



Curlin named new Principal at Fulton Ind. School District

Fulton Independent School District recently announced Amanda Curlin as their new Principal. Curlin brings more than 25 years of educational experience to the position, along with a proven record of instructional leadership, student advocacy, and commitment to academic excellence. Having served as a teacher within Fulton Independent School and throughout Kentucky and Alabama, she brings an experience-based understanding of the district's mission, values, and commitment to student success.

Throughout her career, Curlin has served in a variety of educational roles that include Classroom Teacher, Intervention Specialist, Library Media Specialist, STEM Teacher, and most recently Third Grade Teacher at Carr Elementary School. Her diverse experiences have provided her with extensive knowledge in curriculum development, data analysis, intervention strategies, instructional coaching, PBIS, RTI implementation, and professional development.

Curlin holds an Educa-

tion Specialist degree in Instructional Leadership, Principal from the University of the Cumberlands. She has also earned advanced degrees and certifications in Elementary and Special Education, Library Media Science, Director of Pupil Personnel, and Supervisor of Instruction. She is a Google Certified Educator, LETRS-trained educator, Project Lead the Way instructor, Cooperating Teacher Mentor, and an active member of numerous educational and professional organizations.

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Curlin



SUMMER READING OFF TO A 'ROARING START' - Week 1 of Summer Reading was a roaring success at the Fulton Public Library. Young paleontologists learned all about fossils and how they help us uncover clues about life from long ago. They put their skills to the test during their own fossil excavation, searching for hidden discoveries just like real scientists! Then they wrapped up the day with Pin the Tail on the Dino! (Photos submitted)

Hickman Comm. reviews budget, approves agreements, personnel Actions

Megan Dame

The Hickman City Commission discussed the city's proposed 2026-27 budget, approved several resolutions and personnel matters, and received updates on economic development, infrastructure projects, and community initiatives during its regular monthly meeting Mon., June

8, at 5 p.m. at Hickman City Hall.

Mayor Heath Carlton, Mayor pro tem Richard Holloway, city manager Robert Griggs, Police Chief Ryan Amberg, city attorney Leanna Wilkerson, and commissioners Robin Amberg, James Bridges, and John Wiley-Gannon were all present. Once the meeting was

opened with prayer and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the commission approved minutes from the May 11 regular meeting and May 28 special meeting before hearing reports from city departments and community partners.

Amberg said the department has experienced a significant increase in theft

investigations at the Dollar General store and credited local investigators with helping identify suspects.

"We've been able to close several of them," Amberg said. "We've got some pretty good private investigators here in Hickman, so they've been helping to identify these people."

The department also is-

sued five city ordinance warnings during the reporting period.

Amberg provided updates on fundraising efforts for the department's annual "Shop With a Cop" program, including plans for a Color Run fundraiser that was successful last year.

"All the money from the Color Run goes toward Shop

With a Cop," Amberg said.

Economic Development Director Mark Welch provided an extensive report on business development efforts across Fulton County.

Welch announced the launch of a new Business Retention and Expansion program, including an industry

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Kentucky State Auditor releases Fulton County Fiscal Court Audit

Kentucky State Auditor Allison Ball recently released the audit of the financial statements of the Fulton County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. State law requires annual audits of county fiscal courts.

Auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the

financial statements presented fairly the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances of the Fulton County Fiscal Court in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The fiscal court's financial statement did not follow this format. However, the fiscal court's fi-

ancial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, which is an acceptable reporting methodology. This reporting methodology is followed for 116 of 120 fiscal court audits in Kentucky.

Finding: The Fulton County Fiscal Court Failed To

Implement Adequate Internal Controls Over Accounting Functions and Financial Reporting Including Adequately Segregating Duties

This is a repeat finding and was included in the prior year audit report as finding 2024-001. The Fulton County Fiscal Court lacks adequate segregation of duties and failed to provide sufficient oversight and monitoring of accounting functions and the financial reporting for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The county treasurer is responsible for preparing deposits, posting to the receipt ledger, preparing checks, posting

to the disbursements ledger, performing monthly bank reconciliations, and preparing monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports. There were no functioning and documented internal controls in place to monitor, provide oversight, or check the work performed by the county treasurer in fiscal year 2025, which allowed the county treasurer to have total control over the accounting and reporting functions. The fourth quarter financial statement submitted to the Department for Local Government did not accurately reflect the financial activities of the county as it was materially

inaccurate.

Recommendations

We recommend the Fulton County Fiscal Court segregate the duties involved in recording receipts and disbursements, reconciling bank accounts, and preparing monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports so that one individual does not have control over all accounting and reporting functions. If segregation of duties is not possible, appropriate management oversight should ensure the completion of accurate financial reports, including budgetary amounts, actual receipts,

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SF Comm. fails to reach quorum for second consecutive meeting

Megan Dame

The South Fulton City Commission was unable to conduct business Friday afternoon after failing to achieve a quorum, marking the second consecutive meeting canceled due to a lack of attendance by commission members.

Mayor Kent Greer informed those in attendance that the meeting could not proceed because fewer than the required three members were present. He expressed concern over the commission's inability to address city matters and said he would not approve any additional city checks until the commission convenes and takes official

action.

"You can't conduct business if you don't meet," Greer said.

Greer emphasized that each member of the city's governing body has a responsibility to attend meetings and represent the residents of South Fulton. The commission consists of the mayor and four commissioners, with at least three members required to be present in order to legally conduct business.

The city is currently operating with a vacant Ward 1 commission seat. An appointment to fill the remainder of that term remains pending and cannot be approved until the commission is able to meet and take action.

Friday's agenda included several items of city business, including the presentation of the proposed 2026-27 fis-

cal year budget. The budget discussion comes as the city approaches the start of a new fiscal year on July 1 and faces important financial planning decisions.

The canceled meeting follows a similar situation on May 21, when commissioners were also unable to convene because a quorum was not present. The city business presented must be completed, including consent agenda items for both April and May, budget readings, flood damage and approval of grant applications, which could be past deadline.

With two meetings canceled in less than two weeks, several important city matters remain unresolved and the agenda will only grow longer until enough commission members are present to conduct official business.



TWIN CITIES SATURDAY - The Fulton Farmer Market Pavilion, 300 Walnut St., will host Twin Cities Saturday on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. The theme for June 6 was Kids Day, with bouncy houses, popcorn machines and bubbles provided. June 27 will be America Day, as people attending are asked to wear red, white and blue, Aug. 1 Back to School Day with fun, games and snacks provided, and Sept. 5 Kickoff to Fall with cornhole, tailgating and football bash. (Photos submitted)