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organized by the City of Pikeville also included officials from the Pike County Fiscal Court, Coal Run and Elkhorn City.

“The city went out to the county, the county went to the city. That’s what happens when people work together,” Carter said. “What was it — over 600 Swiftwater rescues?”

Judge-Executive Ray Jones acknowledged the severity of the situation and the efforts of first responders.

“The last five and a half weeks have been really tough,” he said. “We had 600 water rescues. A lot of those were done by agencies here in the county. The cooperation between city and county has truly been remarkable, not just in this event, but through the 2022 flood.”

He highlighted the efforts of telecommunicators, who coordinated rescues despite overwhelming distress calls.

“People were calling the Emergency Opera-

tions Center, saying they couldn’t get help. It was heartbreaking,” he said. “But telecommunicators remained professional, trying to reassure people while dispatching rescue teams across the county.”

Coal Run Mayor Andrew Scott echoed these sentiments.

“We woke up Saturday morning with the National Weather Service forecasting the river at 32.5 feet,” he said. “We didn’t have a lot of time to get people out. But because of our first responders — firefighters, police officers, EMTs, volunteers—lives were saved.”

A proclamation was issued to honor first responders by Carter.

“Whereas the recent flooding in Pike County presented significant challenges to our community, and whereas our first responders bravely put themselves in dangerous situations to protect and rescue citizens, I proclaim this day in their honor.”



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**Man charged with threatening county judge-executive**

**A News-Express Staff Report**



**Ronald Ferguson**

A federal grand jury recently convened and returned a true bill indicting a Pike County man who allegedly threatened the life of Pike County Judge-Executive Ray S. Jones.

the Facebook platform, the charge is considered interstate commerce and elevates the threat from state and local jurisdiction to a federal crime.

If convicted on the sole count in the indictment, Ferguson could face up to five years in prison and a fine up to \$250,000.

Ronald Ferguson, 47, of Bowling Fork, Elkhorn City, is accused of posting a Facebook video “containing a threat to injure or kill Pike County Judge-Executive Ray S. Jones II,” according to the indictment. The post was made Feb. 27.

Because of the nature of

**Public Notice**

Breaks Interstate Park Commission will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 11am at 627 Commission Drive, Breaks, VA 24607.

Authorized by Rick Mullins  
Commission Chairman