

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

JANUARY 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GEOFF BESECKER
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

County Attorney Steve Franzen,
County Administrator Matt Elberfeld,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Assistant County Administrator Kim Serra,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell,
Parks & Recreation Director Larry Harrod,
Economic & Community Development Director Justin Otto,
Facilities & Fleet Manager Mike Braun

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Cable Access was present to film the meeting. The meeting was also broadcast live on the Fiscal Court Facebook Page.

Judge Pendery asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court regular meeting of January 5, 2022 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker to approve the minutes. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery called on Larry Harrod, Parks & Recreation Director to present his annual parks report. Mr. Harrod stated that 2021 continued the trend begun in 2020 that saw Campbell County's parks very well attended with an increase in season passes, additional growth in camping permits and water craft rentals. The 2021 season started out at 75% capacity growing to 100% within a few weeks. He then talked about the high attendance at Jolly Thursdays, the Festival on the Lake and Halloween Spooktacular events. Mr. Harrod stated that improvements are made each year to the park and listed those made in 2021. He then addressed improvements planned for 2022. This year will also bring back the Bluegrass Festival in July and the Festival

on the Lake in August. They are also looking at adding a couple of music nights during the summer.

Commissioner Lampe told Mr. Harrod that his summaries get better every year. He thanked Ms. Serra, Mr. Harrod, Mr. Braun, full-time and seasonal staff and the Jolly Park CDC and members of the community that help make the park experience better. Looking back is phenomenal but we also look forward to projects planned for this upcoming year.

Commissioner Painter stated that Mr. Harrod, Parks Director and Mr. Braun, Maintenance Director have embraced this park and made it something that they value with the new amenities and Ms. Serra with the design of the new bathrooms and playground. It is wonderful to see where the park was in 2010 and is now in 2022. He thanked Mr. Harrod, Mr. Braun and Ms. Serra and everybody who works at the Park and the CDC for everything they do for Festival on the Lake. It is exciting to see where it came from and where it is now.

Mr. Harrod stated that people who had not been to the park for many years are amazed at everything that's going on there. Commissioner Painter added that the staff has deliberately listened and thought of the best way to answer and solve problems.

Commissioner Besecker echoed the previous comments. He sincerely appreciates their efforts – it is wonderful asset to the community.

Finding that nobody had signed in to address the Fiscal Court, Judge Pendery proceeded with the agenda.

Paula Spicer presented old business with a second reading of Ordinance O-01-22. O-01-22 amends Chapter 73 of the Campbell County Code of Ordinances entitled “Traffic Schedules” to add stop signs on Bella Vista Drive at Skyline Drive and on Altura Drive at Bella Vista Drive. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt O-01-22, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

New business was then presented beginning with a first reading of Ordinance O-02-22. O-02-22 updates the official County Maintained Road List for Campbell County to add Summit Lane. No vote was taken on the first reading of this ordinance.

Resolution R-04-22 was read by title. R-04-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into a contract with the Commonwealth of Kentucky to accept Emergency Management Assistance Program Grant funds to support operation of the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-04-22, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-05-22 was read by title. R-05-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) for operations at the Campbell County Senior Center for FY 2022. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-05-22, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-10-22 was read by title. R-10-22 approves the execution of a Rural Secondary Program Agreement between the Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, for funding in an amount not to

exceed \$138,057 in Flex Funds for resurfacing on Fausz Road, Gunkel Road, Mystic Rose and Poplar Ridge Road. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-10-22, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-06-22 was read by title. R-06-22 authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 10. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-06-22, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-07-22 was read by title. R-07-22 adopts a compensation schedule and sets 2022 pay rates for variable staff of the Fiscal Court and authorizes corresponding amendments to the Administrative Code. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-07-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and make hiring recommendations for variable staff for the 2022 Facilities Maintenance, Park and Golf season. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-08-22 was read by title. R-08-22 authorizes the creation of two full-time Park Technician positions and further authorizes corresponding amendments to the Administrative Code. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-08-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and make hiring recommendations for two full-time Park Technicians. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-09-22 was read by title. R-09-22 amends Chapter 3 Personnel Policies and Procedures”, Appendix B “Organization Chart” and Appendix C “Authorized Position List” of the Campbell County Administrative Code. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-09-22, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Jeff Schuchter to the Campbell County and Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission for a four-year term effective January 20, 2022 through January 19, 2026. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

The County Administrator had no report for the meeting.

County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he spoke with Greg Buckler, Office of Emergency Management, about Mr. Buckler’s recent trip to western Kentucky and the devastation that he witnessed. Mr. Buckler made it clear that the videos seen by the public do not begin to tell the story of how devastated this community is and how overwhelmed the local government was. It was clear that the people and equipment sent down there from Campbell County were very much needed and put to good use. He is very grateful to Mr. Buckler and his crew and to the Fiscal

Court for having the staff trained and supplied and for making the quick decision to get them down there. He is sure that that community is very grateful.

Judge Pendery commented that when Mr. Buckler arrived in western Kentucky he was immediately put in charge of a shift and Mr. Otto was put in charge of media relations. Not only was the team from Campbell County enthusiastic about what they were doing, but they were committed in a way that you only see in somebody who has trained for a long time to be able to be professional and confident at a complicated task. It was an opportunity to roll out their talents and to perform for people in need. The County received a lot of compliments.

Commissioners Besecker, Lampe and Painter had no reports for the meeting.

Judge Pendery announced that there are new statistics from Tri-ED regarding the economy's performance from 2015-2020, including some months of the COVID economy that was devastating. Over those five years, the trend of the last generation continued and northern Kentucky had 11,000 new jobs created while the rest of the State lost 42,000 jobs over a five-year period. He noted that for the third year in a row Greater Cincinnati has been judged to be one of the best places in the United States for recent college graduates to look for a job. One reason for that might be the creation of new jobs. He advised that the unemployment rate here is lower than the national and state averages. Judge Pendery explained that the workforce participation rate is that percentage of the population that is actually working. Historically, northern Kentucky performs about 3-5 percentage points better than the nation and 10 percentage points on average better than the State of Kentucky. Ten percent more of the people in our population are working than in the population of the State of Kentucky. When you look at those statistics, it is no surprise that recent college graduates need to be coming to Greater Cincinnati. He added that the statistics in northern Kentucky are actually better than those of the rest of Greater Cincinnati when it comes to economic development.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Solid Waste is partnering with Cohen Electronics to host a Holiday Light Recycling Program from December 1 – February 1. Residents can drop off unwanted strings of lights at the Campbell County Administration Building, located at 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, or the Campbell County Clerk's Office, located at 8330 W. Main Street, Alexandria during normal business hours. Please only place strings of lights, free of plastic bags and other packaging products, in the barrels provided.

Matt Elberfeld presented the Finance Director/Treasurer's report by requesting a motion to authorize staff to solicit proposals for dedicated internet access (DIA) and ethernet local access network (ELAN) services. The current agreement with Spectrum is a 3-year renewal that began in June 2019 and ends in June 2022. This is the internet service in all of the County's buildings and between all of its buildings for its own network. He anticipates that speeds will increase and they will also add a dedicated fiber connection to the Park Ranger station now that CampSpot (camping reservation/payment system) is online and also to the Alexandria Courthouse since the Fiscal Court meetings are streamed on Facebook live. Staff will get the proposals and bring a recommendation to the Fiscal Court. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Mr. Elberfeld announced that there were no interfund transfers for the meeting and then requested a motion to approve the budget transfers dated December 31, 2021. Commissioner Lampe made the motion seconded by Commission Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order dated January 12 and 19, 2022. The County Attorney advised that he has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-01-22	Amend Traffic Schedules to Add Stop Signs
Ordinance O-02-22	Update County Maintained Road List
Resolution R-04-22	Contract for Emergency Management Assistance Program Funds
Resolution R-05-22	Memorandum of Agreement for Senior Center Funding
Resolution R-10-22	Agreement for Funds to Resurface County Roads
Resolution R-06-22	Memorandum of Agreement with FOP Lodge #10
Resolution R-07-22	Adopt Compensation Schedule/Pay Rates for 2022 Seasonal Staff
Resolution R-08-22	Approve Creation of Full-time Park Technician Position
Resolution R-09-22	Amend Personnel Policies and Appendices of Administrative Code
Budget Transfers dated December 31, 2022	
Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated January 12 and 19, 2022	

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk