

CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Alexandria Courthouse, Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

**COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
DAVID OTTO
KENNETH RECHTIN
WILLIAM VERST**

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Director
Justin Verst	County Attorney
Chief David Sandfoss	Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Peter Klear	Director, Planning & Zoning
Darlana Brown	Director of Housing
Reno Deaton	Solid Waste Coordinator
Ken Knipper	Director, Office of Emergency Management
Ron Schneider	Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Naguanda Deaton	Director of Personnel
Sandra Mulligan	Fiscal Court Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Judge Pendery. A moment of silence was called for by Judge Pendery, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Judge Pendery presented the minutes from the regular Fiscal Court meeting of October 15, 2003, and the Mayors' Meeting minutes of October 21, 2003. It was moved by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Rechtin that the minutes of the Fiscal Court meeting of September 16, 2003 and the Mayors' Meeting of October 21, 2003 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. Mr. Don Velten, 112 Skyline Drive, Cold Spring, Kentucky, addressed the Court. He stated that he had received a letter on house number changes on October 3, 2003, said letter being dated September 17, 2003. He has lived at this address since 1968 and his house number is being changed from 112 to 5237. He noted that it was always easy to find houses on Skyline Drive because they were numbered consecutively from 1 forward. He believes that it

will be extremely difficult for emergency vehicles and other people to find houses on his street because there will now be a big gap between the numbers. He feels that there were many miscommunications regarding the readdressing because residents were not notified about the process prior to addresses and street names being changed. Judge Pendery pointed out to Mr. Velten that the County knew prior to beginning the readdressing project that it would be a controversial one, but that the County was approximately 15 years behind other counties in doing the readdressing. Judge Pendery explained that if an address is in the 5000's, there is only one band of possibilities where that block is located on the County grid. He also stated that the fact that there might be 400 numbers on a street with only 100 homes, is an indication that there are potential additional lots that could be added, or that there might be a certain distance between homes with lots of a certain size. He gave an example of an address of 402, noting that that number shows that the house is located in the 400 block, the last 2 digits would indicate whether the house is on the odd or even side of the road, and the last 2 digits would also tell how far along the block the house is located. This logic is what is being applied on a countywide basis and has been applied in other Northern Kentucky counties long before Campbell County took on the project. Mr. Velten asked why certain other roads were not affected by the readdressing. Judge Pendery explained that the County could only control its jurisdiction, which covers a considerable majority of the surface area of the County, being the unincorporated County. He noted that there were cities that were involved in the readdressing that had a choice as to whether they would try to renumber addresses within their cities. In most of these cities, there is the same kind of logical sequence of numbers that the County is creating. Judge Pendery stated that many things were done by the County to try to make this inconvenience more palatable for citizens, such as notifying all of the utility companies and the post offices and working with them to develop a database that would have the new addressing system in it. Judge Pendery thanked Mr. Velten for his comments.

Mr. Don Hill then addressed the Court. Mr. Hill also lives on Skyline Drive in Cold Spring. He stated he was aware the readdressing was going to take place, but he was disappointed in the way it happened. He feels that everything was done after the fact, by not advising the residents until after the streets and addresses had already been changed, noting that this was very poor communication. He mentioned a number of streets with addresses that had not been changed, to which Judge Pendery advised him that those streets were not within the power of the County to change without the cooperation and permission of the city they were located in. Mr. Hill stated that he was told by Dave Guidugli that the County did not have the authority to readdress Skyline Drive. Commissioner Verst advised Mr. Hill that the agreement the County had with the City was that the City would work with the County on roads that were part city/part county because of them being joint jurisdiction. He noted that whether or not the cities themselves would take on their subdivisions which are totally in the city, would be decided by them. The cities agreed that any road that went from unincorporated county into the city, would be worked out with the County in order to have consistent numbering on those roads. Mr. Hill stated that he feels the readdressing was advised to citizens after the fact, before anyone had an opportunity to stop it. Judge Pendery stated that the readdressing project had been discussed and talked about in governmental circles and county publications for years, and apologized for the inconvenience to citizens, but stated that the larger good is what needs to be looked at. He stated that the readdressing would make dispatch operations simpler for those people who may or may not be

familiar with the County, but who are outstanding in the work they do in the dispatch center. Judge Pendery thanked Mr. Hill for addressing the Court with his concerns.

Carl Hogle, a Campbell County citizen, then addressed the Court. He stated that he had called the life squad on October 25, 2003 for his daughter. He stated that the dispatcher first called Eastern life squad and couldn't get them to come to his home, then called Camp Springs life squad and they said they were on their way. Eastern then called and said they were on their way. Mr. Hogle said that one-half hour later the dispatcher called him back and asked him if he lived on Carthage Road, and what cross-streets he was closest to. Mr. Hogle told the dispatcher he was $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile going east from Rt. 1996. He feels his daughter would not have died had it not taken the life squad so long to get to his residence. Mr. Hogle stated that he had lived on Rt. 10 for over 50 years, and had a few mailbox changes over the years, but none like the readdressing that is taking place. Judge Pendery stated that the Court was very sorry for his loss, to which Mr. Hogle replied that sorry would not bring his daughter back. Judge Pendery stated that these kinds of problems were reported to the County for quite some time and that this is what led the County to begin the readdressing project. Mr. Hogle stated that he has heard the Campbell County police call the dispatcher and ask what the old box number for a residence was, because they could not find the new address. Mr. Hogle then stated that when the life squad arrived at his home on October 25, there was only one woman on the squad, which upset him. He stated that the EMT's weren't called until they were on Rt. 1997 before getting on the AA Highway. He stated that he feels the County needs to clean up its act.

Judge Pendery then asked if there was anyone else present who would like to address the Fiscal Court. There were none.

Judge Pendery next introduced Joe Davis, Chief of Campbell County Water Rescue. Mr. Davis reported that Campbell County Water Rescue recently completed a merger with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary program based out of Cincinnati, and made up of thousands of volunteers across the country. After more than a year of meetings, training opportunities and paperwork, the Campbell County Water Rescue was recently invited to the Annual Coast Guard Conference in Indianapolis to accept their charter. He noted that the water rescue team in this County is not only dedicated to the existing services they provide, but also on a national level for the Auxiliary program. One of the benefits of membership includes eligibility for reimbursement for fuel, which was absorbed solely by the Water Rescue. Those funds can now be used for new equipment or training. Campbell County Water Rescue also now falls under the Coast Guard liability insurance, which will also save the county these funds. He stated that the Water Rescue will now be able to offer higher level services, while being provided with more funds with which to offer those services. Judge Pendery stated that this was great news for the Water Rescue and the County and thanked Mr. Davis for his report. Commissioner Verst advised Mr. Davis that he was very pleased with the progress that the Water Rescue department has made, and commended the volunteers who take part in the water rescue program.

Judge Pendery next requested items of Old Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams reported that there was no Old Business to be acted on at this meeting.

Judge Pendery then requested items of New Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams advised that the first order of New Business was a motion to proclaim November 8, 2003 as “Community and Regional Planning Day” in Campbell County. She noted that this proclamation urges all citizens to honor and thank individuals who serve on planning commissions, citizen planners and the planning profession. Peter Klear, Planning Director, requested the proclamation. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechtin 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 proclaim November 10 through 14, 2003 as “Northern Kentucky Education Week” in Campbell County. She stated that this proclamation urges citizens to celebrate education, thank our educators and recognize our educators who have distinguished themselves this past year. Barbara Stonewater, of the Northern Kentucky Council of Partners in Education requested the proclamation. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve the motion. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to proclaim November 15, 2003 as “America Recycles Day” in Campbell County. She stated that this proclamation urges citizens to promote the principles of reduce, reuse and recycle. Reno Deaton, Solid Waste Coordinator, requested the proclamation. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechtin made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve the motion. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then introduced Reno Deaton, Solid Waste Coordinator, who gave an overview of the 2003 Fall County Cleanup Program, which was held on October 10, 11 and 12, 2003. Mr. Deaton stated that he had been authorized by the Fiscal Court to investigate the possibility of forging partnerships with the cities in Campbell County relative to the issues of litter abatement and general cleanup issues, which accompany House Bill 174. He stated that the cities of Alexandria, Cold Spring, Crestview, Dayton, Ft. Thomas, Highland Heights, Melbourne, Mentor, Silver Grove, Southgate and Woodlawn decided to join the County in this collaborative event. All of the cities were very supportive in the recent Fall Cleanup, some running promotions regarding the cleanup and litter abatement in their city newsletters. The 3-day event had drop-offs in three locations, being Pendery Park, the Campbell County Road Barn, and the Campbell County Police Station. In the Fall Cleanup, 80 30-cubic yards of trash was collected which was the equivalent of 540,650 pounds. Over 2,135 tires were collected which will be baled, cut up, recycled and used as land fill liner at Rumpke’s dump. Freon was removed from 194 appliances, and 331,606 pounds of scrap metal was baled, which will all be recycled and made into new products. Also collected were 360 car batteries, 120 propane tanks, and 12 acetylene tanks. Commissioner Rechtin inquired as to whether there were any cities who showed interest in hosting a site in their city. Mr. Deaton stated that some time ago, the City of Newport has shown slight interest, but it did not transpire, noting that the city would need someplace it could lock down and make secure, and be prepared to spend more than 35 hours on the site. Commissioner Rechtin asked why the city of Newport would not host a site, since they already have such a cleanup semi-annually. Mr. Deaton advised that the city of Newport did participate in the cleanup, but that they did not show an interest in taking the lead in these

particular cleanups. He also noted that approximately \$33,000 out-of-pocket costs would be incurred by the County for this cleanup, advising that the County has to pay to get rid of the tires, but receives money back on the scrap metal. The County also trades a portion of the scrap metal with the company from Lexington who removes the freon. The actual cost circumvented would be approximately \$49,000, after the tipping fee. Mr. Horine added that there were a few cities who did not participate with the County that get the House Bill 174 money directly, so the County was not able to capture the entire amount that was available to the County. Mr. Deaton explained that the biggest advantage to the cleanup project is what it saves the County in public works dollars. By holding the cleanup, the County encourages citizens not to throw these types of items on the side of roads, but to hold on to them and bring them to the County during cleanup days. This saves road crews being out every day cleaning up roadsides and other dumps. Judge Pendery thanked Mr. Deaton for the report.

Ms. Williams next introduced Chief David Sandfoss, Campbell County Police Department, to speak regarding the “Buckle Up Kentucky-It’s the Law and It’s Enforced” campaign. Chief Sandfoss announced to the Court and Campbell County citizens that the holidays are fast approaching, which brings people out to travel and shop. The National Highway Safety Council has adopted the “Buckle Up Kentucky-It’s the Law and It’s Enforced” program. This program will be held from November 17 through November 30, 2003 in the State of Kentucky. Law enforcement agencies will combine to put forth aggressive law enforcement with special emphasis on the use of occupant protection, seatbelt and child restraint devices. He noted that because of the recent law enforcement grant the Campbell County police recently received, they would be able now to participate in this program with more vigor and put more emphasis on the program directly in the County. He made everyone aware that this would be a good time for them to slow down, be more safety conscious, and be sure to buckle up. Judge Pendery thanked Chief Sandfoss for his presentation.

Ms. Williams then introduced Naguanda Deaton, Personnel Director, who gave a report on the County’s 2003 United Way Campaign. Ms. Deaton stated that this year’s campaign was very successful. The campaign was held October 27 through October 31, 2003, with a theme of “Making Magic Happen.” The United Way team consisted of Campbell County Fiscal Court employees Valerie Gibson, Lisa Bowman, Jim Seibert, Tina Straman, Gayle Olsen, Josh Wice, Barb Leising, Reno Deaton and Naguanda Deaton. The week of events included donuts and conversation, a silent auction (which raised \$505), a raffle for lunch at Mitchell’s Fish Market, a bake sale, penny drops, homemade soup day (over 70 bowls served), a day where employees could dress casual or in a Halloween costume for a \$5 donation, and a day where Magician Paul Ketterer came to each department and performed shows. She made special thanks to Mr. Ketterer, who works full-time, but took a day of vacation to contribute his time to do the shows for the employees, because of service to the charity. While there are still a few pledges yet to come in, the campaign is nearing \$5,000 for the Fiscal Court’s contribution to United Way, which is approximately \$2,000 more than has been contributed in the past. Judge Pendery thanked Ms. Deaton for her report, noting that that is a great amount to raise from such a small population of employees.

Ms. Williams then presented Ordinance O-20-03 for first reading. She explained that this Ordinance amends the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance, Article X, Section 10.24(B),

relating to the Accessory Uses in the I-2 Industrial Zone. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends adoption of the text amendment. Ms. Williams stated that no action was necessary on the Ordinance at this meeting and that it would be acted upon at the next Fiscal Court meeting on its second reading.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-118-03, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this resolution authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Northern Kentucky Area Development District for professional services for Fiscal Year 2004 relating to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Aging tax funds. Pat Dressman, Human Services Director, recommends entering into the contract. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Verst made a motion and Commissioner Rehtin seconded, to approve Resolution R-118-03. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-120-03, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this resolution authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the City of Crestview for snow and ice maintenance for 2003-2004 at the rate of \$100 per winter trip, which is the same rate as last year. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-120-03. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-121-03, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this resolution authorizes the adoption of a Tree and Bench Memorial Program. Dennis Reller, Recreation Manager, has developed this program and wishes to make it available to citizens who would like to honor a loved one by purchasing a tree or bench with a memorial marker in our county parks. Trees would cost \$300 plus \$75 for the plaque, and benches would cost \$400 plus \$75 for a plaque. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion and Commissioner Rehtin seconded, to approve Resolution R-121-03. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-122-03, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this resolution authorizes the reduction of cable rates at the Lakeside Terrace Senior Apartment Building. She noted that Reno Deaton, Manager at Lakeside, reviews the rates every 6 months, and recommends a reduction from \$20 to \$15. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-122-03. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-123-03, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this resolution acknowledges the acceptance of an \$8,889 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the Kentucky Justice Cabinet, Kentucky Criminal Justice Council, the grant being for \$8,000 and the local match being for \$889. These funds will be used to purchase police related equipment. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-123-03. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-124-03, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this resolution authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute an Addendum to the Contract with the City of Dayton to provide labor and equipment to grade ballfields in Gil Lynn and Riverside Parks. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion and Commissioner Rehtin seconded, to approve Resolution R-124-03. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer Greg Steenken, to be effective October 29, 2003. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rehtin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to appoint Robert Huck to the Campbell County and Municipal Planning & Zoning Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Al Messmer who resigned earlier this year. This appointment would be effective November 6, 2003 through March 2, 2006. Judge Pendery noted that he and others had met with Mr. Huck and feels that he is a fine gentleman who is willing to do some hard work for his fellow citizens. Mr. Huck is associated with the Farm Bureau and comes highly recommended. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery next requested reports from Staff. Mr. Horine advised he had nothing further to report at this meeting.

Judge Pendery then requested a report from the County Attorney. Mr. Verst reported that the County Attorney's office was running smoothly and that he had nothing further to report.

Judge Pendery next requested reports from the Commissioners. Commissioner Verst reminded everyone that it was time to change your clocks back one hour and change your smoke detector batteries. If anyone has problems with their smoke detectors, he urged them to contact their local fire department, who could assist them. He also urged everyone to invest in a carbon monoxide detector if they didn't already have one. Commissioner Otto congratulated Governor-Elect Ernie Fletcher in his successful bid for the governorship of Kentucky, and requested the Court send him a letter of congratulations, stating also that Campbell County is looking forward to working with him. Commissioner Rehtin stated he had nothing further to report at this meeting.

Judge Pendery then reported on a joint meeting held on October 28, 2003 between the Court, the cities of Cold Spring, Highland Heights and Wilder. The meeting was held to discuss the Northern Kentucky Technology Commercialization Triangle. The Triangle is designed to use the intellectual capital of the University to attract businesses into the area, thereby improving the tax base not only of the cities involved, but of Campbell County as a whole. The process has been successful to date, developing a brochure that will be used by Tri-County Economic Development Corporation as a promotional item for the entire Northern Kentucky area. Judge Pendery also reported that Governor Patton would be present on November 10 at the Campbell County Senior Center to present a check in the amount of \$429,000 for the addition of a Senior

Center Fitness Center. The addition will be approximately 2,000 square feet. The funds are from a CDBG grant that the County is in partnership with the City of Highland Heights. Judge Pendery then congratulated Darlena Brown, Campbell County Housing Director, on her recent appointment by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials to their Member Services Committee for a two-year term. He also congratulated Mrs. Brown on the 100% SEMAP rating that the Housing Department recently received. The Department scored 120 points out of a possible 120. SEMAP is the Section 8 Management Assessment Program Certification Program. Judge Pendery then announced that a Federal Grant in the amount of \$45,000 would soon be made available to our Housing Department to fund a family self-sufficiency program.

Judge Pendery then requested a report from the Fiscal Director. Mr. Seibert presented Resolution R-125-03, which he read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. He stated that this Resolution authorizes the execution of contracts with Kramer Excavating, Inc. for snow removal and ice treatment for the Fiscal Court Building lot, the District Court Building lot, the Detention Facility lot, and the Campbell County Senior Center lot from November, 2003 through April, 2004. This resolution is the request of Russell Guy, Maintenance Supervisor. The fee for snow removal for both contracts is \$100 per hour, and the fees for salting at the Fiscal Court, District Court and Detention Center are \$75 per hour and \$50 per hour at the Senior Center. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechlin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-125-03. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then presented Resolution R-119-03, which he read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. He stated that this resolution sets guidelines for the 2004 Area Development fund grant monies, of which \$24,563 is available for allocation to Campbell County from a grant. A selection committee is required to be set up and project rating criteria and timetable. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-119-03. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then requested approval of the Claims being presented at this meeting. County Attorney Verst advised that he had reviewed the claims and that they appeared to be appropriate. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion that the claims be approved and paid. Commissioner Rechlin 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 Verst, seconded by Commissioner Rechlin, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted "AYE" and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Attachments:

Proclamation: "Community and Regional Planning Day"
Proclamation: "Northern Kentucky Education Week"
Proclamation: "America Recycles Day in Campbell County"
Ordinance O-20-03: Amendment to Text of Official Zoning Ordinance

Resolution R-118-03: Contract with Northern Kentucky Area Development District
Resolution R-119-03: Guidelines for 2004 Area Development Fund Grant
Resolution R-120-03: Contract with City of Crestview for Snow Removal
Resolution R-121-03: Adoption of Tree and Bench Memorial Program
Resolution R-122-03: Lakeside Terrace Senior Apartment Building Cable Rates
Resolution R-123-03: Acceptance of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant
Resolution R-124-03: Contract with City of Dayton for Ballfield Grading
Resolution R-125-03: Contracts with Kramer Excavating for Snow and Ice Removal
Claims: November 5, 2003
November 5, 2003 (Supplemental)

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Campbell County Judge/Executive

Attest:

Sandra L. Mulligan
Fiscal Court Clerk