

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

APRIL 6, 2022

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse, 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GEOFF BESECKER
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

County Attorney Steve Franzen,
County Administrator Matt Elberfeld,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Assistant County Administrator Kim Serra,
Finance Director/Treasurer Marie Schenkel,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell,
Economic & Community Development Director Justin Otto

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Painter. Cable Access was present to film the meeting. The meeting was also broadcast live on the Fiscal Court Facebook Page.

Commissioner Painter announced that Judge Pendery was out of town attending his son's wedding. He then requested a motion to appoint a member of the Fiscal Court to chair the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Lampe to have Commissioner Painter preside over the meeting in Judge Pendery's absence. Commissioner Besecker seconded the motion. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Painter gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Following roll call, a quorum was declared present. Judge Pendery was absent.

Commissioner Painter requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Fiscal Court regular meeting of March 16, 2022. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Besecker to approve the minutes. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Painter proceeded to call on those who had signed in to address the Fiscal Court.

Philip Enzweiler, a resident of Camp Springs, spoke about a safety issue on KY 547 which runs from US 27 to Silver Grove. The issue is the increased tractor trailer truck traffic on the road which is narrow, has no shoulders and has blind curves. He believes that most of the trucks are

coming from Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (ADM) in Silver Grove and are using 547 as a shortcut to US 27. Mr. Enzweiler stated that he has talked to the County Police, ADM and the KY Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and written his senator and representative. Both he and his son have had incidents on 547 involving the trucks. Mr. Elberfeld advised that 547 is a State road and therefore the Fiscal Court cannot ban the trucks, however staff can contact KYTC and ADM. He added that the Planning & Zoning Department regularly reaches out to Google Maps and other sites requesting that certain routes be deleted. Perhaps some truck drivers do not know how narrow the road is until they are already on it. Chief Sorrel added that he talked to Mr. Enzweiler and has also contacted KYTC.

Ron Allari, President of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 88 which covers all of northern Kentucky, explained that the purpose of the VVA is to help veterans readjust. He operated a veteran's service office at the Alexandria City building for about 11 years beginning in 2005; it is now being run by Steve Weber who is the commander of the American Legion Post. Mr. Allari stated that about 15 years ago he broached the idea of getting a Vietnam Veterans memorial in honor of the 34-35 Campbell Countians lost in the Vietnam War. Boone and Kenton Counties both have memorials listing names of residents lost in the War. He described Kenton County's memorial which was built in 1982 for about \$70,000 through fundraising efforts. The members of the VVA Chapter 88 all agree that they would like to again pursue building a memorial in Campbell County. He would like the focus of the monument to be on the names of the veterans that have died. Mr. Allari is asking the Fiscal Court for support including ideas for funding, location (with parking) and design of the monument. His group will continue to brainstorm to come up with a basic plan on design and location. He'd like to come back to the next meeting to present their ideas and to figure out ways to fundraise.

Commissioner Besecker thanked the group for coming to the Fiscal Court to show their support. He appreciates them leaning on the Fiscal Court for resources and community connections. Commissioner Lampe also thanked them for coming and bringing this project to their attention. These people are well-deserving of recognition. This will involve a lot of details, the main issue being funding. The Fiscal Court will count on the veterans to do a lot of legwork although staff will be willing to help. Mr. Franzen agreed that this memorial is long overdue as this particular group of veterans were underappreciated for a long time. He is certain that Judge Pendery will be in favor of any help that the Fiscal Court could give them. Commissioner Painter stated that it sounds like they have a pretty good idea of what they want. The Fiscal Court can't commit to funding the project but would like to pursue it. They will have to talk to Judge Pendery and the Fiscal Court staff to see where to go from here.

There being no old business, Paula Spicer presented new business with Resolution R-20-22 by title. R-20-22 authorizes installation of school flasher lights and other traffic control devices on roads in the school zone of John W. Reiley Elementary School. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-20-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Ordinance O-03-22 was presented for a first reading. O-03-22 amends Chapter 73 "Traffic Schedules" of the Campbell County Code of Ordinances to change the maximum speed limit on Alexandria Pike in the John W. Reiley Elementary School zone to 25 mph. Mr. Elberfeld explained that the current school zone for Reiley Elementary is along US 27, although there is no

access to the school from US 27. The school is accessed from Alexandria Pike/Old US 27. The Campbell County School District requested that the Fiscal Court create a new school zone. The previous Resolution, R-20-22, established the school zone and this ordinance sets the school zone speed limit at 25mph. Commissioner Besecker asked if the school zone on US 27 will stay in place since the buses pull out onto US 27. Mr. Elberfeld stated that he will have to talk to the state about it since it is a state route. No vote was taken on the first reading of this ordinance.

Resolution R-21-22 was read by title. R-21-22 approves execution of an Agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to replace the bridge on Lower Tug Fork Road. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-21-22, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-22-22 was read by title. R-22-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into a contract with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Emergency Management to accept Fiscal Year 2022 Rescue Aid Program Grant funds for the Campbell County LandSAR team. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-22-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-23-22 was read by title. R-23-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into a contract with Andrew Bray for reimbursement of labor costs for the replacement of a shared boundary fence. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-23-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. Mr. Elberfeld explained that Mr. Bray and the County are adjacent property owners in the area approaching the dam at A J Jolly Park. Mr. Bray wants to replace the fence on the boundary line. Kentucky law requires that both parties share the cost for shared boundary fences. Mr. Bray will complete the fence and the County’s portion of the cost is about \$1,300 and will be made on a reimbursement basis once the project is complete. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

The County Administrator and County Attorney had no reports for the meeting.

Commissioner Besecker recalled that there has been a lot of discussion on how the Fiscal Court can improve A J Jolly Park. He thanked Ms. Serra, Larry Harrod, Mike Braun and others who had a lot of input. He visited the park and found that the shower house project is coming along and also had a look at the new bathroom facility near the pavilion and new ADA compliant playground. A new automatic gate was installed to help with traffic flow as people leave the boat ramp and exit the park.

Commissioner Besecker announced that a number of them went to the Mentoring Plus fundraiser. Mentoring Plus is an organization in Newport where adults team up with youth to mentor/coach them. They heard from both coaches and young people who have been through the program. One speaker, Daniel, shared an inspiring story about what the program means to him, how it has had a positive influence on him and helped him to be a better role model for his younger brothers and family. Mentoring Plus is always looking for volunteers and it is a great program.

Commissioner Lampe had no report.

Commissioner Painter announced that the Campbell County Spring Clean-up event is scheduled for April 29 and 30 from 8am to 5pm. This is an opportunity for Campbell County residents to dispose of unwanted trash, debris and bulky household items free of charge at multiple locations throughout the County. More information can be found in the Winter/Spring 2022 edition of *What's Happening* or on the County's website. Commissioner Besecker added that every weekday between 8:00am and noon, residents can take appliances to the Road Department on Racetrack Road free of charge.

Marie Schenkel presented the Finance Director/Treasurer's report by requesting a motion to accept the bid, including alternates, of Hinkle Construction Services LLC in the total amount of \$479,789 for replacement of a small bridge on Dodsworth Lane, 0.9 miles from its intersection with KY 8 and replacement of a bridge on Lower Tug Fork Road, 1.5 miles south of KY 547. Kentucky 80/20 bridge replacement funds will be used on the Lower Tug Fork Road project. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the proposal from Cincinnati Bell for countywide ethernet services and to authorize entering into a 60-month service agreement with Cincinnati Bell in consideration of a monthly fee of \$3,507. The current agreement expires in June 2022. Ms. Schenkel added that the new agreement is about a \$10,000 annual savings with higher internet speeds. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise for bids for the following Road Department materials for FY23: culvert pipe, stone, hot/cold mix asphalt, gasoline and diesel fuel, and road salt. Staff has an option to extend the fuel agreement with Valor for one year. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to participate in a joint County bidding process with Boone and Kenton Counties for pauper burial and indigent cremation services for FY23. Boone County will handle the bidding process. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to acknowledge receipt of the Jailer's draft budget for fiscal year 2023 by the April 1 deadline. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve interfund transfers dated March 31, 2022. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve budget transfers dated March 31, 2022. Ms. Schenkel stated that the transfers don't increase the total size of the budget, but reallocate funds to different line

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

Ms. Schenkel then requested a motion to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order dated March 23 and 30 and April 6, 2022 and employee benefit claims dated April 1, 2022. County Attorney Steve Franzen advised that he has reviewed the claims, claims paid per standing order and employee benefit claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. Commissioner Lampe agreed with payment of the claims however, recused himself from approving any claims related to employee benefits due to his employer’s relationship with those companies. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-20-22 Installation of Flashers/Traffic Control Devices in School Zone
Ordinance O-03-22 First Reading to Change Speed Limit in School Zone
Resolution R-21-22 Agreement to Accept Bridge Replacement Funding
Resolution R-22-22 Contract to Accept Rescue Aid Program Grant Funds
Resolution R-23-22 Contract for Reimbursement of Costs to Replace Shared Boundary Fence
Interfund Transfers dated March 31, 2022
Budget Transfers dated March 31, 2022
Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated March 23 and 30 and April 6, 2022 and
Employee Benefits Claims dated April 1, 2022

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk