

Minutes from the Hickman County Ambulance Board regular meeting held Oct. 7, 2025

On October 7, 2025, a regular meeting of the Hickman County Ambulance Board was held at the Clinton-Hickman County Ambulance Service located at 324 James H. Phillips Drive in Clinton, Kentucky.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bobby Gifford at 6:00 p.m. After a welcome and invocation, the roll call of members was held with the following members present:

Bobby Gifford
Chad Frizzell
Billy Little
Kevin Cunningham
Melanie Barber
Laura Poole
Jerome Jenkins
Nancy Davis

After the roll call, the

following guests were recognized as present: Former EMS Director Paula Boaz, EMS Director Sandy Pickard, and EMT-A Gary Walker.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Jerome Jenkins and seconded by Laura Poole to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Laura Poole and seconded by Melanie Barber to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2025 special-called meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report

- Financial Report: A motion was made by Bill Little and seconded by Jerome Jenkins to approve

the financial report. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Bonding for all board members as provided by law: No action taken. Chair Gifford to further investigate procedure for bonding certain board members.
- Personnel Code: No action taken. Chair Gifford explained this was a moot issue since our EMS provider is a private contractor with private employees.

New Business

- Employees Insurance Assistance. Motion was made by Chad Frizzell and seconded by Laura Poole to amend the current contract with Sandy Pickard to increase the

benefit incentive from \$1580 to \$3500 per month.

- Opioid Grant: Information Only. Chair Gifford verbally presented information to the board about participating in the \$50,000 opioid grant. The information was well received by the board.
- Other Business/Concerns:
 - Ambulance Grant: Chair Gifford advised the board he was seeking grant funding in the amount of \$250,000 for a new ambulance.
 - Gary Walker, guest and EMT-A, verbally presented information regarding the availability of a matching grant for communications equipment. The information was well received by the

board, and Mr. Walker was further encouraged to pursue the opportunity. If board action is required prior to the next regular meeting, a special-called meeting will be convened.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Chad Frizzell and seconded by Jerome Jenkins to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

The Hickman Co. Ambulance board is set to meet Tuesday night, Jan. 6 for the next regular meeting. The agenda for that meeting is as follows:

INTRODUCTIONS

- Welcome
- Invocation
- Roll Call of Board Members
- Recognition of Guests

APPROVAL OF MIN-

UTES

- Regular meeting held October 7, 2025

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

- Matching grant for communications equipment (Gary Walker)

NEW BUSINESS

- EMS Provider (aka Independent Contractor) Annual Contract
- Updates to By-Laws
 - o Meeting Date
 - o Election of Officers
 - o Independent contractor
- USPS or Electronic Delivery of Financial Report
- Certificate of Deposit
- Employee Benefit Incentive
- Other business and/or concerns of the board and public



Honoring Our Veterans
In Memory
William Dennis Rushing
US Army

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and unwavering faith. His influence will continue to be felt through the many lives he touched and the family and church he so dearly loved.

Ernest Lee is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sylvia Williams; his son, Ricky (Jami) Williams of Bardwell; two grandchildren, Abigail (Noah) Norsworthy of Paducah, and Jackson Williams of Bardwell; and one great-grandchild, Noble Norsworthy.

He is preceded in death by his two brothers, Ed Payne Williams and Gordon Williams; and his parents.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025, at Bardwell Baptist Church, with Bro. Jason Burnett and Noah Norsworthy officiating. Burial followed at Roselawn Cemetery, in Bardwell, Ky.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Bardwell Baptist Church, PO Box 147, Bardwell, KY, 42023 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

A long overdue pilgrimage to the London bookshop that inspired a famous romance on the silver screen

By BERRY CRAIG

Many of my friends say I learn toward the curmudgeonly side. I plead guilty. But I also confess to having a sentimental side. I'm a sucker for romantic comedies.

"Notting Hill," starring Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts, is one of my favorite rom coms. Melinda and I saw it on the big screen shortly after it came out in 1999. I've viewed the film at home on TV several times since. I can almost lip synch it. The movie largely centers on the fictitious "Travel Book Company," a little shop in London's Notting Hill neighborhood. Melinda and I have visited Britain's capital city more than a few times. But last summer, I decided it was past time for a pilgrimage to Notting Hill. Melinda, who never met a bookstore she didn't like, readily agreed.

There's a real "Notting Hill Bookshop." But it's not where bookseller William Thacker (Grant)



is first wowed by famous American actress Anna Scott (Roberts) when she comes in to browse.

A familiar London "blue plaque" on the storefront explains "The Travel Book Co featured in the film NOTTING HILL was inspired by a bookshop established on this site in 1981. The original interior and shop front remain today."

The Notting Hill Bookshop website says, "In 1999 the bookshop be-

came famous after its interior had been copied in the Notting Hill film featuring Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts. Ever since the premiere we've enjoyed visits from thousands of fans of the film coming from all over the world."

The shop is at 13 Blenheim Crescent. Look for the blue sign and the pair of blue front doors. The one on the right with "13" printed on the transom is the entrance.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HICKMAN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-CI-00046

HAZEL ENTERPRISES, LLC

PETITIONER

VS

ADVERTISEMENT PURSUANT TO KRS 426.200 AND KRS 426.560
And
KENTUCKY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AP IV AS AMENDED JUNE 29, 2017

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR
LEGATEES OF TERRY WEATHERFORD
AND THEIR SPOUSES ET AL

RESPONDENT

By virtue of a In Rem Judgment and Order of Sale in Case No. 21-CI-00046 in Hickman Circuit Court, entered November 6, 2025 I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Clinton, Hickman County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on the **26th day of January, 2026**, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., the following described property:

Property Address: 1738 Hodge Road, Clinton, KY 42031
PVA Map # 057-00-00-037.00

For greater certainty see the following deeds: Deed Book 74, page 53, and Deed Book 74, Page 51 and Donie Elizabeth Jackson died January 3, 1994, all records of the Hickman County Court Clerk.

The property will be sold under the following terms and conditions:

1. At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten (10%) per cent of the purchase price with the balance on credit for 30 days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, **the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety approved by the master commissioner two (2) days prior to the sale** to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 12% from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is the plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount.
2. The bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain, and be a lien on the real property sold as additional security for the payment of the purchase price until the purchase price, plus interest and costs, are full paid. On executions issued upon them no replevy shall be allowed, and sales shall be for cash.
3. The property shall be sold free and clear of the claims of the parties to this action, but it shall be sold subject to the following:
 - a. All current year (2026) ad valorem real estate taxes not yet due and payable and all taxes due thereafter. Buyer shall pay 2026 ad valorem taxes.
 - b. Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record affecting the Real Property.
 - c. Any assessments for public improvements properly levied against the Real Property.
 - d. Any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the Real Property.
 - e. Any right of redemption that may exist in favor of the Defendants.
4. The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on said property to secure payment of said bond, if issued.
This Sale may be cancelled, and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

The undersigned commissioner does not have access to the inside of the above-mentioned property.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2026.

Sue Ellen Morris
Master Commissioner – Hickman Circuit Court
636 Hickman Road
Clinton, Kentucky 42031

'I felt myself lost like an insect in that immensity'

By BERRY CRAIG

All things Roman wowed me in my junior high social studies class.

Aqueducts particularly intrigued me. I remember a black-and-white photo of the mighty Pont du Gard, built in the first century CE--or AD if you prefer--to supply water to Nemausus,a Roman colony in what was then southern Gaul. Gaul became France, and Nemausus is Nimes today.

It was a double-wow seeing the aqueduct in person last summer. A UNESCO World Her-

itage Site and popular park in rural, sunbaked southern France, Pont du Gard provided Nimes almost nine million imperial gallons of water daily. It took 27 hours for the water to run from its source to Nimes, a circuitous 31-mile route.

The aqueduct is named for the River Gau, which it spans. It includes three tiers of arches, towers 160 feet above the river and stretches 902 feet from end to end.

Emperor Caesar Augustus's son-in-law oversaw the construction of the aqueduct, which took 15 years and a crew of 800 to

1,000 workers.

The relic has been wowing visitors for centuries. The 18th century French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau declared, "Only the Romans could have produced such an effect. I felt myself lost like an insect in that immensity." He added with a sigh, "Why was I not born a Roman!"

The American writer Henry James marveled, "The lonely valley seemed to fill itself with the shadow of the Roman name, as if the mighty empire were still as erect as the supports of the aqueduct."