

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

April 20, 2011

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
PETE GARRETT
BRIAN PAINTER
KENNETH RECHTIN

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Steve Franzen	County Attorney
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Director
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Keith Hill	Police Chief
Pat Dressman	Human Services Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 meeting of April 6, 2011 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin, seconded by Commissioner Painter, to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Fiscal Court.

Kevin Gordon, Wilder, stated that as a result of the efforts to repeal the smoking ban adopted by the Fiscal Court in December 2010, a group of business owners and concerned citizens have formed a group known as the Independent Business Association of Campbell County LLC. As one of its first official acts, the Association presented awards to Commissioners Garrett, Painter and Rechtin who voted to repeal the smoking ban. Mr. Gordon named some of the members of the Business Association.

Charles Coleman pointed out that the City of Newport flag was flying outside of the County Building but not a County flag. He wondered why the County does not have a flag and suggested that it get one.

Chief Keith Hill presented the Campbell County Police Department Outstanding Achievement Award to Officer Mark Wilke in recognition of his heroic actions on the morning of February 15, 2011 when he rescued a woman from a burning house. Officer Wilke was presented with a plaque commemorating his actions.

Andrew DeMoss, of Ray, Foley and Hensley, provided an overview of the fiscal year 2010 audit of the Fiscal Court. Ray, Foley and Hensley is an accounting firm in Lexington, Kentucky, which has contracted with the State to perform local government audits. Mr. DeMoss provided an overview of the general auditing procedure and of the final results and findings related to the County's audit. The primary objectives of an audit are to ensure fair presentation of the financial statements and to insure compliance with the laws and regulations that could materially affect those financial statements. This is accomplished through analytical procedures, random samplings, confirmations, and an understanding of internal controls. Mr. DeMoss explained that they use an audit checklist that is prescribed by the State. As a result of the audit, they identified two instances that needed to be addressed by the County: continued health insurance coverage for individuals who were no longer employed by the County, and that the County Administrative Code must be reviewed each June pursuant to State law. Mr. DeMoss concluded his report by answering questions from the Fiscal Court.

Ron Lovan, President/CEO and Richard Harrison, Vice-President of Engineering, Water Quality and Production, of the Northern Kentucky Water District addressed the Fiscal Court next. Mr. Lovan explained the structure and history of the Water District which is the largest water district in Kentucky and the third largest water provider in the State. He next gave an overview of the Water District's governance starting with the Environmental Protection Agency, then state and local levels of governance. He named Campbell County's two appointees to the Water District Board: Doug Wagner and Fred Macke. Mr. Lovan recited facts and statistics about the Water District and its service area. He reviewed the capital budget and funding breakdown. With the help of visual aids, Mr. Lovan explained the water treatment process. He and Mr. Harrison then addressed challenges that the District faces including rising operation and maintenance expenses, unfunded mandates and aging infrastructure. The rate structure and the role of the Public Service Commission in hearing requests for rate increases were discussed. Mr. Lovan answered questions from the Fiscal Court and the audience relating to extending service to rural customers, fire protection, terms of board members, water contaminants and water filtration.

Judge Pendery announced that Melissa Williams was not present at the meeting because she was receiving the 2011 MPA Distinguished Alumni Award at a banquet at Northern Kentucky University.

Lloyd Rogers stated that he was late getting to the meeting and asked if he could present awards to Commissioners Pete Garrett, Brian Painter and Ken Rechten for repealing the smoking ban in 2011. He presented the Commissioners with plaques from the Campbell County Tea Party.

There being no old business, Robert Horine presented new business with R-38-11 by title and summary given. R-38-11 changes the terminology used by the Fiscal Court for Mental Retardation services to Intellectual Disability. He explained that this change is being made by many local governments to ensure respect and dignity for participants and recipients of these types of funds. The wording "mental retardation" will be replaced with "intellectual disability". Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-38-11, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Ordinance O-06-11 was read by title and summary given. O-06-11 amends Section 110.20 of the Campbell County Code of Ordinances entitled "Mental Health/Mental Retardation Tax" to change the terminology used for mental retardation services. This is a first reading of the ordinance and no action is required at this time.

Resolution R-39-11 was read by title and summary given. R-39-11 allocates Mental Health/Intellectual Disability (formerly Mental Retardation) tax funds for Fiscal Year 2012. This resolution sets out the distribution of funds collected for mental health/intellectual disability purposes and made available to agencies that deliver services to Campbell County residents. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-39-11, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Commissioner Garrett stated that there is an allocation of \$12,900 to Newport Public Schools. In the future, he would like these funds to be available county-wide, not just to Newport Schools. Pat Dressman stated that this is funding for a school health-based program and she will discuss Commissioner Garrett's comment at the next provider meeting. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-40-11 was read by title and summary given. R-40-11 allocates Senior Citizen tax funds for Fiscal Year 2012. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-40-11, seconded by Judge Pendery. Commissioner Rehtin stated that he recuses himself from voting on this resolution because his employer, Senior Services of Northern Kentucky, receives an allocation from these funds. Commissioners Garrett and Painter and Judge Pendery voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-41-11 was read by title and summary given. R-41-11 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services/KCTCS for Fiscal Year 2011 ambulance service grant funding. Campbell County is eligible to receive grant funds in the amount of \$11,009.17 which will then be distributed to the various ambulance/rescue services in the County. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-41-11, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-42-11 was read by title and summary given. R-42-11 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with SHI International Inc. for renewal of software licenses for a term of three years in the amount of \$10,963.11 per year for a total of \$32,889.33. This agreement covers all software licenses used throughout the County and is the State Contract price. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-42-11, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Robert Horine explained that Brett Ruschman, former IT Director, negotiated the

previous contract, and volunteered to assist the Fiscal Court with this renewal. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-43-11 was read by title and summary given. R-43-11 authorizes the Judge/Executive to apply for the 2011 Spay and Neuter Grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Animal Control Advisory Board. This program will enable the County to provide vouchers for spay/neutering services to people adopting dogs or cats from the Animal Shelter. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-43-11, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Horine requested a motion to appoint Gayle Karr to the seasonal position of Camping and Concession Worker with compensation set at \$9.54 per hour effective April 20, 2011 through the 2011 Park Season. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Clarissa Veneman to the part time position of Clubhouse Concession Worker with compensation set at Grade 5B (\$8.70 per hour) effective April 20, 2011. Motion was made by Judge/Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Painter questioned two payments on the list of claims: Global Business Solutions and Pomeroy IT. Robert Horine explained that the payment to Pomeroy is for the temporary employee in the IT Department; this will no longer be needed once the IT Director position is filled. He further explained that the overpayment to Global is due to four major IT projects occurring in the last month. Those projects included replacement of the server in the Housing Department, completion of a virtualization project, installation of a new antivirus system and becoming fully operational on the I-Net which will save the County about \$100,000 per year for internet services. Mr. Horine stated that some of this work could have been accomplished in-house if the new IT Director was on board.

Commissioner Rehtin stated that a recent newsletter from the NKADD brought to the forefront the legislature's efforts at pension reform and the rising costs of pensions. He stated the amounts paid for pension contributions by the County for hazardous and non-hazardous employees will continue to increase. Due to these rising costs, he suggested that the County look to outsource, merge services, consolidate or downsize as much as possible. Commissioner Rehtin stated that the General Assembly has been unsuccessful so far in controlling pension costs.

Judge Pendery announced two upcoming events sponsored by the Campbell County Solid Waste Department: a tire amnesty to be held on May 19 through 21, 2011 and the annual River Sweep event on June 18, 2011.

Judge Pendery announced that there is an effort to consolidate 911 dispatching operations in Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties. In connection with that, a meeting was held on April 7, 2011 with about 130 people attending. Unfortunately, much of the region's technology is outdated and communication systems are not interoperable. He stated that there are technology

issues that could be addressed even if the five dispatch operations in Northern Kentucky are not consolidated.

Jim Seibert requested a motion to accept the bids of Central Salt for \$67.90 per ton and Cargill Inc. for \$68.00 per ton for road salt for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. These bids were obtained through a reverse auction process conducted by KACo. Bidding was very competitive among the six bidders. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Commissioner Painter stated that there is some concern about using fly-ash for treating the roads. He requested that they look into using salt only for treating roads and discontinue use of fly-ash. Mr. Seibert explained that this is the third year that bids for road salt were obtained through the reverse bidding process, and he explained how the process works. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to award a bid to Barrett Paving Materials for resurfacing with asphalt of the following County roads: East Alexandria Pike, Darlington Road, Daniels Road and Reis Ridge Road. Mr. Seibert stated that Barrett Paving was the low bidder for work on all of these roads. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-37-11 was read by title and summary given. R-37-11 requests the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to reimburse the Fiscal Court for transportation of non-public school students for the 2010-2011 school year. The amount requested for reimbursement is \$399,010.08. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-37-11, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve the budget transfers as presented for April 20, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for April 20, 2011. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Commissioner Rehtin stated for the record that he recuses himself from voting to approve any bills to be paid to Senior Services of Northern Kentucky since he is employed by them. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-38-11	Change Title of Mental Health/Mental Retardation Tax Fund
Ordinance O-06-11	Amend Code Section 110.20 Mental Health/Mental Retardation Tax Fund
Resolution R-39-11	Allocate Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Tax Funds
Resolution R-40-11	Allocate Senior Citizen Tax Funds
Resolution R-41-11	Ambulance Service Grant Funding

Resolution R-42-11 Contract to Renew Software Licenses
Resolution R-43-11 Authorize Application for Spay/Neuter Grant
Resolution R-37-11 Reimbursement for Busing of Non-Public School Students
Transfers of April 20, 2011
Claims and Supplemental Claims of April 20, 2011

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer
Fiscal Court Clerk