

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY
FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

August 19, 2026

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM Eastern Time (4:30 PM Central Time), at the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. The meeting was recorded and broadcast by Campbell Media.

Present:

County Commissioner, Brian Painter
County Commissioner, Tom Lampe
County Commissioner, Geoff Besecker
County Attorney, Steve Franzen

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld
Assistant County Administrator, Kim Serra
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto
Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis
Police Chief, Craig Sorrell
Fiscal Court Clerk, Janie Patterson

Absent:

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery

Regular Meeting

Commissioner Brian Painter called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call

Following the roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Commissioner Geoff Besecker made a motion for Commissioner Brian Painter to serve as Chair due to the absence of Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery. Commissioner Tom Lampe offered a second. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Commissioner Brian Painter gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Commissioner Brian Painter requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2026, Regular Fiscal Court Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker and seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Recognition of Citizens & Public Officials

Campbell County resident Emily Schubert addressed the Fiscal Court regarding concerns about conditions at the Campbell County Detention Center, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees, and the use of County funds, and encouraged greater investment in community-based services.

Kenton County resident Michael Stoverman addressed the Fiscal Court regarding concerns about the treatment and conditions of individuals detained at the Campbell County Detention Center.

Commissioner Brian Painter thanked each speaker in turn.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

O-10-26 Ordinance: First Reading

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Ordinance O-10-26, “An Ordinance of the Campbell County Fiscal Court amending Title VII, Chapter 72, Parking Regulations, of the Campbell County Code of Ordinances, including Section 72.03 entitled “Parking in Fire Lane Prohibited” and Section 72.04 entitled “Parking on Mallard Drive Regulated”.”

A motion to adopt Ordinance O-10-26 will be requested following the second reading.

Resolution R-48-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-48-26, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing 901Saratoga LLC to be approved for the Property Assessment and Reassessment Moratorium Program.”

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker and seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter to adopt Resolution R-48-26.

Commissioner Geoff Besecker commented that he appreciated this great program.

All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Geoff Besecker reported that he and Commissioner Tom Lampe had attended the recent Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Eggs 'N Issues event, which focused on community vibrancy and creating opportunities for residents to enjoy and engage in the community beyond work. He noted that two of the three panelists, Molly Lewis, President of New Riff Distilling, and Britton Dove, with Megacorp Pavilion, represented Campbell County, along with Matt Distel, Executive Director of the Carnegie in Covington. Commissioner Besecker expressed pride in Campbell County's representation and highlighted the community's ongoing arts and cultural initiatives. He also noted that the BLINK light festival will be returning and encouraged residents to watch for additional information.

Commissioner Tom Lampe commented that Molly Lewis, President of New Riff Distilling, does a fantastic job. He also said the Festival on the Lake at AJ Jolly Park was very entertaining and a success. Commissioner Lampe thanked the staff, volunteers, the AJ Jolly Park Community Development Council, sponsors, and the musicians.

Commissioner Brian Painter also said that the Festival on the Lake was a great event and turned out really well. He said he appreciated Parks & Recreation Director, Larry Harrod and the AJ Jolly Park Community Development Council.

Judge/Executive's Report

Commissioner Brian Painter gave the following two announcements.

Citizens' Academy – Applications Still Being Accepted

Applications are still being accepted for the 2026 Citizens' Academy. This free program gives Campbell County residents and business owners an opportunity to learn about county services and tour county facilities. The program begins August 31 and meets Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at various county locations. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants.

Senior Citizens' Picnic – Rain or Shine

The annual Senior Citizens' Picnic will be held rain or shine on Wednesday, September 23, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Penderly Park. Advance tickets are available at the Campbell County Senior & Wellness Center or the Campbell County Fiscal Court for \$10, or at the gate on the day of the picnic for \$15.

Finance Director/Treasurer's Report

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented the Finance Director/Treasurer's Report.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion authorizing staff to purchase four marked police fleet vehicles through the state master agreement, MA 758-2300000801.

Ms. Lewis explained that the vehicles are needed to maintain a fleet capable of supporting patrol operations and emergency response and will replace four of the older vehicles currently due to be surplus. The vehicles being replaced had accumulated an average of more than 132,000 miles each. Police Captain Andrew Noyes contacted several vendors on the state master contract for the 2027 vehicles. Paul Miller Ford submitted the lowest quote at \$46,613.20 per interceptor, for a total purchase price of \$186,452.80, which is included in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. Fleet replacement is necessary due to the age, mileage, and wear of the existing vehicles and to maintain sufficient fleet capacity in the event of vehicle losses.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker and seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter.

Commissioner Geoff Besecker thanked Police Chief Craig Sorrell and Captain Andrew Noyes, and staff for maintaining the fleet and helping spread replacement costs over time.

Commissioner Brian Painter commented that police vehicles get a lot of wear and tear.

All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion authorizing staff to accept the proposal from Atkins-Elrod & Associates for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administration consultant services for the 2026 CDBG grant application project in the amount of \$50,000.

Ms. Lewis explained that the estimated project timeline is approximately 12 months after award of the grant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tom Lampe and seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion authorizing staff to approve payment to Mago Construction in the amount of \$6,389.20 for additional pavement striping on Clay Ridge Road.

Ms. Lewis explained that following completion of the roadway resurfacing project in July 2026, Campbell County Fiscal Court requested that Mago install 4-inch white edge lines from the intersection of Hissem Road to the intersection of Pleasant Ridge Road, a distance of 15,973 feet.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tom Lampe and seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to approve Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order dated:

- August 4, 2026
- August 12, 2026
- August 19, 2026

County Attorney, Steve Franzen commented that the claims had been reviewed, and everything appeared appropriate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tom Lampe and seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

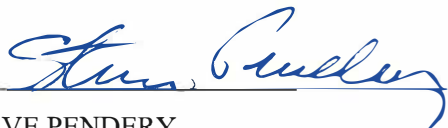
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker and seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Attachments

- R-48-26: Authorize 901Saratoga LLC to be approved for the Property Assessment and Reassessment Moratorium Program
- Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order
 - August 4, 2026
 - August 12, 2026
 - August 19, 2026

Approved:


STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:


JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk

Date Approved: September 2, 2026