

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES
July 6, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at the Campbell County Courthouse, 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

Judge Pendery called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was called for by Judge Pendery, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present. The meeting was covered by *Government Access*.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
DAVID OTTO
KENNETH RECHTIN
MARK HAYDEN

Justin Verst	County Attorney
Robert Horine	County Administrator
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Affairs Director
Keith Hill	Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Todd Straman	Ass't. Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Bill Armstrong	Lieutenant, Campbell County Police Department
Tina Straman	Officer, Campbell County Police Department
Peter Klear	Planning & Zoning Director
Ken Knipper	Director, Office of Emergency Management
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration

Judge Pendery presented the minutes from the regular Fiscal Court meeting of June 15, 2005 and the special meeting of June 27, 2005. It was moved by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Rechtin that the minutes of June 15, 2005 and June 27, 2005 be approved. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery then asked if there were any citizens or public officials present who wished to address the Court. There were none. Judge Pendery then recognized Alex Futscher and Bill Hoffstetter from the Police Merit Board, who were present to observe the Oaths of Office and Police Service Awards for members of the Campbell County Police Department.

Judge Pendery then assisted Chief Keith Hill with the Oaths of Office for the promotions of Lt. Col. Todd Straman, Lt. Barrett Champagne, and Sgt. Ronald Ratliff. He stated that the Fiscal Court was very pleased and proud to conduct these Oaths for those individuals. Lt. Col. Straman introduced his son Taylor, daughter Teesha, and wife, Tina. Chief Hill congratulated Lt. Col. Straman and presented him with his badge and emblems and requested his wife, Officer Tina Straman, to attach the badge to Lt. Col. Straman's uniform. Lt. Barrett Champagne then introduced his wife Belinda, daughter Chrissy, and son Andrew. Chief Hill congratulated Lt.

Champagne on his promotion and presented him with his badge and requested his wife to attach the badge to Lt. Champagne's uniform. Sgt. Ronald Ratliff then introduced his daughters Angela and Jennifer, and his wife Amy. Chief Hill congratulated Sgt. Ratliff on his promotion and presented him with his badge and requested his wife to attach the badge to Sgt. Ratliff's uniform. Judge Pendery stated that these promotions are very coveted and he knows the families are as proud of the men who have achieved their respective ranks. He congratulated everyone and expressed to the families that it means a great deal to the County to work with these gentlemen.

Judge Pendery then assisted Chief Hill with the swearing in of Officer Nicholas Heiert. Chief Hill congratulated Officer Heiert on his hiring and stated he looked forward to working with him.

Chief Hill then stated that in order to get officers hired and promoted, the Police Department has a Merit Board, who assists in this task. He thanked the Merit Board members for their hard work and diligence in getting the testing done, getting the materials for the applicants, and scoring the tests.

Chief Hill next stated that the Police Department has an Awards Program that awards pins and bars for years of service to its officers. The program was developed by Lt. Bill Armstrong and is one of the Department's most successful programs. He noted that police work is a job that is so much different than private business because officers tend to stay great lengths of time with their departments. Chief Hill then presented Lt. Col. Todd Straman with a 20-year pin for his years of service to the Campbell County Police Department.

Chief Hill then stated that his next presentation is a sad one due to the retirement announcement of Velma Krieg after 15 years of service to the Campbell County Police Department. He stated that when you ask anyone in business who runs the office, it is never the person in charge, it is always the secretary. Now, after 15 years, it is a sad day in the Police Department to be losing its secretary. He noted that Ms. Krieg has been a dedicated employee, has done exemplary service, and has been a mother to everyone on the Police Department. He stated that if it wasn't for Velma, the officers would have missed court appearances, their reports would not get entered, and God only knows what they would have done with their lives. Ms. Krieg began employment with the Police Department on June 23, 1990, retired as of June 30, 2005, has been married to her husband John for 17 wonderful years, has lived in Melbourne for over 18 years, has 2 daughters, Deanna and Sheri, and 7 grandchildren. Chief Hill stated that there has never been a time in the 15 years he has been on the Department, that Velma did not know where something was or how to get something done. He stated that the Department would dearly miss Velma and wished her the best in her retirement.

Chief Hill, assisted by Lt. Bill Armstrong, then presented awards to the Police Academy Graduates. Chief Hill stated that the Campbell County Police Department hosts a Citizens Police Academy every year, which is a 10-week course that citizens can attend to learn what the Police Department does. Lt. Armstrong stated that the Campbell County Police Department has been hosting the Citizens Academy for five years. The Academy covers what it takes to become a police officer in Campbell County, what police work is like in general, the use of force, tour the jail, meetings with the County Coroner and County Attorney. He stated that the program would continue next year and encouraged citizens to attend. He then presented awards to Elaine Wilmes, Don Neumeister, Raymond Stacy, Ashleigh Tiemeyer, and Tammy Trimbur. Not

present to accept their awards, but completing the Academy, were Ginette Hayes, and Eric Reiman. Lt. Armstrong thanked all of the graduates for attending the Academy.

Judge Pendery next called on Ken Knipper, Office of Emergency Management Director, to discuss Campbell County's Storm Ready Community Designation. Mr. Knipper was joined by Kenneth J. Haydu, Meteorologist in Charge at the National Weather Service Office (NWSO) in Wilmington, Ohio. Mr. Haydu stated that the NWSO is responsible for putting out the County's tornado, flash flood, and severe thunderstorm warnings. He stated that he was present at this meeting to pay special recognition to the community, the Commissioners, the Judge/Executive, and Emergency Management. He recognized the outstanding efforts of the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management in achieving the Storm Ready Community Designation award. He noted that this achievement cannot be done by just the Office of Emergency Management, but needs the support of the community, the Judge/Executive and the Commissioners. He thanked the Judge/Executive and Commissioners for their support. He noted that Campbell County is only the eleventh county in the entire State of Kentucky and is within about the first thousand across the nation to receive this award. Mr. Haydu also recognized Rick Watkins, Area 7 Coordinator with the Kentucky Emergency Management Office, and stated that Mr. Knipper had told him that none of this would have been accomplished without his hard working staff. Without their motivation and persistence, the designation might not have happened. Mr. Haydu explained that the Storm Ready Program started in Oklahoma in 1998, when the National Weather Service and Emergency Managers wondered how communities could be accountable for their own severe weather preparedness. Frequently, the NWSO was viewed by the community as the ones to blame if there was a surprise event. When the NWSO and Emergency Management took a good look at this, they found there were multiple failures within the system. Many of these failures resulted in inadequate preparation before an event occurred. The purpose of Storm Ready is to provide potential events in the area of communications to assure the community is ready to handle a severe weather event. The Storm Ready Program provides the local community with clear-cut weather warnings and preparedness advice from a partnership with the NWSO and both state and local emergency management, all working together. The Storm Ready designation for Campbell County can also provide some reduction in flood insurance rates for those areas participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. Families, businesses and individuals need to have an action for severe weather events before the events occur. This was clearly pointed out in a recent event in Van Wert County when there were 50 children in a theater watching a movie. Tornado warnings were issued, and the theater director evacuated all 50 children to a reinforced area, and their lives were saved. There were many cars tossed by the tornado into the theater seats that the children were sitting in. Mr. Haydu then presented the Fiscal Court and the Office of Emergency Management with the Storm Ready Designation plaques.

Mr. Watkins then commented that Mr. Knipper, Mr. Schneider and Mr. Griswold put a lot of hard work into attaining this designation over the last four years. He noted that they have installed twenty new or rebuilt warning sirens in Campbell County, all obtained by getting federal funding. They also now have in place a communicator system, which is used to notify the general public and officials when weather events occur in Campbell County. Campbell County is also one of the leading counties in the State in their efforts every year to get out and work with the schools to exercise their plans in the schools. He stated that the recognition that they have received tonight is well-deserved.

Mr. Knipper stated that Ron Schneider and John Griswold took the bull by the horns on this project and helped to make it happen over the last four years. He noted that the project also required a lot of support from the Fiscal Court, and he thanked the Court, Mr. Schneider and Mr. Griswold for their hard work, dedication and support in making this happen for public safety.

Judge Pendery stated that Mr. Knipper is to be commended for his modesty as well as his willingness to undertake this program. He and his staff and the people responsible, and he thanked Mr. Knipper, Mr. Schneider and Mr. Griswold on behalf of the Court.

Judge Pendery then introduced Mr. Joe Condit, Director of the Newport Housing Authority, Mr. Bob Brewster, Director of Brighton Center, and Ms. Linda Fields, Deputy Director of the Newport Housing Authority, who were present to give an update on the Hope VI Project and a Soft Second Mortgage Program offered by the Authority. Mr. Condit stated that the Hope VI Project is a means of creating new housing and rehabilitative housing throughout Newport. He stated that 13 units have been completed, with another 300 to be completed before December 31, 2008. They have recently asked Brighton Center to help with home ownership and are also proud to present the Soft Second Mortgage Program, which allows people who are under 80% of the average medium income to buy a house and get a Soft Second Mortgage up to 25% of the value of the home as long as they live in the home for 5 years. Ms. Fields then stated that people applying for the Soft Second Mortgage do not have to be first-time home buyers, as long as they meet the income requirement. This is a forgivable soft second mortgage for a maximum purchase price on a home located in the City of Newport with a purchase price of \$140,000 or lower. There is a prequalification process, which can be completed at the Housing Authority office at 301 W. 4th Street, Newport, between 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Their credit requirements mirror those of area lenders and there is a 1% down payment requirement. Criminal background checks are required, due to qualifications for government funding. Commissioner Rechten inquired as to what the down payment would be on a \$100,000 home and if the loans were forgivable after 5 years. Ms. Fields stated that the down payment would be \$1,000 and the maximum that the family would be eligible for would be \$25,000, which is meant to be a gap filler between what the family is eligible for as far as first mortgage lending and any other monies they have coming in to the purchase price. The loan is forgivable after 5 years at 20% per year as long as the family lives in the home for 5 years. Mr. Condit stated that although the funding is only for housing in the City of Newport, they are finding that people from other area cities and states are taking advantage of the program, and young people who are just getting out of college are also taking advantage of the program. Mr. Brewster then stated that in the next 3 years, they would be building 33 single-family new homes per year and sell them within the rules that apply. The homes will be two and three story homes and will be built on sites all over the City of Newport, and the contractors will be Drees Homes and Cutter Construction. He is very excited about this project, which should begin construction before winter. Mr. Condit encouraged people to apply for this funding if they meet the above qualifications, and thanked the Court for its time.

Judge Pendery then requested items of Old Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams reported there was no Old Business.

Judge Pendery next requested items of New Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-94-05, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution adopts and approves the execution of a

contract between the City of Dayton, Kentucky and the Campbell County Fiscal Court to provide for building permit review and inspection services for the City, on an as-needed basis. She noted that Peter Klear, Director of Planning & Zoning, was present to answer any questions. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechlin made a motion and Commissioner Hayden seconded to approve Resolution R-94-05. Judge Pendery stated that with the capacity the County has with its own Planning & Zoning Department and Building Inspectors, this is a nice service to be able to offer to the cities. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-95-05, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution authorizes the modification of terms of automobile expense agreements with the Campbell County Administrator, Campbell County Jailer, and Campbell County Chief Deputy Jailer. Commissioner Rechlin inquired as to whether these were the only automobile expense agreements that the County has entered into. Mr. Horine stated that they were the only ones. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechlin made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded to approve Resolution R-95-05. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to authorize an increase in compensation for Lori Goetz, Administration Intern, from \$11.04/hr. to \$12.40/hr (Grade 6N), effective June 26, 2005. She noted that Ms. Goetz is not eligible for a merit increase, but is eligible for the cost of living increase, and has done excellent work well beyond our expectations for an intern. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rechlin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to appoint Bradley Deffler to the seasonal position of Recreation Maintenance Worker, effective July 1, 2005 through the 2005 Park Season, with compensation set at \$9.45/hr. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion to advertise, interview and hire for the position of Administrative Assistant in the Campbell County Housing Department. She stated that the previous Administrative Assistant was promoted recently to Housing Specialist, which now requires the Administrative Assistant position to be filled. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rechlin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to re-appoint Rose Beiting to the Northern Kentucky Area Development District Council on Aging, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion to re-appoint Ray Kremer to the Northern Kentucky Area Development District Council on Aging, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rechlin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery noted that Ms. Beiting and Mr. Kremer are long-serving members of this Board and the Court thanks them for the good job they have done, and are willing to continue to do for the future of the Council on Aging.

Judge Pendery next requested reports from Staff. County Administrator, Robert Horine, stated he had nothing further to report.

County Attorney Verst stated that he had nothing further to report at this meeting

Commissioner Rehtin and Commissioner Otto stated they had nothing further to report.

Judge Pendery then stated that he has had many people ask him about Commissioner Hayden and his family who had been involved in a traffic accident recently, and asked Commissioner Hayden if he would like to speak to that. Commissioner Hayden stated that he and his family were returning from a vacation on July 4 and were involved in a very serious car accident on the AA Highway. His wife, three sons, family dog, and him were in their SUV when the accident occurred. Everyone was in seat belts, and there were no serious injuries to anyone, except his youngest son, suffered some very serious injuries. Although he was belted in, he hit the passenger's side window during the accident. He suffered a fractured skull, very serious lacerations to the right side of his face, some swelling and bruising of the brain. The fracture extends from the right side of his skull to the left side of the skull. He has been in intensive care at Children's Hospital for 2-1/2 days and was released this evening to rehabilitation, which is very good news for the family. The doctors expect a full recovery and he is doing well, but will take some time to heal the head injury. Commissioner Hayden thanked the Wilder Police, who were spectacular at the scene, the paramedics and ambulance personnel, who were also terrific at the scene, and Children's Hospital, who we are so fortunate to have. He specifically thanked Dr. Jeffrey Holmes, and the plastic surgeon who did a terrific job, and Nurse Lindsay Walsh, who has been wonderful with his son. Commissioner Hayden encouraged everyone to wear their seat belts. This accident could well have resulted in the death of one or more of his family, had they not been wearing their seat belts. He also thanked the Toyota company, who makes a great vehicle, with air bag deployment. Their family dog, Webster, was ejected out of the back of the vehicle, and injured at the scene and ran away. He was missing for 2 days, but found wandering on I-275 by Candace Scales, who lives in Alexandria. She reported the dog to the authorities and took the dog to her home and he went directly under her bed and would not come out, until she found out the dog's name and called him out. Commissioner Hayden thanked Ms. Scales for her care of Webster, and stated that his boys are extremely happy to have him back. Webster has a broken spine, broken leg and some cuts on his leg, and will be recovering for a while. Commissioner Hayden also thanked everyone who has been praying for him and his family and looks forward to everyone recovering fully.

Judge Pendery then announced that the Campbell County Criminal Justice Advisory Commission is considering holding a meeting on July 19, 2005 at Noon. There are some break-out meetings that will take place between now and then, and the Court will advise the members as to whether or not that meeting will take place.

Judge Pendery also announced that the next Campbell County Mayors' Meeting will be held on July 26, 2005, at 7:30 a.m., at the new Alexandria City Building.

Judge Pendery then stated that the County has unveiled a new redesigned website, which has been very well done, in hopes of keeping citizens and visitors better informed about news in Campbell County. The website is www.campbellcountky.org. The County welcomes input to this site.

Judge Pendery then asked for a report from the Fiscal Director. Mr. Seibert requested a motion to authorize solicitation of bids to build an addition to the Campbell County Animal Shelter. Construction will be funded through private donations previously received by the Animal Shelter to be used toward capital construction. The addition will house cats and the estimated cost is \$25,000. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion to accept the bids, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert next presented Resolution R-90-05, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. He stated that this Resolution authorizes the pre-approval of Senior Picnic related expenses not to exceed \$5,000. This was requested by audit staff in order to make these payments promptly. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Hayden seconded to approve Resolution R-90-05. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert next requested approval of the Claims being presented at this meeting. County Attorney Verst stated that he had reviewed the Claims, and they appear to be appropriate. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion that the Claims be approved and paid. Commissioner Rehtin seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Commissioner Otto, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted "AYE" and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-90-05: Authorization for Pre-Approval of Senior Picnic Related Expenses
Resolution R-94-05: Contract with City of Dayton to Provide for Building and Permit Review and Inspection Services
Resolution R-95-05: Modification of Automobile Expense Agreements
Claims: July 6, 2005

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Campbell County Judge/Executive

Attest:

Melissa A. Williams
Acting Fiscal Court Clerk