

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

JULY 15, 2020

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 5:30p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

Cable Access was present to film the public hearing and meeting. Both the public hearing and meeting were also broadcast live on the Fiscal Court Facebook Page.

Preceding the opening of the Fiscal Court meeting, a public hearing was held at 5:30 p.m. to receive additional public comment on possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds. Present at the hearing were:

Judge/Executive Steve Pendery,
County Commissioner Geoff Besecker,
County Commissioner Brian Painter,
County Attorney Steve Franzen,
Assistant County Administrator Kim Serra,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell,
Finance Director/Treasurer Marie Schenkel,
Director of Planning and Zoning Cindy Minter

Marie Schenkel conducted the public hearing which was advertised in the July 2, 2020 edition of the *Campbell County Recorder*. She stated that no questions or comments had been submitted prior to the public hearing and that no one was present to ask questions. Mr. Franzen pointed out that the CRA funds are to be used for reconstruction or maintenance of County roads. Ms. Schenkel affirmed that adding that as each project is bid, it will be brought before the Fiscal Court for approval before any work is done. The public hearing is a formality required by the Kentucky Department for Local Government. There being no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:33 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Judge Pendery.

In attendance at the regular meeting were:

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

County Attorney Steve Franzen,
Assistant County Administrator Kim Serra,

Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Finance Director/Treasurer Marie Schenkel,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell,
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Judge Pendery asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present. Commissioner Besecker participated in the meeting remotely through a live broadcast. Commissioner Lampe was absent.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court regular meeting of June 30, 2020 were presented. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

There being no old business, Paula Spicer presented new business with Resolution R-50-20 by title. R-50-20 authorizes the Judge/Executive to apply to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for 80/20 Rural Secondary Bridge Program funds for replacement of a bridge on Dodsworth Lane. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-50-20, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-52-20 was read by title. R-52-20 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a billable labor rate agreement with Cornerstone Service & Supply. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-52-20, seconded by Judge Pendery. Ms. Serra explained that Cornerstone implemented the security system at the Jail. This agreement sets the rates for any repairs made on a billable basis. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Ordinance O-09-20 was presented for a first reading. O-09-20 updates the official zoning map for unincorporated Campbell County to rezone an approximate five acres located at 13455 Alexandria Pike in Campbell County, Kentucky, from Agricultural (A-1) zone to Rural Commercial (RC) zone. Ms. Minter advised that the Campbell County and Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on June 30, 2020 upon the request of Jeff Smith to change a five-acre site at 13455 Alexandria Pike from A-1 zone to RC zone. This is the site of the former Plum Creek Christian Church. The Church will sell the five acres including the main building on the east side of US 27 and the related leach field on the west side of the road; it will retain ownership of the cemetery. The building could sustain a number of small businesses as a mixed-use site. She described the interior of the building. The RC zone has a smaller number of conditional uses. The concerns of the 35 attendees at the public hearing included: redevelopment on the west side of US 27 adjacent to a small subdivision, effects of future development on drainage in the area, and use of the ballfields. Commissioner Painter asked if the rest of the property not included in the requested zone change will remain in the A-1 zone. Ms. Minter replied that it would and described the area that will remain A-1 which includes the ballfields. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the zone map amendment and recommends the same to the Fiscal Court. No vote was required for the first reading of the ordinance.

A motion was requested to appoint John Wayne Heringer as a Golf Course Attendant with compensation set at Pay Grade 1 (\$11.10/hour) effective July 16, 2020. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Thomas Lakes as a Police Officer Grade PO7 with the Campbell County Police Department with compensation set at PO7 (\$62,015.41 annually or \$29.8151 hourly) effective July 16, 2020. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Zachary Stewart as a Police Officer Grade PO5 with compensation set at PO5 (\$55,249.99 annually or \$26.5625 hourly). The effective date of hire shall be no earlier than July 16, 2020 or later than August 16, 2020. As a lateral entry officer, Officer Stewart will be granted four year and six months of service credit at the time of appointment. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute an Employment Agreement with Philip Harney to serve as School Resource Officer for FY2021 with compensation set at \$21.6424 per hour. Said Agreement is for a period of one year from the as yet to be determined official hire date; however, shall not be prior to July 16, 2020. School Resource Officers receive no benefits from the Fiscal Court. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute an Employment Agreement with Amber Conrad to serve as School Resource Officer for FY2021 with compensation set at \$21.6424 per hour. Said Agreement is for a period of one year from the as yet to be determined official hire date; however, shall not be prior to July 16, 2020. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute an Employment Agreement with Amanda Donelan to serve as School Resource Officer for FY2021 with compensation set at \$21.6424 per hour. Said Agreement is for a period of one-year effective July 16, 2020. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute an Employment Agreement with Mark Dill to serve as School Resource Officer-Sergeant for FY2021 with compensation set at \$24.3381 per hour. Said Agreement is for a period of one-year effective July 16, 2020. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Commissioner Painter stated that with Mark Dill serving as Sergeant the program will have more structure. He is sure that there will be meetings to cover common policies involving how students are treated and how the SRO's relate to the students. Commissioner Besecker thanked Sergeant Dill and Chief Sorrell for their diligence in hiring the right people. It is not an easy find to get the best fit. SRO's deal with different circumstances than other police officers. He looks forward to working with them as a teacher and as a Commissioner. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint John Cooper to the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Commission for a three-year term effective August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2023. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Eric Rose to the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Commission for a three-year term effective August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2023. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Chantelle Bentley Phillips to the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission Board to fill the unexpired term of J C Morgan effective July 16, 2020 through July 31, 2022. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Attorney Franzen advised that the courts are open while practicing social distancing and masking requirements. Jury trials will start in August. His staff has several jury trials ready to go.

Commissioner Besecker recognized the school boards and superintendents in Campbell County who are working diligently to get students back into the school setting. He appreciates their hard work.

He thanked the KY Transportation Cabinet for restriping US 27 – they did a fantastic job. Hopefully they can get some reflectors installed in the south part of the County to help with visibility.

Commissioner Besecker appreciates the efforts of Campbell Media for setting up so that he could participate in the meeting remotely; it was done on short notice. He thanked Jennifer and her staff at Campbell Media.

He was able to watch the Road Department in action and thanked them for filling in a significant slippage on Clay Ridge Road in a most cost-effective manner. The crew worked diligently – they still need to fill in with asphalt.

Commissioner Besecker reminded residents to follow the social distancing, hand washing and mask wearing guidelines when in public. He knows that this is something that not everybody wants to do, but ultimately, collectively we will defeat the virus and he asked for their continued patience. This is part of the reason why he is participating in the meeting remotely.

Commissioner Painter stated that he is pleased to see that KY Route 9 has been reopened at the slide spot in Wilder. He echoed Commissioner Besecker’s comments about having patience with the virus and noted the free testing available at Summit View Academy in Kenton County on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He provided the number to call for an appointment. The testing is free for Kentucky residents. He realizes that a lot of folks are self-quarantining and a lot of people have been in contact with people infected – it is very worrisome. There is also testing available at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital with a doctor’s referral. Many have all had

friends who have had the virus, in fact a lot don't know they have it, and some have suffered quite a bit and were hospitalized. He thanked people for doing their best to keep themselves and others safe.

Judge Pendery announced that northern Kentucky had its 2,000th case today. That's 2,000 positive cases since the pandemic began. This is actually good compared to other places in the country. There have been 1,600-1,700 recoveries out of those 2000 cases, so at any given moment there are 300-400 people in northern Kentucky that have COVID. For a population of 400,000+ in the four northern Kentucky counties those numbers are good. The forecast however is not so good for the rest of the country; it is very uneven. The states of Texas, Florida and California, the biggest states population-wise, never have had a peak followed by a trough. The number of cases has only gone up. They are leading the nation in the last couple of weeks with 5-6 daily records and most recently 70,000 cases in one day. Nationally the numbers are going up. However, there are some good news stories – New York's situation has improved dramatically and the spike was followed by a trough. Overall, we are not doing well as a nation compared to the rest of the world. The virus will be with us until a vaccine is developed; hopefully it will happen soon and there will be better treatments for people who are ill. In the last 4-5 weeks there have been 20-30 people requiring hospitalization in the St. Elizabeth system with only 2-3 people this week on ventilators. Since St. Elizabeth Hospital required masking of its employees and patients, there has not been an infection of an employee or patient due to transmission within the confines of the hospital where the rules apply. The Governor's requirement that we wear masks in certain situations is something that offers hope of stopping the virus in its tracks and holding the infection rate down. There continue to be daily phone calls among the hospital, health district and various first responders and political agencies. We are doing well because we paid attention and obeyed the directives that have been handed down to keep safe.

Marie Schenkel began her report by presenting Resolution R-51-20 by title. R-51-20 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to provide services to the Campbell County Fiscal Court for Fiscal Year 2021. The contract is in the amount of \$30,883; there is no increase from last year. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-51-20, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Commissioner Besecker ask for a rundown of the services OKI provides to the Fiscal Court. Judge Pendery stated that OKI has a federal responsibility as the metropolitan planning agency for our region. OKI performs planning studies for transportation and the States of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana rely on their work. They have received national recognition for the quality of their work. Before major construction/repair projects are undertaken, OKI studies what needs to be done and is part of the planning process. They also serve as a regional convener on a lot of other subjects both federal and local regarding transportation planning. Virtually every governmental endeavor and a lot of private endeavors affect transportation now and in the future. Despite the fact that they have great expertise, have great people on staff and do nationally acclaimed work, they charge the local communities the same or less than they have for the past 30-35 years. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Ms. Schenkel then requested a motion to approve the claims, claims paid per standing order and election claims dated July 1, 8, 15 and 16, 2020. County Attorney Steve Franzen advised that he

has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Judge Pendery 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 6:13 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-50-20 Application for Rural Secondary Bridge Program Funds
Resolution R-52-20 Agreement with Cornerstone Service and Supply
Ordinance O-09-20 Zoning Map Amendment
Resolution R-51-20 Contract with Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
Claims, Claims Paid Per Standing Order and Election Claims dated July 1, 8, 15 and 16, 2020

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk