

At a glance

I-65 ARDMORE WELCOME CENTER RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and the Tennessee Department of Transportation hosted the official grand opening ceremony of the I-65 Ardmore Welcome Center on April 11 in Giles County.

Among those in attendance were John Schroer, commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Tom Lightsey, deputy commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, Carolyn Thompson, mayor of Elkton, Brenda Anderson, Welcome Center manager, Janice Rich, Welcome Center regional manager, Tim McConnell, mayor of Ardmore, Janet Van Zant, mayor of Giles County, Barry Young, director of Tennessee Welcome Centers

Designed as a log cabin and featuring 4,989 square feet, the facility combines the warmth of Tennessee with the modern advantage of new construction, including sustainable features such as geothermal heating and cooling and a solar array.

Tennessee has 14 Welcome Centers primarily located along the interstate highway system. The Centers are constructed by the Tennessee Department of Transportation and operated by the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development.



John Schroer, commissioner of TDOT



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Mary Baggett, Brenda Anderson, Janice Rich, Sherry Clifton, Peggy Holt, Barry Young



Tom Lightsey, deputy commissioner of TDTD



Gary Heflin, Nashville CVB



Brenda Anderson, Barry Young, Tommy Scott, Janice Rich



A young visitor viewing Tennessee attractions



Rene Lance, Kathy DuMont, Rena Purdy



Bob Swinney, Kline Swinney Architects



Tommy Scott and daughter Kate



Connie Holbort, Dixie Stampede



Paula Hankins and Brad Henton, Country Music Hall of Fame



Michael Schultz, Sen. Alexander's office



David Andersen, "Ambassador of Music City"



Paul Goode, Sen. Corker's office