

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

DECEMBER 7, 2016

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse located at 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHARLIE COLEMAN
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

Steve Franzen
Matt Elberfeld
Kim Serra
Paula Spicer
Frank Spataro
Seth Cutter
Colonel Craig Sorrell

County Attorney
County Administrator
Assistant County Administrator
Fiscal Court Clerk
Human Resources Director
Economic Development Officer
Campbell County Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Cable Access was present to film the meeting.

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 November 16, 2016 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

JC Morgan, Director of the Campbell County Public Library, explained the Library's "Drop Your Drawers" campaign to collect children's underwear to be distributed to the Campbell County Public Schools Family Resource Centers.

Judge Pendery called on Eric Summe, President of the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitor's Bureau to begin his presentation. Mr. Summe advised that he has met with the three Commissioners and Judge Pendery previously regarding his presentation and request. He is seeking approval from the Campbell County Fiscal Court, as well as the Fiscal Courts of Boone and Kenton Counties, to raise the transient room tax by one percent. He displayed a 2015 Tourism Economic Fact Sheet for Campbell County pointing out that tourism spending in

Campbell County is up almost 12 percent from 2014 to 2015 – the highest of the three northern Kentucky counties. He further stated that the three northern Kentucky counties generate 20 percent of the State's total tourism dollars. Mr. Summe then talked about the Northern Kentucky Convention Center which was built in 1998. The Center provides 350 jobs and has hosted 2,500 events since its opening. In its 15 years of operation, the Center has always shown a standard operating profit. The Convention and Visitor's Bureau has been trying for eight years to expand the convention center in order to be more competitive. The center's biggest competitors are Louisville and Lexington; Lexington is currently expanding its operation. Mr. Summe stated that the one percent tax increase will be dedicated to the eventual expansion of the convention center. It is expected to generate approximately \$1.2 million annually. There is no specific expansion plan at this time. Mr. Summe showed a chart comparing the tax rates in nearby destinations; northern Kentucky's is the lowest in the region. He summarized by stating that this tax is an investment in the community and that marketing and destination management is becoming very competitive. Judge Pendery stated that the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board meetings are open to the public and are very informative. Commissioner Coleman stated that this is an investment in the community and complemented Mr. Summe and Pat Crowley on the informative presentation. Mr. Summe explained the composition of the 18-member Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board.

Judge Pendery invited comments from the public. The one person who had signed up to speak about an issue had left, and Judge Pendery proceeded with the agenda.

There being no old business, Paula Spicer presented new business with Ordinance O-18-16 by title and summary. Ordinance amends Ordinance O-7-95 as it relates to the imposition and levying of a transient room tax of four percent of all rents charged for the purpose of promoting convention and tourism activity, setting interest and penalties relating thereto, and the imposition and levying of a special transient room tax of one percent of all rents charged for the purpose of operating a convention center, setting interest and penalties relating thereto. No vote was taken on the first reading of this Ordinance.

Resolution R-104-16 was read by title and summary given. R-104-16 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of Bellevue, Cold Spring, Dayton, Fort Thomas, Melbourne, Silver Grove, Woodlawn, Southgate and Highland Heights for animal control services. Kim Serra explained that these Cities were renegotiating a previous Interlocal Agreement for animal control services. At the same time, the County was in the process of implementing new programs at the Animal Shelter, so the Cities invited it to join as a party to the new Interlocal Agreement and have a representative on the Animal Control Board. She then explained the community cat diversion program which has decreased the number of cats euthanized in the last few months. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-104-16, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-105-16 was read by title and summary given. R-105-16 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for \$1,000 in Spay/Neuter Kentucky Grant funds to be used to offset the cost of spaying/neutering animals adopted from the Campbell County Animal Shelter. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-105-16, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to proclaim December 11, 2016 as James and Rachel Votruba Day in Campbell County. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to award the equivalent to two vacation days (14 or 16 hours depending on work schedules) to all full-time employees of the Fiscal Court, including those covered by working agreements, effective December 25, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Judge Pendery stated that the Fiscal Court was not able to give raises to its employees this year. In an effort to show its appreciation, full-time employees will be given two extra vacation days. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Kim Serra as the Fiscal Court's representative on the Northern Kentucky Animal Control Board for a two-year term effective January 1, 2017. The Animal Control Board was created as part of the Interlocal Agreement for animal control services. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to recommend to the Kentucky Department for Public Health the reappointment of Carla Austin, James Ernst and Kevin Hanson to the Campbell County Local Board of Health for two-year terms effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. Commissioner Coleman stated that he reached out to the three board members but was only able to talk to two of them. He asked them a question that they were unable to answer and therefore is not prepared to vote on this motion. Judge Pendery asked what concerns Commissioner Coleman had and if the issue should be tabled. Commissioner Coleman stated that he is concerned that the location for the needle exchange program is one block from an elementary school. He does not think that any parent would want their child going to school close to it. He had a good conversation with the two Board members and asked their opinion on the needle exchange program, but has not yet heard back from them. Judge Pendery called for a vote on the motion. Commissioners Lampe and Painter and Judge Pendery voted "AYE", Commissioner Coleman abstained, and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Steve Pendery to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, with Matt Elberfeld as his alternate, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Cathy Engle to the Campbell County Fire District No. 1 Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Ken Knipper effective December 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. Judge Pendery explained that the Fiscal Court appoints three representatives to the Board. Ken Knipper, a long-time employee of the Fiscal Court and member of the Board passed away recently. Ms. Engle expressed interest and is available to serve on the Board. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Coleman announced that today is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and he wanted to recognize it. His father was a World War II veteran. Over 400,000 American lives were lost during that War.

Commissioner Painter stated that his father was a Marine in the Pacific theater in World War II and appreciates Commissioner Coleman's acknowledging the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Commissioner Painter announced that Bethlehem Nights will be held on December 16, 17 and 18, 2016 from 6pm to 9pm at the A J Jolly Park boat area. Five local churches have joined together to recreate the village of Bethlehem at this special time of year. The event is free and open to the public.

Matt Elberfeld requested a motion to approve budget transfers for December 7, 2016. He stated that the transfers don't change the total size of the budget, it only moves existing money between line items. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Elberfeld then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for December 7, 2016. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. 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 7:40 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-18-16 Amend Transient Room Tax
Resolution R-104-16 Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services
Resolution R-105-16 Spay/Neuter Grant Agreement
Budget Transfers December 7, 2016
Claims, Election Claims and Supplemental Claims December 7, 2016

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk