnam County UCHRA office—and thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, the transition was a success!

Your time, effort, and commitment to serving our community do not go unnoticed. Events like these are made possible because of individuals like you who step up to support those in need.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to continuing to serve the community together.

*Special thanks to Macey Korth for taking photos of the event!*





## READY WHEN YOU ARE!

Mayors recently got a first-hand look at the newly-wrapped Pick-Up Upper Cumberland vehicles, including the new Mustang Mach-e. Pick-Up Upper Cumberland, powered by UCHRA Public Transportation, is an on-demand transportation service currently offered in Cumberland and Putnam counties. To learn more, visit [ucpublictransit.com](http://ucpublictransit.com).

## WALKER NAMED UCDD CHILI CONTEST CHAMP



Ty Walker, UCDD GIS Specialist, has earned a new title: Chili Cook-Off Champion. His smoky chili claimed the top prize at the second annual UCDD Chili Cook-Off.

The runner-ups were Ben McCrea, Economic Development Planner, in second place, and Jeff Hodges, HCBS Programs Manager, who secured third place.

Congratulations, Ty, and thank you to all who participated this year — we'll see you in 2026!



### WHO WE ARE

#### OUR MISSION

*To help the Upper Cumberland region cultivate self-sufficiency and build true wealth through innovation, collaboration, and leadership.*

#### OUR VISION

*A region abundant in resources, fostering a productive and vibrant life for the people of the Upper Cumberland.*

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