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The board approved its annual meeting agenda and schedule for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

The schedule includes meetings at various schools throughout the district, allowing board members to conduct business while visiting school campuses. Regular meetings will be held: August 3, 2026, at the Board Office in Union City; Sept. 8, 2026, at South Fulton Middle/High School; Sept. 28, 2026, at the Board Office in Union City; Nov. 2, 2026, at Hillcrest Elementary School in Troy; Jan. 4, 2027, at the Board Office in Union City; Feb. 1, 2027, at South Fulton Elementary School; March 1, 2027, at Lake Road Elementary School in Union City; April 5, 2027, at Obion County Middle School in Union City; May 3, 2027, at Obion County Central High School in Troy; June 7, 2027, at the Board Office in Union City; and June 28, 2027, at the Board Office in Union City.

The board also approved a cancellation of the December 2026 regular meeting when no county business is conducted in December and noted there will be no regular meeting in July 2027.

Board members approved annual authorization for football and basketball teams to conduct athletic practice during the regular school day during the 2026-27 school year.

State Board of Education regulations require local boards to approve any athletic practices conducted during regular school hours annually.

Watkins noted all practices must comply with the same rules, regulations and seasonal requirements that apply to practices conducted outside normal school hours.

The board also approved granting authority to the director of schools or his des-

ignee to dismiss students or groups of students during the school day for participation in athletic practices and competitions.

The authority applies to baseball, football, basketball and similar extracurricular athletic activities occurring during regular school hours. Watkins noted that some times athletic competitions are held at locations farther away and require the student athletes to leave before the end of the school day, especially in play-off games and state competitions.

Board members approved the district's Fiscal Year 2027 Consolidated Application for federal funding programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

The merged project period will run from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and includes federal funding designated for special education services, academic programs and student support initiatives.

The board approved individual school and athletic budgets for the 2026-27 school year.

Budgets approved included: Hillcrest Elementary School, with total estimated revenues of \$33,200, total estimated expenditures of \$29,500, for total estimated revenues over estimated expenditures of \$3,700; Lake Road Elementary School, with total estimated revenues of \$36,500, total estimated expenditures of \$32,000, for total estimated revenues over estimated expenditures of \$4,500; South Fulton Elementary School, with total estimated revenues of \$21,260, total estimated expenditures of \$20,025, for total estimated revenues over estimated expenditures of \$1,235; South

Fulton Middle/High School, with total estimated revenues of \$18,575, total estimated expenditures of \$22,500, for total estimated revenues over estimated expenditures of (\$3,925); Obion County Central High School, with total estimated revenues of \$25,540, total estimated expenditures of \$26,050, for total estimated revenues over estimated expenditures of (\$510.) With a July 1, 2026, estimated beginning fund balance of \$45,121 and a June 30, 2027, estimated fund balance of \$44,611; South Fulton Middle School Athletics, with total estimated expenditures of \$34,000; South Fulton High School Athletics, with total estimated expenditures of \$58,000; and Obion County Central High School Athletics, with total estimated revenues of \$153,300, total estimated expenditures of \$137,000, for total estimated revenues over estimated expenditures of \$16,300. With a July 1, 2026, estimated beginning fund balance of \$69,000 and a June 30, 2027, estimated fund balance of \$85,300.

The approvals establish spending plans and operational budgets for schools and athletic programs during the upcoming fiscal year.

Board members considered and approved a bid from VMI Systems Corporation of \$37,000 for walk-through metal detectors as part of ongoing efforts to enhance school safety and security throughout the district.

A second bid of \$28,200 from SW Swiss was rejected for not meeting all bid specifications.

The purchase aligns with continued statewide and local initiatives aimed at strengthening campus security measures and improving screening capabilities at school events and facilities.

The board approved multi-

ple amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

The amendments will be forwarded to the Obion County Budget Committee and County Commission for final approval.

Approved amendments included: Donations totaling 336,913; Public School Security Grant funding totaling 773,560; and Transition School to Work Grant funding totaling \$159,110.

Watkins said the amendments reflect additional revenues, grant awards, donations and end-of-year accounting adjustments necessary to accurately reflect district finances.

The Summer Learning Camp Grant will support summer academic programming, while the Public School Security Grant provides funding for security-related improvements and equipment.

The Transition School to Work Grant supports programming designed to assist students in preparing for employment and postsecondary opportunities.

As one of its final business items, the board approved the amended 2026-27 Obion County Schools budget. Watkins said the school district had to cut over \$275,000 dollars from its proposed 2026-27 budget as the Obion County Commission agreed that the amount citing lower enrollment numbers.

Watkins also noted that if any more cuts are made, the district will have to begin cutting programs for the students of Obion County, as the district is now operating with the minimum number of personnel required by the state. Watkins did note that the school district is showing a growing fund balance, which is a promising sign.

Watkins shared that work

is ongoing on refreshing the schools ahead of the 2026-27 school year and the new day care program is getting closer to opening.

Watkins also noted that the search for a new basketball coach at Obion County Central High School is underway. Following announcements

and concluding remarks, the board adjourned its regular June meeting.

The Obion County Board of Education is scheduled to meet again on Mon., June 29, for budget-related matters before beginning its 2026-27 regular meeting schedule in August.

JOB OPENING PUBLIC WORKS LINE MAINTENANCE WORKER

The City of Hickman seeks an individual that enjoys working outside with their hands for a LINE MAINTENANCE WORKER position. The employee performs a variety of activities in a crew and/or independently to aid in construction, maintenance, and repair of the City's utility lines. The position requires the employee to be physically capable to perform heavy manual labor, able to operate a variety of hand and power tools, and able to operate motorized equipment to construct, maintain, and repair lines in the city's water, sewer, and gas systems.

In addition to being capable of meeting the physical demands of the position, the successful applicant must also possess a high school diploma or equivalent and a valid driver's license with a good driving record. A full description with duties is available by contacting Robert Griggs, City Manager at citymanager@cityofhickman.org

Applications for the position may be picked up at Hickman City Hall, through Indeed, or by email to citymanager@cityofhickman.org Pay is based on experience with working on water, sewer, or gas lines and any related utility certifications current in the applicant's possession. Deadline for applications is 4PM on JUNE 17, 2026. The City of Hickman is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION

The following properties have been approved by the City of South Fulton Planning & Zoning Commission, to begin the condemnation process.

**Property located at 115 Oak St.,
Parcel # 007G C 022.00
Property Owner: Bruce Townsend**

**Property located at 118 Roach St.,
Parcel # 007E A 031.00
Property Owner: Mark Johnson and
Charles Johnson**

**Property located at 118 Oak St.,
Parcel # 007G B 009.00
Property Owner: Kimberly Renee Dillon**

**Property located at 308 Holmes St.,
Parcel # 007K C 025.00
Property Owner: Aaron Jay Contreas**

**Property located at 201 Williams St.,
Parcel # 007F D 021.00
Property Owner: Major Martin**

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cy. The Policy's provision on assigned City vehicles states that an employee assigned a vehicle keeps and maintains it "for business and personal use during the time of assignment." The Policy authorizes both business and personal use - not business use alone.

As Chief of Police, I am subject to 24-hour on-call duty and must be available to the City at all hours, which makes my position eligible for vehicle assignment under the Policy. Other Fulton department heads, including the Fire Chief and the Director of Public Works, have for years used their assigned City vehicles for local personal stops without discipline. That is the City's own settled practice. Union City sits a short drive south of Fulton on a regional corridor that City personnel and residents travel routinely.

Allegation Two: The Encounter at the Union City Business

I deny the Notice's account of my visit. My visit was not about any disciplinary action against me. I went to speak with the Commissioner about an interrogation request the City had directed to me - a request connected to an investigation the Police Department had conducted into a public official. The conversation also included an inquiry about the possibility of an investigation into another public official. The matter concerned my official duties as Chief of Police. The conversation was firm and passionate but was not menacing or inappropriate in any way.

I did not berate the Commissioner. I did not pound my fists on the table. I did tap it three times within a single sentence for emphasis on the words I was speaking. In response to one of the commissioner's questions, I said, "No, no, no," with three corresponding taps. There was no threat, no raised voice that any reasonable person would call threatening, and no physical contact of any kind. The allegations identify no witness, and no one present had cause to fear for his safety.

I was never asked to leave. Our conversation ended when the Commissioner stated that he needed to go. I left

at that point.

How the conversation ended is telling. As I was leaving, one of the last things the Commissioner said to me was an assurance of his past support for me and his continued support going forward. Those are not the words of a person who had just been on the receiving end of the conduct the allegations describe.

In my view, the Notice's wording-pairing dramatic, specific physical claims such as "berated" and "pounded your fists on the table" with conditional disclaimers such as "if true" and "apparently" reads as prepared advocacy rather than a contemporaneous account from a witness. That language was supplied to the account rather than drawn from it. It was drafted to support a predetermined

conclusion, not reported by a witness describing what he saw.

Workplace Violence and "Conduct Unbecoming"

The City's Workplace Violence Policy is not implicated. The allegations describe no threat, no act of violence, no abusive conduct of the type the policy addresses, and no statement that any person feared harm. There is also a contradiction in the City's position: it describes my trip as "personal," yet the Workplace Violence Policy applies only to conduct while performing City job duties. Both cannot be true.

I deny these allegations without qualification. I followed the City's own policy, and I conducted myself appropriately.

Nothing in this statement is intended as an accusation

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of wrongdoing or an allegation of untruthfulness or bad faith against any person or the City. My purpose is not to assign blame, but to ensure that the community I have served for nearly twenty-five years has access to my account of the facts before drawing its own conclusions. I have served this community with integrity and am deeply hurt and saddened by these recent events. I continue to wish the very best for the people of Fulton and will always be grateful for the privilege of having served them.

TWO DAY AUCTION

June 12 and June 13, 2026 • 9 A.M.

Location: 359 S. Washington St., Clinton, Ky 42031

Selling the massive collection of Jerry Rushing, living estate auction. Real Estate, Autos, Tractors & Equipment, Tools, Machine Shop tools and machines, Outbuilding, Firearms/Ammo, and lots more!



FRIDAY JUNE 12th

Bridgeport "Power feed" 2hp Mill w/digital readout single phase, Grizzly metal lathe single phase, Craftsman "Atlas" 12 single phase lathe, Lg Horizontal metal band saw/new blades, Sm Horizontal metal band saw, I beam A frame w/trolley & chain hoist, Northstar 1300 watt generator, Transmission jack, English wheel, Sand blaster(s), Pipe clamps, Bolt bins, bolts, washer & nuts, 4 drawer metal Law-son tool cabinet, Wooden 150 bin cabinet, Stacking tool boxes with drill/mill bits, Engine Hoist heavy duty, Chain Hoist(s), House screw jacks, several sizes, Vises, Miller M-225 Welder, Appliance dolly, Buffalo Drill Press, Large press, Hobart welder w/cart, Torch sets, cables, ext. cords, Gerry cans, Tap & Die sets SAE & Metric, Machinist tool boxes w/tools several, Ramsey PTO winch, Mill vise, clamp set, index mill, NIB Dayton 3/4-1 1/2 hp elec. Motors, Chain Saw, Battery Chargers/testers, Chains, binders, ratchet straps, O rings, bottle jacks, metal plates or more!!

SATURDAY JUNE 13th

House and 2 lots located at 359 S Washington (US 51) Clinton, KY 42031 Offering in Tracts Selling 2 Bedroom 1 Bath House with a recent roof, 2 car carport plus large covered carport/shed attached to the rear of the home. Double lot provides potential for adding additional building, second dwelling or enjoying extra yard space. See terms on brochure on auctionzip

2025 Subaru "Outback" loaded w/options and only 712 miles, **2004 Ford F350 V** 4x4 Power stroke, 6 spd, "Granny low" Steel pusher bumper, Fleetside LWB, tool box, V8—Only 121292 miles, **1995 Dodge D250 4x2** w/5.9 Cummins DSL (turbo) 135,587 miles, **2008 Toyota Sienna** Mini van only 198K miles

Ford 4100 Tractor 6' PTO Bushhog, 6" Rear Blade, PTO Posthole Digger, Ford 601 Tractor, 16' Utili-ty Trailer, Gooseneck Flatbed Trailer, 2 wheel Trailer, Kubota ZTM 121 S w/257 hrs 21 hp Kohler, John Deere Riding Mower S130 22 hp w/24 hrs Briggs, ATV Sprayer, 12 x 20 Portable Storage Building, 500 gallon LP tank, several sm LP tanks, Butler 80' x 90' x 18' Clear Span Metal Building "Never unbanded" Red iron structure, roof system, walls, blueprints included., Army surplus, camping gear and more more more!!

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of Fulton will receive sealed bids for the modernization and rehabilitation of a 3-bedroom dwelling unit located on Vernon Ave. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. On Thursday, June 25, 2026, at the address listed below. At said time and place, all bids properly received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid documents, specifications, and contract documents may be obtained beginning Wednesday, June 3, 2026, during normal business hours, which are listed below.

A pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Attendance is not mandatory.

This project is funded in whole or in part by federal funds and is subject to all applicable federal requirements, including but not limited to Davis-Bacon Federal Wage Rates, Section 3 requirements pursuant to 24 CFR Part 75, Equal Employment Opportunity requirements, and all applicable HUD regulations.

Bidders must be properly licensed, bonded, and insured in accordance with all applicable state and local laws.

The Housing Authority of Fulton reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding process, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Housing Authority.

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