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Mayor Jacobs Shares Thoughts About County Executive Dwight Kessel

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs issues the following statement on the passing of former County Executive Dwight Kessel:

“I am deeply saddened to learn about the passing of Dwight Kessel, Knox County’s first County Executive. He is recognized, and rightfully so, as one of the people responsible for setting Knox County on the path of outstanding local governance.

Keenly focused and fiscally astute, Mr. Kessel set a high bar for local government leaders. During his tenure, the city and county school systems were consolidated and centralized finance, accounting, and procurement practices were adopted. Mr. Kessel’s financial stewardship and commitment to fiscal stability was impeccable.

On a personal level, I had the pleasure of visiting with Mr. Kessel several times. He was humble, kind, and witty, but what impressed me most was his astonishing recollection of people and events. He will certainly be missed, but his legacy remains steadfast today.”

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