

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 5:30p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance at the regular meeting were:

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

Assistant County Attorney Pat Walsh,
County Administrator Matt Elberfeld,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Finance Director/Treasurer Marie Schenkel,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell

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 special meeting of September 2, 2020 were presented. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery administered the oath of office to Police Officer Zachary Stewart. Officer Stewart introduced his mother, Melissa Stewart who pinned his badge.

Judge Pendery stated that representatives of Special Purpose Governmental Entities (SPGE) were in attendance to present testimony on their 2020 tax rates. He then called on J C Morgan to begin his presentation.

J C Morgan, Director of the Campbell County Public Library, stated that the library is doing fine despite being open limited hours. He stated that the Library is participating in the Coverings for Kids campaign whereby donated handmade or purchased masks will be distributed to Campbell County school students, teachers and staff. Mr. Morgan then announced the Library's tax rates

for 2020: 7.4 cents per \$100 assessed valuation of real property and personal property and 2.6 cents per \$100 assessed valuation on motor vehicles. This is a decrease from last year's rate.

Judge Pendery announced that next year the law governing SPGE's changes and some rates will have to be approved by the Fiscal Court. Mr. Elberfeld then called on the remaining SPGE representatives.

George Moore, Director of Administration and Accounting for the Northern Kentucky Health Department, advised that the Campbell County Board of Health has set its 2020 tax rates at 2.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation of real property, personal property and motor vehicles; a decrease of 0.13 cents. This rate is estimated to generate about \$1.8 million annually with about \$1.4 million allocated to the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department for operations. Commissioner Besecker thanked Mr. Moore for the Health Department's work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Judge Pendery thanked them for supporting the substance abuse program at the jail.

Jim Benton, Campbell County Conservation District Board of Supervisors, thanked the Fiscal Court for its past support. He stated that the Conservation District is doing a lot of good work for the community and listed some of the services/programs that it offers. Mr. Benton announced the District's 2020 tax rate at 0.003% of assessed value.

Kathy Lauer, Campbell County Extension District Board member, explained the mission of the Extension District and listed its various services/programs and numbers of participants and volunteers. The Extension District has reduced its tax rate in three of the last five years, remained the same for the other two years and for the last 10 years it has taken the same or reduced rate for seven of the 10 years and compensating rate or less for the other two years. Ms. Lauer announced the 2020 tax rate at 0.0235% for real property and 0.0502% for tangible property per \$100 assessed value. This represents a rate reduction of 6% from the 2019 real property rate and 2.9% from the 2019 personal property rate.

David Boden, Southern Campbell Fire District Trustee, announced that there will be no raise in taxes. The 2020 tax rate is 18 cents per \$100 assessed valuation for real property and 20 cents per \$100 assessed valuation for tangible and personal property. The District has not raised its rates in the last 6-7 years. Things are going well for the District.

Clarence Martin, Central Campbell Fire District Trustee, advised that the District responded to nearly 3,000 calls for help this past year, traveling about 40,000 miles. In the last six months (since March 15) they have had 761 transports, 15 of those were positive COVID-19 cases; a large number of possible positives were also among those transported. Their budget for this year is about \$3.5 million. Mr. Martin announced that the 2020 tax rate is 18 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Paul See, Fire District No. One Trustee Chairman, advised that the District covers 43 square miles and also provides emergency medical services to Fire District Six (Melbourne). He announced that the 2020 tax rate is 20 cents per \$100 assessed valuation which is no change from last year.

There being no old business, Paula Spicer presented new business beginning with Resolution R-64-20 by title. R-64-20 approves the Campbell County Health Department tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Campbell County Public Health Taxing District. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-64-20, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-65-20 was read by title. R-65-20 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 Fiscal Year 2021. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-65-20, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-66-20 was read by title. R-66-20 authorizes a revision to the Interlocal Agreement between the Campbell County Fiscal Court and the City of Bellevue, Kentucky to include the provision of historic preservation administration services. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-66-20, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to proclaim September 23, 2020 as "Senior Citizen Appreciation Day" in Campbell County, Kentucky. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to award a 2% cost of living adjustment for all non-represented staff of the Fiscal Court effective July 5, 2020. The new pay rates shall be in accordance with the list attached to the Executive Order. This excludes seasonal and variable part-time staff as increases for those staff are considered at the start of the park and golf season each calendar year. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. Mr. Elberfeld explained that the Fiscal Court has contractual agreements with the FOP and AFSCME and those contracts had a guaranteed 2% cost of living increase at the beginning of the fiscal year. Staff waited to see what the payroll tax receipts and the finances were before offering increases to other employees. Fortunately, the payroll tax receipts while still down, are better than projected and the property tax numbers came in pretty good as well. He recommends that the pay adjustments be retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year so that all employees are the same. Judge Pendery stated that the County was conservative in the first place and fortunately the problems they feared did not materialize and the County can afford to do this. Mr. Elberfeld added that this expense is budgeted. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Kendra Cross from the full-time Animal Technician position at the Campbell County Animal Shelter effective September 15, 2020. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire for a full-time Animal Technician to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kendra Cross. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire for a full-time Road Maintenance Worker I to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Ken Studer. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Eric Rose from the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Commission effective immediately. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Matt Duda to the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Commission to fill the unexpired term of Eric Rose effective September 17, 2020 through July 31, 2023. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

For the final item of new business, a motion was requested to appoint Charles Parker as a property owner trustee on the Campbell County Fire District Six Board of Trustees for a four-year term effective September 17, 2020 through September 16, 2024. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Neither the County Administrator nor the County Attorney had a report.

Commissioners Besecker, Lampe and Painter had no report for this meeting.

Judge Pendery made two announcements:

The Campbell County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing followed by a special meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 5:30pm at the Campbell County Fiscal Court Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate. The Fiscal Court proposes to keep the same rate of 17.8 cents per \$100 assessed value.

A combined Campbell County Fall Clean-up and Waste Tire event will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17 from 8:00am to 5:00pm at multiple locations. The Waste Tire portion of the event is sponsored and paid for by the KY Division of Waste Management and only comes to our County once every three years. Businesses and commercial interests are prohibited at this event. Please visit the County’s website www.campbellcountky.gov for more information. Or [email solidwaste@campbellcountky.gov](mailto:solidwaste@campbellcountky.gov) or call 859-547-1873 prior to the [event with questions](#). Due to social distancing guidelines, all participants are required to unload their own vehicle at the Clean-up event.

Marie Schenkel presented the Finance Director/Treasurer’s report by requesting a motion to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order dated September 9 and 16, 2020. Assistant County Attorney Pat Walsh advised that the County Attorney has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

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

Attachments:

Resolution R-64-20 Approve Campbell County Health Department FY21 Tax Rate
Resolution R-65-20 Agreement with NKADD for Senior Center Funding
Resolution R-66-20 Revised Interlocal Agreement with City of Bellevue KY
Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated September 9 and 16, 2020

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk