

Not your normal Days of Our Lives Recap

Editor's Note: There are some angry people who call me when the Days column isn't in the paper. Please don't beat me up, but it is being held back this week due to space. It costs a lot to print the paper, and I can't easily add extra pages each week. I just don't want to end up like that financial wreck Titan Industries in Salem! The column will be back next week!

REMEMBERING DONALD

By JACK CALBERT

Donald Mills has died at the age of 90. I remember his Clinton years. He published a mimeographed Clinton "newspaper," he was a lifeguard at his father's swimming pool, and drove a big old car of some mysterious make and origin. Younger teens such as myself hitched rides in it around town or out to Piper's Drive-In south of town.

Donald went on to a successful academic career as a student at the University of Kentucky and as a Rotary Club scholar at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland).

His first journalism job was with the Paducah Sun-Democrat in the 1960s. Donald would go on to professional success as editor of the Lexington Herald newspaper, Kentucky's second paper in terms of circulation.

I bought Donald's family home on West Clay Street in the early part of this century, hoping to restore it. As things turned out it was too far gone for restoration; I was forced to tear it down. I last saw Donald at his 50th Clinton Central High School class reunion in 2004. I regret that we never met again. Do not abandon those who mattered in your life; it may be later than you think.

Legal Notices

Notice is hereby given that Christopher Stone has duly qualified as executor/executrix of the Estate of Elbert Gene Stone, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate shall pay all indebtedness promptly, and all persons having claims against said estate shall present same, properly certified according to law, within six (6) months of this notice to: Christopher Stone, 6835 St. Rt. 58 E, Wingo, KY 42088
Melanie Dowdy
Hickman Co.
Circuit Court Clerk

Notice is hereby given that Dana M. Looper has duly qualified as executor/executrix of the Estate of Paul Moore, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate shall pay all indebtedness promptly, and all persons having claims against said estate shall present same, properly certified according to law, within six (6) months of this notice to: David L. Har-grove, PO Box 315, Mayfield, KY 42066
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Danny Whitlock's & Berry Craig's columns will be back next week! Days of Our Lives recap back next week.

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COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
May 27, 2026
Hickman County Fiscal Court
116 South Jefferson Street
Clinton, KY 42031
270-653-4369
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the Hickman County Senior Center Project.
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:
Request for Release of Funds
On or about June 12, 2026, the Hickman County Fiscal Court will submit a request to the Department for Local Government for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:
Hickman County Senior Center Project
To complete structural repairs and upgrades, including the removal of architectural barriers, at the senior citizens center in Hickman County.
Clinton, Hickman County, Kentucky
Census Tract(s):9701
Finding of No Significant Impact
The Hickman County Fiscal Court has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (PL-91-190) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been made by Hickman County Fiscal Court which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the Hickman County Judge Executive's Office, 116 South Jefferson Street, Clinton KY 42031 and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted.
Public Comments
All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with the ERR decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Hickman County Fiscal Court to Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson. Such written comments should be received at 116 South Jefferson Street, Clinton, KY 42031 on or before June 12, 2026. All such comments so received will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request for a release of funds or taking any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified on the proceeding sentence. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.
Environmental Certification
The Hickman County Fiscal Court will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the Department for Local Government under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Hickman County Fiscal Court is certifying to the state that the Hickman County Fiscal Court and Kenny Wilson, in his official capacity as Judge/Executive, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Hickman County Fiscal Court may use the Block Grant funds and the state and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.
Objection to Release of Funds
The state will accept objections to its release of funds and the Hickman County Fiscal Court certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission dates or its actual receipt for the request (whichever is the later) only if they are on one of the following bases:
(a) The certification was not in fact executed by the Hickman County Fiscal Court Certifying Officer.
(b) The Hickman County Fiscal Court has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision required by S5578.57, 58.53 or 58.64 for the project, as applicable.
(c) The Hickman County Fiscal Court has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at Subparts F and G for the preparation and completion of an EA.
(d) No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.
(e) The recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of the release of funds and approval of the Environmental Certification by HUD or the State.
(f) Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.
Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department for Local Government, Office of Federal Grants, 100 Airport Road 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.
Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after July 29, 2026 will be considered by the state. Potential objectors should contact the Department for Local Government to verify the actual last day of the state Comment period.
Kenny Wilson, Judge/Executive
Hickman County Fiscal Court
116 South Jefferson Street
Clinton, KY 42031
270-653-4369

Hickman County Fiscal Court
Ordinance 2026-01
FINAL BUDGET SUMMARY
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF HICKMAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY:
WHEREAS, the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27 was tentatively approved by the fiscal court on Monday, April 27th, 2026, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Office on May 13, 2026. The adoption and second reading by the fiscal court was held on Thursday, May 21st, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the office of the Hickman County Judge Executive.
SECTION ONE: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.
GENERAL FUND
Category Purpose Budget Appropriation
5000 General Government 1,305,943.00
5100 Protection to Persons and Property 248,700.00
5200 General Health and Sanitation 2,900.00
5300 Social Services 14,600.00
5400 Recreation and Culture 119,600.00
9000 Administration 771,011.20
TOTAL GENERAL FUND 2,462,754.20
ROAD FUND
5100 Protection to Persons and Property 21,000.00
6100 Roads 1,558,850.00
7000 Debt Service 11,600.00
9000 Administration 273,816.50
TOTAL ROAD FUND 1,865,266.50
JAIL FUND
5100 Protection to Persons & Property 120,148.80
9000 Administration 29,600.00
TOTAL JAIL FUND 149,748.80
LGEA FUND
5000 General Government 5,200.00
9000 Administration 1,920.00
TOTAL LGEA FUND 7,120.00
CDBG FUND
5000 General Government 850,000.00
TOTAL CDBG FUND 850,000.00
DES FUND
5100 Protection to Persons & Property 43,775.00
9000 Administration 8,825.00
TOTAL DES FUND 52,600.00
AMBULANCE RENTAL FUND
5000 General Government 30,000.00
9000 Administration 80.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND 30,080.00
CIVIL WAR DAYS
5400 Recreation and Culture 95,840.20
TOTAL CIVIL WAR DAYS FUND 95,840.20
USDA
7000 Debt Service 15,000.00
9000 Administration 16,000.00
TOTAL USDA FUND 31,000.00
Clerk Storage
5000 General Government 5,000.00
9000 Administration 22,500.00
TOTAL CLERK STORAGE 27,500.00
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5000 General Government 62,150.00
TOTAL OPIOID 62,150.00
GRAND TOTAL BUDGETED: \$5,634,059.70
SECTION TWO:
This ordinance shall be published in Hickman County Times by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.
SECTION THREE:
This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY:
All interested persons and organizations in Hickman County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/ Executive during normal business hours.