

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY
FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

April 15, 2026

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM, at the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. The meeting was recorded and broadcast by Campbell Media.

Present:

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery
County Commissioner, Brian Painter
County Commissioner, Tom Lampe
County Commissioner, Geoff Besecker
Assistant County Attorney, Pat Walsh

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld
Assistant County Administrator, Kim Serra
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto
Police Chief, Craig Sorrell
Fiscal Court Clerk, Janie Patterson

Regular Meeting

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Following the roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting held on April 1, 2026.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

Resolution R-17-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title and summary for Resolution R-17-26, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the Judge/Executive to execute documents relating to the National Opioid Litigation for approval of the Six Remnant Defendants (RSDA Settlement).”

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

Resolution R-18-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title and summary for Resolution R-18-26, “A Resolution allocating Senior Citizens Payroll Tax Funds for Fiscal Year 2027.”

The total allocation of Senior Citizens Payroll Tax Funds is \$773,020, distributed as follows:

- Agencies Serving Older Adults: \$330,370
- Campbell County Senior Center: \$407,650
- Senior Picnic: \$35,000

Human Services Manager, Allyn Reinecke was present to answer questions and provide additional information if requested.

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

Resolution R-19-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title and summary for Resolution R-19-26, “A Resolution allocating Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Payroll Tax Funds for Fiscal Year 2027.”

The total allocation of Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities (MH/ID) Payroll Tax Funds is \$1,512,116, distributed as follows:

- Agencies Serving the MH/ID Population: \$1,102,116
- Court Ordered Indigent Guardianship Evaluations: \$5,000
- Youth Services Officer: \$130,000
- NKY Office of Drug Control Policy/Helpline: \$200,000
- Human Services Administration: \$75,000

Motion was made by Commissioner Tom Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter.

Commissioner Tom Lampe thanked Human Services Manager, Allyn Reinecke for her effective management of the funds.

Commissioner Geoff Besecker also thanked Ms. Reinecke and commended the work involved administering the program.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery concurred.

All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-20-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title and summary for Resolution R-20-26, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with Fares J. Radel Funeral Homes to provide Pauper Burial and Indigent Cremation Services.”

Human Services Manager, Allyn Reinecke was present to answer questions and provide additional information if requested.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Personnel

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to accept the resignation of OEM Response Officer, John Michael Ward, effective April 1, 2026.

Mr. Elberfeld explained that Mr. Ward will be transitioning to a volunteer role with the Office of Emergency Management.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview, and make a hiring recommendation to fill the part-time OEM Response Officer vacancy created by the resignation of John Michael Ward.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to approve the appointments of the following seasonal employees for the 2026 Facilities Maintenance, Parks and Golf season effective April 16, 2026.

- Stephen Krieg, Clubhouse Maintenance Worker (PTNB)
- Christina Baker, Golf Course Attendant I (PTNB)
- Cecil Begley, Golf Course Attendant I (PTNB)
- Jack Hundemer, Golf Course Attendant I (PTNB)
- Justin Carroll, Golf Course Attendant II (PTNB)
- Zachery Hertenberg, Golf Course Attendant II (PTNB)

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Board Appointments

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to appoint Clare Healy to the Campbell County Board of Assessment Appeals for the remainder of a three-year term effective April 15, 2026 through June 4, 2027.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Finance Director/Treasurer’s Report

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

Resolution R-21-26

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title and summary for Resolution R-21-26, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court requesting the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to reimburse the Fiscal Court for the transportation of non-public school students for the 2025-2026 school year.”

Ms. Lewis explained that the contract with the county school district for parochial student transportation, at a cost of \$423,745.61, was approved at the Fiscal Court meeting on October 1, 2025. This process allows the County to receive reimbursement from the state for these expenses.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tom Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-22-26

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title and summary for Resolution R-22-26, “A Resolution declaring county-owned personal property as surplus and authorizing the County Finance Director/Treasurer to sell or otherwise dispose of such property.”

Ms. Lewis explained that, pursuant to KRS 67.0802, the County may dispose of surplus property through an online auction platform such as GovDeals, as permitted by KRS 424.130(1)(b). She stated the items proposed to be declared surplus have exceeded their useful service lives and are recommended for retirement due to safety concerns and the cost of repairs. The following items were presented for surplus:

- 2012 EZ-Go Utility Cart (AJ Jolly Golf Course Grounds)
- 2013 Ford Taurus (Police Vehicle)

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-23-26

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title and summary for Resolution R-23-26, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with Rumpke of Kentucky, Inc. to provide trash disposal services for county cleanup events.”

Ms. Lewis explained that on March 24, 2026, Rumpke submitted the sole response to an invitation to bid for the service in Fiscal Year 2027. Staff recommends that Rumpke’s bid be accepted due to previous satisfactory performance.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-24-26

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title and summary for Resolution R-24-26, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with Rumpke of Kentucky, Inc. to provide recyclables collection services at designated sites.”

Ms. Lewis explained that on March 24, 2026, Rumpke submitted the sole response to an invitation to bid for the service in Fiscal Year 2027. Staff recommends that Rumpke’s bid be accepted due to the variety of accepted recyclable materials and the capacity to increase container size and frequency of service.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Commissioner Geoff Besecker expressed support for increasing the size of the recyclable material containers, noting that he frequently uses the service and observes consistent, heavy usage by the public.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to authorize staff to issue a change order for the drilled shaft walls project on Steffen Road.

Ms. Lewis explained that two water lines were discovered on Steffen Road, which will require rerouting. JTM Smith Construction will cut the existing lines and furnish new lines as necessary. The cost of this change order is \$3,080.00 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to authorize staff to issue invitations to bid the following Road Department materials for Fiscal Year 2027.

- Crushed stone and gravel
- Asphalt
- Concrete
- Culvert pipe
- Fuel delivery services
- Road salt utilizing an E-Bridge reverse auction and/or solicitation of bids

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Budget Transfers

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to approve the Budget Transfers dated:

- March 31, 2026.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order

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

- April 2, 2026
- April 8, 2026
- April 15, 2026

Assistant County Attorney, Pat Walsh stated that the claims had been reviewed, and everything appeared appropriate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Painter, 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 Brian Painter, seconded by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery. All voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Attachments

- R-17-26: Execute documents relating to the National Opioid Litigation
- R-18-26: Allocate Senior Citizens Payroll Tax Funds for FY27
- R-19-26: Allocate Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Payroll Tax Funds for FY27
- R-20-26: Contract with Fares J. Radel Funeral Homes to provide Pauper Burial & Indigent Cremation Services
- R-21-26: Request KYTC to reimburse the Fiscal Court for transportation of non-public school students
- R-22-26: Declare county-owned personal property as surplus
- R-23-26: Contract with Rumpke to provide trash disposal services for county cleanup events
- R-24-26: Contract with Rumpke to provide recyclables collection services at designated sites
- Budget Transfers: March 31, 2026
- Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order:
 - April 2, 2026
 - April 8, 2026
 - April 15, 2026

Approved:


STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:


JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk

Date Approved: May 6, 2026