

CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fiscal Court Conference Room, 24 W. 4th Street, Newport, 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
David Sandfoss	Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Reno Deaton	Solid Waste Manager/Lakeside Terrace Director
Darlana Brown	Director, Housing
Peter Klear	Director of Planning & Zoning
Lisa Bowman	Animal Shelter Director
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Sandra Mulligan	Fiscal Court Clerk

Due to his attendance at a meeting out of town, Judge Pendery arrived after the start of the meeting. In Judge Pendery's absence, Commissioner Verst made a motion to appoint Commissioner Otto as Presiding Official to conduct the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. The motion passed. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Commissioner Otto. A moment of silence was called for, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Commissioner Otto presented the minutes from the Fiscal Court meeting of January 7, 2004. It was moved by Commissioner Rechtin and seconded by Commissioner Verst that the minutes of the Fiscal Court meeting of January 7, 2004 be approved. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otto then introduced Dr. Ed Muntel and Mr. Denis Walsh from North Key Community Care, who were present to give an update on the services of North Key to Campbell County residents. Dr. Muntel thanked the Court for the opportunity to speak at the meeting. He reported that North Key has been the primary convenor and organizer for the Regional Planning Council. This Council calls upon representatives from throughout the northern eight counties and there are representatives on that Council from the police departments, corrections departments, schools, Fiscal Courts, and others who are involved with or somehow affected by mental health, mental retardation and substance needs and treatment services. The Council

continues to put together an assessment of the overall region relating to needs, and that is then represented to the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Commission. This Commission has legislators and state Secretaries and Commissioners on its Board. The assessment has been of great importance as far as keeping people alert and aware of what the overall needs for mental health and substance abuse services are. He emphasized that the State of Kentucky is ranked 44th for mental health funding, and ranked 49th for mental retardation funding. He stated that the State does as well as it can with the funding it has. The Regional Planning Council continues to emphasize that of all the 14 regions in the State, our region is dead last as far as its per capita State funding is concerned. Some commitment has come from the State, in particular past State Secretaries and Commissioners, that they would try to adjust our funding in order to get it to a more equitable basis. Dr. Muntel then distributed a report on the statistics for Campbell County regarding the level of services provided. He stated that the highest level of service occurs with mental health outpatient individual therapy, therapeutic rehabilitation for seriously mentally ill individuals. Those individuals are not being served in Campbell County, but rather they are residents of Campbell County who are treated at North Key's Scott Street location in Kenton County. A large number of the people served are self-referred or referred by family or friends, and are indigent and are paid for by Medicaid. Other individuals come from probation and parole, state and federal courts, diversionary programs, and other psychiatric hospitals.

Commissioner Verst asked if it was normal that the number of female patients was so much greater than the number of male patients. Dr. Muntel advised that that ratio is greatly due to the Women's Intensive Outpatient Program in Campbell County, which brings a great number of women to that location. The Program is for a 6-month or longer period and many of the women who come to the Program are referred from the Court system. There is also a high rate of success with the women who attend this Program. He also explained that Transitions, Inc. is a subcontractor of North Key and they are most likely to provide service to males in the substance abuse area, which would also account for the lower number of males served by North Key.

Commissioner Rehtin asked why and how much Campbell County was significantly behind the other regions in the State with regard to funding. Dr. Muntel stated that Campbell County's per capita funding calculates out to approximately \$15.33 per member of the Northern Kentucky population. The highest per member calculation in other regions is approximately \$40.00. The State average per capita dollars in other regions calculates out to approximately \$19.98. He suggested that there were a number of reasons why Campbell County was at the low end of funding, noting that a lot of areas of the State have a much higher number of individuals who are indigent or at poverty levels, which probably causes the State to apply more of its funding in those areas. He also noted that in the Northern Kentucky area, we are blessed with not-for-profit agencies who are also providing these types of services, which is taken into consideration for the distribution of funding. Commissioner Rehtin asked who makes the decision on funding dollars. Dr. Muntel explained that these decisions are made at the State level by the Department of Mental Health, and some of the decisions on funding may possibly be made according to how much the local legislators are involved in representing the needs in their areas.

Commissioner Rehtin then asked if social addictions, such as gambling, were treated by North Key the same as alcohol and drug addictions. Dr. Muntel responded that there has been very little demand or request of North Key to treat gambling addiction. He stated that if an individual comes to North Key for treatment for a gambling addiction, it is usually because they have some other addiction also. He stated that he was not aware of any agencies in the State that only treat

gambling addictions, noting that most individuals who have a gambling addiction are rarely willing to identify themselves, and gambling addiction has not been an issue that is traditionally identified as something an individual needs to go to a mental health center for.

Dr. Muntel then introduced Denis Walsh. Mr. Walsh stated that North Key has an access telephone line with a team of members who are available to provide ease of access for getting into the system of care. The phone number for this access line is 859-331-3292.

Judge Pendery arrived at this point in the meeting and requested Commissioner Otto continue the meeting as Presiding Official.

Mr. Walsh stated that North Key has had a “crisis stabilization program” for children for 2-1/2 years, and has started the same program for adults this year, both of which are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Crisis stabilization provides a quick response to individuals who may be having a mental health, substance abuse, or MRDD crisis. A team of individuals are able to go off-site to evaluate an individual quickly, usually within a couple of hours of the crisis. Mr. Walsh stated that the Women’s Intensive Outpatient Program is in the same building at 10th & Monmouth Street as an Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program that works very closely with Judge Foellger, which programs have been very successful. Ms. Williams asked if these would be children who are in the Teen Court Program with Judge Foellger, to which Mr. Walsh responded that they were. North Key also now employs an Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist, a Child Sex Abuse Specialist, and a Deaf & Hard of Hearing Specialist. Other programs sponsored by North Key are a Children’s Intensive Services, which is an inpatient program, a School Bus Services program where clinicians are based in schools, a School Based Health Center where young people can get diagnosed for minor ailments such as ear infections, and major matters such as early intervention for mental health and emotional issues, one of which is Silver Grove Schools located in Campbell County. North Key has a partnership with many other agencies in Northern Kentucky called the Homeless Services Project. This project has been operating for almost 3 years and has had remarkable success in addressing some of the issues around homelessness. North Key is also involved in jailer training and mental health interventions for individuals who are in jail. Some of the challenges facing North Key are the amount of time the MD’s, psychiatrists and ARNP’s have to devote; services to the Spanish speaking; and crisis intervention teams and working with local police around crisis intervention. Mr. Walsh thanked the Court for its support and trust of North Key over the years, noting that Campbell County has supported it for over 20 years.

Commissioner Otto next requested items of Old Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams presented Ordinance O-01-04 for second reading and passage consideration. She explained that this Ordinance adopts Supplement 2003 S-8 to the Code of County Ordinances, which includes ordinances adopted by the Fiscal Court from January 2003 through June 2003. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Ordinance O-01-04. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented Ordinance O-02-04 for second reading and passage consideration. She explained that this Ordinance will have countywide effect and modifies the County’s current Animal Shelter/Animal Control Ordinances to include standards of humane treatment of animals, redefines what it means to have an animal under control, establishes provisions for the inspection

of commercial animal establishments, and increases the penalty for violation of the Ordinance. She noted that all cities in Campbell County had received a copy of the Ordinance, and the Ordinance had been discussed at the recent Mayors' meeting. She stated that Lisa Bowman, Animal Shelter Director, recommends adoption of the Ordinance, and was present to answer any questions. Commissioner Rechtin mentioned that at the Mayors' meeting, Jeff Earlywine, Ft. Thomas Chief Administrative Officer, had brought up the fact that there were some Campbell County cities that had more stricter ordinances than was being proposed in the County ordinance regarding vicious animals. Ms. Bowman responded that County ordinance now defines vicious animals in more detail than it had in the past, but that the individual cities had a right to make stricter ordinances. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Verst made a motion and Commissioner Rechtin seconded, to approve Ordinance O-02-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otto then requested items of New Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams advised that the first order of New Business was Resolution R-02-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution adopts updates and revisions to the Administrative Plan for the Campbell County Housing Department; changes being made to the Family Self-Sufficiency section and to the Preference section regarding the waiting list. She noted that Darlena Brown, Director of Housing, was present to answer any questions. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-02-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-03-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution amends Sections 103.1 and 103.3.1 of the Campbell County Animal Shelter Manual relating to the daily impounding fee and heartworm testing. She noted that Lisa Bowman, Animal Shelter Director, was present to answer any questions. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-03-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery then thanked and commended Ms. Bowman and her staff for the assistance they recently gave to the Grant County Animal Shelter with all the animals they had taken in from a couple who had been stealing them and neglecting them. Ms. Bowman stated that her and her staff work together with all the other local shelters in times like this and they were more than happy to help the animals. She noted that the Iams Company will be donating two 73 ft. tractor trailers full of dog food for all of the Northern Kentucky shelters' use to help out in this situation.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-04-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution approves a partnership with the Campbell County Extension District regarding improvements and maintenance for the lake located at Lakeside Commons Park in Highland Heights, Kentucky. She noted that Reno Deaton, Manager of Lakeside Commons Park, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Deaton stated that the first phase of the project will be to replace the electric panels that now exist, the cost of which will be covered by Lakeside Terrace. The second phase will involve installing the actual fountain and lights. The third phase will involve installing grass carp. The fourth phase will be a spring and fall stocking of blue gill and catfish. The final phase will be an educational process of installing signs in the are to identify the fish that are in the lake,

so that those fishing the lake will be able to identify what they caught. The shared cost for the Fiscal Court and the Extension District will be \$3,301.09, together with an annual maintenance fee of \$1,000 for both entities. The electricity charge is already being paid by Lakeside, which will remain the case for any additional charges. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-04-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to appoint Mark Brant to the position of Building Inspector II, in the Planning & Zoning Department, with compensation set at Grade 12L, \$42,815 annually, effective January 21, 2004. Peter Klear, Planning & Zoning Director, is recommending the appointment. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rechtin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire for 5 Golf Maintenance seasonal employees, 5 Park Maintenance seasonal employees, and 5 Camping/Concession seasonal employees. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rechtin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to reappoint Fran Reitman to the Campbell County Board of Adjustment for a 4-year term, effective January 6, 2004 through January 5, 2008. 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.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion to reappoint Mike Almoslechner, Mike Schulkens and Terry Mann to the Campbell County Ethics Commission for 1-year terms, effective February 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rechtin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion to nominate Richard Kruer, D.M.D., Beth Healy, Pharm.D. and Lawrence Brennan, M.D. to continue to serve on the Local Campbell County Health Board for 2-year terms, effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. This recommendation will be submitted to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services. 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.

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

Commissioner Otto then requested a report from the County Attorney. Mr. Verst stated that he had nothing further to report.

Commissioner Otto next requested reports from the Commissioners. Commissioners Verst and Rechtin stated that they had nothing further to report. Commissioner Otto questioned whether Campbell County had any type of ordinance or law regarding taxes on lottery winnings. He cited a recent newspaper article where a resident won a \$64 million lottery prize, and the county

did not have a specific tax enacted on lottery winnings, which created a loss to the county of approximately \$1.5 million. County Attorney Verst said he would look into the issue and advise whether such an ordinance existed.

Judge Pendery stated he had nothing further to report at this meeting.

Commissioner Otto then requested a report from the Fiscal Director. Mr. Seibert requested approval of the Claims being presented at this meeting. County Attorney Verst advised that he had reviewed the Claims submitted to the meeting and they appeared to be appropriate. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Verst made a motion that the claims be approved and paid. Commissioner Otto 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 Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Verst, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted "AYE" and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-01-04: Adoption of Supplement S-8 to Code of County Ordinances
Ordinance O-02-04: Modification of Animal Shelter/Animal Control Ordinances
Resolution R-03-04: Amendment to Campbell County Animal Shelter Manual
Resolution R-04-04: Partnership with Campbell County Extension District for Improvements
and Maintenance of the Lake located at Lakeside Commons Park
Claims and Transfers: January 21, 2004
January 21, 2004 (Home Emergency Grant)

Approved:

DAVID E. OTTO, Presiding Official

Attest:

Sandra L. Mulligan
Fiscal Court Clerk