

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

February 4, 2015

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 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
Robert Horine
Matt Elberfeld
Paula Spicer
Craig Sorrell
Kim Serra

County Attorney
County Administrator
Finance Director
Fiscal Court Clerk
Campbell County Police Chief
Human Resources Director

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 January 21, 2015 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery invited comments from the public.

Dan Hull distributed an open records request to the members of the Fiscal Court. He stated that he would like to see something done to Barrs Branch Road because the County has deliberately stolen land. Mr. Hull then stated that the Fiscal Court meeting minutes should be published as tentative for the public to comment on before they are adopted by the Fiscal Court.

There being no old business, Paula Spicer presented new business with Resolution R-22-15 by title and summary. R-22-15 authorizes the Judge/Executive to submit an application to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for 80/20 County Bridge Replacement Program Funds for repair of the Ten Mile Road Bridge and Daniels Road Bridge. The Bridge Replacement Program offers up to \$100,000 with a 20 percent match for each calendar year. The County will utilize

funds for calendar years 2014, 2015 and carry over funds from 2013 for this project. The County will receive 80 percent of the cost of repairs from the Transportation Cabinet and fund the remaining 20 percent itself. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-22-15, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-23-15 was read by title and summary given. R-23-15 amends the Campbell County Police Force Rules and Regulations at Chapter 3 "Campbell County Police Force Disciplinary Regulations" to bring the regulations in line with national practices and the Kentucky Revised Statutes. The proposed amendments have been reviewed by the Police Force Merit Board and the County Attorney. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-23-15, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-24-15 was read by title and summary given. R-24-15 supports passage of Road Fund stabilization by the 2015 Kentucky General Assembly to ensure adequate funding of the State Road Fund and County Road Aid. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-24-15, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. Robert Horine explained that the State gas tax goes up or down with the price of gasoline. Recently the price of gas has gone down significantly thus reducing the tax revenue. At this time, there is no limit on how far it can go down; however it can only increase in 10 percent increments. About three-quarters of the tax revenues go to the State and the remaining funds go to local governments for road maintenance. The gas tax is adjusted every quarter based on the wholesale price of gas. Mr. Horine stated that if no floor is put in place on how low the tax can go, Campbell County will receive \$55,565 less in County Road Aid in Fiscal Year 2015 and \$191,325 less in Fiscal Year 2016. He cited greater reductions in funding for Highway Department District 6 and for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Senate Bill 29 has been introduced in the General Assembly to freeze the tax and to establish the floor where it is right now. It is hoped that they will take action and make it effective prior to April 1 so there is not another decrease. For every penny that the tax goes down, the State loses \$30 million. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire for variable (seasonal and part time) employees for the 2015 parks and golf season. Kim Serra explained that every year the County hires seasonal and part time employees to work at the golf course and parks. This year the County will hire about 46. The provisions of the Affordable Care Act take effect in 2015. As a result, employees that are considered seasonal (those working 30 or more hours per week) must be offered medical benefits. She estimates that 19 of the employees are considered seasonal and expects that maybe nine of them will take advantage of the benefits. The cost to the County for nine people will be about \$37,660. If all 19 employees took the benefits it will cost about \$79,550. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Robert Timothy Mason to the full time position of Golf Course Superintendent effective February 23, 2015 with compensation set at pay grade 17, \$62,000 annually with total benefit cost of \$21,477.65. Mr. Mason will replace Steve Myers, the current Superintendent upon his retirement. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Franklin Smith to the full time position of Parks and Recreation Foreman effective February 8, 2015 with compensation set at pay grade 14, \$20.25 per hour (\$42,113 annually with total annual benefit cost of \$16,442.26). Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve the annual compensation set for Judge/Executive Steve Pendery and Jailer James Daley as prescribed by KRS 64.5275 for the 2015 calendar year retroactive to January 1, 2015. The compensation is contained in the State salary schedule as calculated by the Kentucky Department of Local Government. The salaries for 2015 are \$112,306.45 for the Judge/Executive and \$107,380.72 for the Jailer. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Kim Serra to the full time position of Assistant County Administrator effective March 1, 2015 with compensation set at pay grade 19, \$92,000 annually with total benefit cost of \$29,073.65. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint William R. Turner, Campbell County Office of Emergency Management Director to the Area 6 Weapons of Mass Destruction/Hazardous Materials Team as Campbell County's representative and further appointing Ron Schneider to serve as his alternate effective February 5, 2015. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Adam Haas, Joseph Powers and Ken Moellman to the Campbell County Ethics Commission for a one year term effective February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire for the position of Human Resources Director. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Robert Horine reported on the County's use of brine to treat roads this winter. In anticipation of tonight's predicted winter weather, the Road Department treated 41 miles of County roads. The use of brine has proven to be very effective so far this winter although we have been fortunate to have an easy winter season.

Steve Franzen advised that the County closed today on the acquisition of the property located at 16 East 11th Street, Newport.

Judge Pendery stated that former Newport Mayor Johnny Peluso passed away on January 30, 2015. Commissioner Coleman stated that he knew Mr. Peluso. He recalled him to be a very benevolent person who gave shoes to needy children. Mr. Peluso fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was held as a prisoner of war until the end of World War II.

Commissioner Painter advised that he heard that the County was getting an anonymous donation of \$49,000 for the parks. He expressed his gratitude to the donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Judge Pendery announced that some members of the Leadership Northern Kentucky class were present at the meeting. He recognized Michael Knight who briefly talked about Leadership Northern Kentucky and then introduced the other participants that were present.

Matt Elberfeld requested a motion to declare certain property as surplus so that it can be disposed of by auction. A list of the property was provided to the Fiscal Court. Some of the items will be sold on line at "govdeals.com" while the vehicles will be sold at a live auction this spring. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise for bids for Phase II reconstruction of Thelma Lee Drive. This is the part of the road that goes up the hill. The work will not start until summer but staff believes that it would be advantageous to solicit bids now. The estimated project cost is \$181,000; however Bray Trucking will pay for reconstruction of the cul-de-sac portion estimated at \$54,000, thus reducing the County's expenditure. Robert Horine stated that he will get information regarding a weight limit for the road and forward it to the Fiscal Court. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to advertise for bids for propane gas for use by County departments. The County's current contract for propane expires on March 31, 2015. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to acknowledge that the bond is in place for the Campbell County Clerk Jim Luersen. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Matt Elberfeld then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for February 4, 2015. 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 Painter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-22-15 Application for 80/20 Bridge Replacement Program Funds
Resolution R-23-15 Amend Police Force Rules and Regulations
Resolution R-24-15 Support Passage of State Road Fund Stabilization
Claims and Supplemental Claims February 4, 2015

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk