

Fiscal court

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cannot also hold the office of EMD.

Portion of Hwy. 58 E Clinton to be paved

As fiscal court discussion turned to roads, Judge Wilson commended Tommy Ingrum, superintendent for the KYTC Hickman County Highway Dept., who was present at the meeting, and crew for their work and how well they work with the county. “No matter when you call him, he’s going to answer the phone,” Judge Wilson said.

Bruce Benifield with the Transportation Cabinet was also in attendance at the meeting. He said approximately 10 miles of road from the county line toward Clinton along Hwy. 58 E will be paved and a portion of Hwy. 58 West, along West Clay may be repaired/resurfaced as well.

Other roads listed in the agreement included paving/repairs to portions of Archey Road, Byrd Road, Champion Road, Conner Road, Hatch Road, Henley Road, Hickerson Road, McIntire Road, McWhorter Road, Sweezy Road, Taylor Road, Wade Road, and Watts Road.

Other roads turned in by Tommy Ingrum for consideration are Hwy. 703, 1826, and 1708.

The fiscal court approved the contract with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet contract for \$163,226.00 Flex funds for paving work.

Three New Culverts: The fiscal court approved Resolution 2026-06 with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet contract for \$80,000 80/20 bridge funds for culverts for Clifton Road, Rebiel Road, and Rose Road.

Bridge on Hwy. 51 N (Clinton to Arlington)- Benifield said this should be opened in the next two weeks. Currently, travelers use a temporary road that branches off slightly and reconnects to the main Hwy. 51 road while the bridge work is being completed.

Bridge on 780 – Benifield said they are waiting on posts, and possibly in the next week that bridge will be open. Judge Wilson said, “We need that. They [farmers] need to start getting corn out and there’s no other way to get out that’s halfway decent.”

Bridge on Hwy. 51 S (Clinton to Fulton)- Work will continue through the winter.

Benifield said a setback has been the construction of beams and getting them made and shipped out so construction can be completed.

Bridges needing replacement- Judge Wilson said Dept. Judge/Executive Dawn Mathis has sent the application to the state for work to be done on bridges on Resin Road and Howell Road. He said the Springhill Road bridge work has been completed and was in very good condition.

Public Hearing- Tax Rates

As advertised, a public hearing was held concerning the 2026 County Tax Rates. The floor was opened for discussion from the public concerning the Real Estate Tax at 17.0, which will produce a total of \$542,611. Last year’s rate was 16.6 and produced revenue in the amount of \$488,194.00. With no discussion from the public, the hearing closed and the court voted to approve the rate of 17.0.

The public hearing was opened concerning the Tangible/MV at 11.4. With no discussion from the public, the hearing closed and the court voted to approve the rate of 11.4 (same as last year). Revenue expected from personal property is \$160,135. Revenue expected from Motor Vehicles is \$60,624 and revenue from Watercraft is expected to be \$1,445. Revenue in excess of last year’s revenue will be used for operational costs associated with the Hickman County Dispatch Services.

New John Deere Grader- The fiscal court approved the purchase of a new John Deere 622P grader from McCoy Construction & Forestry, Paducah, Ky., with trade-in allowance. The grader to be traded in was declared surplus property.

James Comer Drive- The fiscal court approved the addition of CR 1064, James Comer Drive to the county road system. This is at Enterprise Park, the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority property on Hwy. 51 between Farmer’s Gin and Oak Hill Country Club, on the south side of the park, in the area of where the new Business Commerce Center will be located. Congressman Comer was instru-

mental in the county acquiring the \$4 million grant for the Center.

Hwy. 51 Project- As noted in a recent Clinton City Council article in the Times, the Hwy. 51 project is still in the state’s six-year road plan. Palmer Engineering has been hired by the state to replace the former engineering firm doing the design work. Plans currently include purchasing and taking down the vacant building that last housed a liquor store (former Speedway years ago) on Hwy. 51 S across from El Sazon restaurant. A large, wide area for turning off Hwy. 51 will be constructed there and run down Kimbro lane (road between River County Supply and Rotary Park) and turn left in front of Greg’s. Plans also include much wider sidewalks in some areas and a crossroads in the area of Acee’s, an area heavily traveled by school youth.

Other:

The fiscal court approved:

- * the second reading of the Budget Amendment
- * a request for donation by the Hickman County All American Cheer Team in the amount of \$100.00.
- * the 2026 Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- * cash transfers of Road to General- Dawn’ salary- \$1,790.97; General to Road- WEX- \$1,601.79 (gas card bill), Jail to Road- WEX- \$127.75 (gas card), and LGEA to General- \$6,000.
- * a request for donation for yearbook ad- \$100.00.

Upcoming dates:

Sept. 7- Labor Day- the Hickman County Judge’s Office will be closed

Sept. 25-27- Fall Cleanup- dumpsters on court square

Next meeting: A special-called meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 31 at 8 a.m. to approve tax rates.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Sept. 28 at 8 a.m.

Visitor Scott Waggoner with Kentucky Publishing based in Paducah encouraged the fiscal court to send their newspaper articles for publication. He said they only publish “good, uplifting news.”

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HICKMAN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-CI-00007

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK OF THE HEARTLAND, INC.
f/d/b/a First Community Bank

PETITIONER

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

BART CRIDER and his wife
PAMELA CRIDER
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS

RESPONDENT

By virtue of an Order of Sale in Case No. 23-CI-00007 in Hickman Circuit Court, entered August 6, 2026, 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 14th day of September, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. the following described property:

Property Address: 424 Taylor Road, Clinton, KY 42031
PVA Map # 033-00-00-021.04, .03, and .01

For greater certainty see Deed Book 118, Page 391, 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 no less than two (2) days prior to the sale to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears 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.

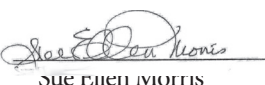
e. Any right of redemption that may exist in favor of the Defendants.

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 the 21st day of August, 2026.



SUE ELLEN MORRIS
Master Commissioner – Hickman Circuit Court
636 Hickman Road
Clinton, Kentucky 42031
270-207-0103

Hold on Leroy!

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night campsite. John, Gus, Kenneth, and I had a little experience in canoes. Most of the kids did not. We all wore life jackets for safety. It was spring and the river was running a little fast for inexperienced canoeist.

Gus and John were in one canoe, and the rule was established that no students could pass them while canoeing. Kenneth and I were in the last canoe, and no students could fall behind us. In this manner, we hoped to keep the students in sight or at least in between the sponsors. I have never laughed so hard as I did during the first 30 minutes on that river.

Students were turning canoes over so often that it was a struggle for Kenneth and me to keep them afloat. I can still hear the warning that came from a canoe carrying Keith Kimbell and Leroy Harper. They had somehow lost both paddles and were at the mercy of the current. I believe it was Keith that shouted, “Hold on Leroy, we’re going into the wall!” The current carried their canoe into a rock wall with a loud crash. I’m not certain they turned over, but Kenneth and I had to retrieve their paddles and get them back to the float.

A canoe with two girls inside had turned over, and one of the girls had

floated to the rock wall and grabbed on to a sapling. She couldn’t climb out of the river so we paddled up closer to her, held our canoe steady, and shouted for her to let go of the tree and float down to our canoe. She screamed, “No.... you come up here and get me!” We did. She held on to the side of our canoe until we could get to shallow water and get her back into her canoe with her companion.

After a couple of hours of this mayhem, the kids got adjusted to the river and stopped turning over, at least as often as before. We floated until around four o’clock when we arrived at our campground. The bank we had to mount and pull our canoes up was about six feet tall, muddy, and steep. It was a struggle, but we all made it up the bank. The only casualty was a snakebite to one of the boys as he maneuvered up the bank. It was a non-poisonous banded water snake and not his first experience with a snakebite.

The bus driver and parents had set up several tents for our overnight camp. They also put out hotdogs, chips, drinks, and cookies. We were all hungry and tired. It didn’t take long for most of us to hit our sleeping bags. Around dark, we found out that a carload of boyfriends who had

driven over from Clinton thought it would be a good idea to join us for our overnight stay. The sponsors let them know in no uncertain terms that it was not OK. They cruised around the campgrounds looking for an opportunity to visit their girlfriends. John and Gus slept outside the two girl tents, blocking the entrance to the tent with their bodies. Kenneth and I slept inside one of the boys tents. No one was looking for an opportunity to visit us.

The next morning brought breakfast and a return to the river. By this point, we were all experienced canoeist and managed to stay upright for the remainder of our float trip. We floated until around noon when we arrived at the home base. We turned our canoes over to the rental people and boarded our bus for the trip back home.

Looking back, I can’t imagine why teachers at that point in time decided to take students on what were clearly risky trips. I don’t know if they still do this, but I would advise caution. We made this trip without any serious injuries. The river was much too fast for inexperienced floaters and almost all of our students had never been in a canoe. I’ll bet many of them never did again.