

# Taking tobacco to task dates back years ago

By BERRY CRAIG

The Fulton-Hickman County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (ASAP), a coalition of community individuals and organizations, wants the County to ban smoking in public buildings.

No doubt, Robert Summers of the old *Columbus Dispatch* would have endorsed an anti-smoking ordinance. About 150 years ago, his paper ran a front-page story trashing tobacco. "One man has no more right to void his tobacco smoke into the face of another man than he has to void his saliva," the un-bylined story said.

Fulton-Hickman ASAP has opted for a kinder, gentler approach to winning hearts and minds. "Our slogans include, 'It's not about the smoker, it's about the smoke,' 'Everyone deserves to breathe clean air' and 'Clean air shows you care,'" explained Sarah Story, a Fulton-Hickman ASAP member.

More information about the "Smoke Free Hickman County Campaign" is available online at <https://smokefreehickman->

co.org/ The website includes a link to a petition supporting "a smoke free ordinance in Hickman County."

Anyway, the *Dispatch* story, reprinted from *The Round Table* magazine, maintained that "... the right of the tobacco hater in the street is equal to that of the tobacco lover; to refrain from smoking in public places is not granting concession, but not to refrain is violating a right.

"Upon actual right, without reference to the sanction of custom, a man would be perfectly justifiable in resenting the smoking of the tobacco near him as a personal affront." Despite a mountain of scientific evidence that smoking leads to deadly diseases, many people still puff and, however unintentionally, jeopardize the health of those nearby, including kids.

"Secondhand smoke and the harmful chemicals in it are known causes of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Respiratory Infections, ear infections, and asthma attacks in infants and children," the website warns. "They are also known causes

of Heart Disease, Stroke, and Lung Cancer in adult non-smokers."

More than a few of editor Robert Summers' readers and advertisers puffed, dipped and chewed. No matter, he allied the *Dispatch* with tobacco's enemies.

In an editor's note to *The Round Table* story, Summers wrote that he was glad to see the widely-read New York periodical joining "its voice with telling force against some of the indecencies of modern society."

In another issue of the *Dispatch*, he said smoking was a serious health hazard and proposed that nobody younger than 21 should be allowed to light up. Would-be puffers, Summers advised, should first spend six weeks studying medical literature about the dangers of smoking.

Summers' anti-tobacco opinions might have made him a heretic in post-Civil War western Kentucky, or anyplace else in the state that produced close to 99 million pounds of the leaf in 1870, according to

Lewis and Richard Collins' old *History of Kentucky*. (Hickman County farmers harvested 664,165 pounds.)

Summers was hardly the first person to take tobacco to task in print.

In 1604, King James I of Great Britain condemned smoking as hellish. In his famous pamphlet, *A Counterblaste to Tobacco*, the monarch maligned smoking as "a custome lothsome to the eye, hateful to the Nose, harmful to the braine, dangerous to the Lungs, and in the blacke stinking fume thereof, nearest resembling the horrible Stigian smoke of the pit that is bottomelesse."

The anonymous author of the *Round Table* story opined that "the street is not a private smoking room." The scribe challenged, "Why may not a man appear on Broadway with a stick strapped horizontally across his back, or an open package of assafoedita in his pocket, or a polecat in his arms, or his clothes dripping with kerosene oil, with as much right as he may smoke there? "Because it is not custom-

ary to carry assafoedita in the pocket, nobody thinks about it; if it only were the custom, we should hear a fearful cry from the tobacco smokers themselves. If a man treads upon another's foot, he apologizes; but he will carelessly void offensive smoke into his very throat and never think that he does anything reprehensible."

James C. Klotter and Lowell H. Harrison cited the *Dispatch's* anti-tobacco editorializing in *A New History of Kentucky*.

"Nearly a century later, in 1965, the U.S. surgeon general reported tobacco's hazardous effects on health," the authors wrote. "For all of the nineteenth century and much of the twentieth, however, few people seriously challenged tobacco's place in American life."

That went double in the Bluegrass State. But times have changed. Several communities, from cities to small towns, have banned smoking in public buildings.

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The Hickman County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for the paving of section of Bethel Road in Hickman County. Persons desiring to place bid may pick up bid packet at the office of the Hickman County Judge Executive, 116 S. Jefferson Street, Clinton, Ky. 42031 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you desire an electronic version, please call our office at 270-653-4369 with that request. Bids should be submitted no later than Friday, April 1, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m. and should be marked SEALED BID, BETHEL ROAD PAVING. Bids will be opened and considered by the Hickman County Fiscal Court at a special called meeting set for Monday, April 4, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m. in the office of the Hickman County Judge Executive. Hickman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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HICKMAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
ORDINANCE 2022-02  
BUDGET AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Year 21-22 annual budget and amendment thereof. Whereas the Hickman County Fiscal Court has realized unbudgeted receipts from the following funds. Be it ordained by the Hickman County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section One: The Budget for Fiscal Year 21-22 is amended to: Increase/Decrease the receipts of the following funds to include unbudgeted receipts From:

A. Receipts

Fund	Acct Number	Description	Amount
ARPA	84-4504-000	ARPA Funds	\$425,382.00
Total Amended Revenues			<b>\$425,382.00</b>

B. Appropriations

Fund	Acct Number	Description	Amount
ARPA	84-9400-548	ARPA Funds	\$425,382.00
Total Amended Appropriations			<b>\$425,382.00</b>

Section Two: This ordinance was approved by the Fiscal Court on March 21, 2022. The second reading and adoption of this said budget amendment is scheduled to be held on April 21, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the office of the Hickman County Judge Executive.

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 and budget amendment in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

Hickman County Fiscal Court  
Ordinance 2022-01  
FINAL SUMMARY  
BUDGET AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Year 21-22 Annual Budget and Amendment thereof. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF HICKMAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

SECTION ONE: The budget for Fiscal Year 21-22 is amended to: Increase/Decrease the receipts of the following funds to include unbudgeted receipts from:

A. Receipts:

Fund	Account Number	Description	Amount
General	01-4101-000	Real Property Tax	\$13,414.56
General	01-4131-000	Franchise Tax	\$14,537.46
General	01-4302-000	Clerk Excess Fees	\$34,391.88
General	01-4727-000	Sheriff Reimburse	\$15,144.97
General	01-4901-000	Surplus/Prior Yr.	\$157,463.62
Road	02-4514-000	DOT Bridges/Flex	\$116,770.28
Road	02-4516-000	Truck Lic Dist	\$23,232.38
Road	02-4901-000	Surplus/Prior Yr	\$87,404.50
Jail	03-4801-000	Interest	\$16,363.14
USDA	75-4504-000	USDA grant	\$16,388.94
USDA	75-4905-000	USDA Bond	\$102,200.00
TOTAL AMENDED REVENUES			\$597,311.73

B. Appropriations

Fund	Account Number	Description	Amount
General	01-9200-999	Reserve for Transfer	\$234,952.49
Road	02-9200-999	Reserve for Transfer	\$227,407.16
Jail	03-9200-999	Reserve for Transfer	\$16,363.14
USDA	75-9200-999	Reserve for Transfer	\$118,588.94
Total Amended Appropriations			\$597,311.73

SECTION TWO: The amounts adjusting the revenue accounts in Section One are for governmental purposes.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication. Approved by the Fiscal Court by 1st reading on February 21, 2022. Approved by the 2nd reading on March 21, 2022.

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.

**New Business Recovery Center opens in Graves County**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced today the opening of a new Business Recovery Center (BRC) in Graves County on Wednesday, March 30 to provide Kentucky businesses impacted by the severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, and tornadoes on Dec. 10-11, 2021 with one-on-one assistance in submitting a disaster loan application.

The new Graves County Business Recovery Center is located in Trace Creek Baptist Church, 3577 KY 131, Mayfield, KY 42006. It opens on Wed., March 30, from noon-5 p.m. The hours will be Monday-Saturday, 8-5 p.m. The Center will be closed on Sunday. It closes permanently on April 30.

The disaster declaration covers Barren, Caldwell, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Taylor, and Warren counties in Kentucky, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA.

**Tid-bits from the 1913 Twice A Week Gazette**

(Courtesy Mr. James Harper)

- \* Screen wire at L.L. Lamkin's
- \* Baled hay and corn for sale- Johnson Bros., Clinton
- \* Miss Annie Jordan on Route 1 Moscow has Indian Runner duck eggs for sale at 15 for 50 cents
- \* Beeler, Ringo, Route 2, Clinton will pay a fair price for young foxes minks and coons.
- \* Special display of Commencement Hats at Waller & Flood's Millinery Department, also has some splendid numbers in Panama Hats.
- \* Everybody's Coffee in one, two and three pound cans is the best purchase you can make for your table. On sale at L.L. Lamkin's.