

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

JANUARY 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

County Attorney Steve Franzen,
County Administrator Matt Elberfeld,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Finance Director/Treasurer Laura Lewis,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell,
Economic & Community Development Director Justin Otto,
County Jailer James Daley

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Cable Access was present to film the meeting. The meeting was also broadcast live on the Campbell Media website at <https://campbellmedia.org/live/>.

Judge Pendery asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following roll call, a quorum was declared present. Commissioner Besecker was absent.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court regular meeting of January 4, 2023 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe to approve the minutes. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery read a proclamation declaring the week of February 5 through 11, 2023 as "National FBLA Week" in Campbell County. He then introduced Pam Hammons, Advisor of the Campbell County High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Ms. Hammons thanked the Fiscal Court for their service to the community. She then explained that she participated in FBLA while a student at Campbell County High School and at Northern Kentucky University. She has been an FBLA advisor for 27 years, with 25 of those years at Campbell County High School. The Chapter has grown over the years and is the largest in the region and in the top five in the state. FBLA advisors try to show students business principles that can help them transition to the world of work while fostering community service with the

idea of giving back to the community. Campbell County's chapter has over 206 members this year who are currently preparing for the March 8 regional leadership conference at Northern Kentucky University and are hopeful to advance to the State level and then the national conference in June-July. Every year that she's been at Campbell County, except for two, students have competed at the national level. Throughout the year the Chapter does fundraising and community service projects. She thanked the Fiscal Court for allowing her to speak and share some of the Chapter's successes. Commissioner Lampe thanked Ms. Hammons for her presentation. Commissioner Painter stated that the number of students in the Chapter this year is impressive. Ms. Hammons stated that there are ten officers in charge of different things that help run the organization and about 88 students will be competing at the regional conference. Mr. Franzen was also impressed by the number of students in the Campbell County Chapter. Commissioner Painter asked about scholarships. Ms. Hammons stated that there are some scholarships specific to FBLA including those for students that attend Northern Kentucky University and other universities in Kentucky. There are programs that provide other types of scholarships and opportunities to earn money. She described the scholarship application process. Commissioner Painter thanked her for what she does for the students.

Judge Pendery then called on Rick Stradtman of Newport who had signed in to address the Fiscal Court. Mr. Stradtman thanked the Fiscal Court for allowing him to participate in the Citizens Academy last fall. It was well worth his time and effort to be there. Allyn did a wonderful job with the program. The program was an eye-opener for a person who has lived in the area only 3 ½ years. He thanked them and all of the employees of Campbell County for their public service. Mr. Stradtman stated that he is very involved in Mentoring Plus and the Kiwanis Club of Campbell County. The Kiwanis has a service leadership program – Key Club – and is starting a program at Crossroads Elementary which teaches all kids leadership, organizational skills and community service. He then distributed invitations to Mentoring Plus's Seeds of Hope dinner on April 21 to the Fiscal Court. Mentoring Plus is a wonderful program and they are always looking for mentors; there are many kids ages 13-18 years old in need in the northern Kentucky community particularly Newport and Alexandria. He thanked the Fiscal Court for supporting its support and he hopes see them at the dinner.

Finding that no one else wished to address the Fiscal Court, Judge Pendery proceeded with the agenda.

There being no old business, Paula Spicer presented new business beginning with Resolution R-11-23. R-11-23 authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into a contract with the Commonwealth of Kentucky to accept Emergency Management Assistance Program Grant funds to support operation of the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-11-23, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-12-23 was read by title. R-12-23 authorizes the Judge/Executive to extend the contracts with Rumpke of Kentucky, Inc. to provide collection of recyclables at designated sites and trash disposal services for County clean-up events. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-12-23, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-13-23 was read by title. R-13-23 authorizes the execution of a working agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local #286. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-13-23, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-14-23 was read by title. R-14-23 authorizes the execution of a working agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #10. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-14-23, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Michael Turner to the position of Police Officer (PO1) with the Campbell County Police Department effective March 20, 2023 with base compensation set at \$50,564.80 annually (\$24.31 hourly). Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to advance Police Officer Ashley Tate from PO4 (\$27.33/hour or \$56,846 annually) to PO5 (\$29.25/hour or \$60,840 annually) effective January 14, 2023 in accordance with the current Fraternal Order of Police working agreement. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Administrator Matt Elberfeld requested that the Fiscal Court meet in executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.

Commissioner Lampe made a motion to meet in executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the Fiscal Court convened in executive session at 5:53 p.m.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the Fiscal Court reconvened the regular meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Mr. Elberfeld requested a motion to authorize the Campbell County Fiscal Court to join as a plaintiff in litigation with the Kentucky Jailers Association against the Commonwealth of Kentucky and also to authorize up to \$10,000 in litigation expenses. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Attorney Steve Franzen advised that his office, especially Michelle Eviston, has worked really hard on the opioid litigation for a long time. Despite that, they have struggled to get firm commitments from the class litigation team as to how much the county will get. The County has received some funds but he thinks they’ll get more. He stated that Commissioners Lampe and Painter and Judge Pendery authorized this litigation to seek relief for our county and for all of the money it’s spent on opioid addiction. He stated that it was a little out of the ordinary for a county to get involved in this type of litigation. There was push back by Commissioner Besecker’s predecessor and he appreciates them authorizing it and thinks the county will benefit

from it. He wishes he had more details on how much the County will get. Mr. Elberfeld advised that to date the County has received \$485,984. Mr. Franzen stated that this is not taxpayer money it is from private companies. Commissioner Painter thanked Mr. Franzen for his efforts. Judge Pendery stated that we are fortunate – it is a high-risk proposition – you can get involved and lose. In this particular case it is a win; it is a matter of how much money will find its way to Kentucky communities and will enable people to do a better job in the future fighting the drug scourge and rehabilitating its victims.

Commissioner Lampe thanked Mr. Franzen for his report and kind words. He then thanked Reverend Matthew Young of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Newport for organizing and presiding over a prayer service yesterday and a blessing of elected officials. Judge Pendery, he and Commissioner Painter attended. There was representation from the state, county and City of Newport levels. It was a nice service and reminded us of who we serve.

Commissioner Painter thanked Mr. Franzen again for his work on the opioid litigation. He also echoed Commissioner Lampe’s statement about Matthew Young, Pastor at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. It was a good event and much appreciated.

Judge Pendery made the following announcements:

1. The Holiday Light Recycling Program runs through February 1st. Residents can drop off unwanted strings of lights at the Campbell County Administration Building in Newport, the Campbell County Clerk’s Office in Alexandria, or any of the four branches of the Campbell County Public Library during normal business hours. Place only strings of lights, free of plastic bags and other packaging products, in the barrels provided. Questions can be directed to the Solid Waste Coordinator by emailing SolidWaste@campbellcountkyky.gov or calling 859-547-1866.
2. Organizations interested in receiving Campbell County Payroll Tax Funds to service the citizens of Campbell County in the areas of Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, or Aging Services must download, complete, and email the FY2024 MH/ID/AG Tax Fund Application, which is available on the [Opportunities and Bids](http://www.campbellcountkyky.gov) page at www.campbellcountkyky.gov. Applications are due no later than 4:00 PM on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Judge Pendery pointed out that these payroll tax funds are available each year for mental health, intellectual disabilities and aging services. The taxes were voted on and approved by the general public in Campbell County.

Finance Director/Treasurer Laura Lewis presented her report by requesting a motion to accept the bid of Eaton Asphalt & Paving in the amount of \$182,025 for the Blossom Lane vertical curve reconstruction project. The City of Southgate has secured \$113,750 in Kentucky Transportation Cabinet discretionary road funding and the Cities of Ft. Thomas and Southgate are covering the remaining construction costs. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to acknowledge for the record that the 2023 bonds are in place for the County Judge/Executive and the Sheriff. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to acknowledge for the record that the 2023 bonds are in place for the elected and appointed officials and the employees of Campbell County. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Ms. Lewis then requested a motion to approved the claims and claims paid per standing order dated January 11 and 18, 2023. The County Attorney advised that he has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Painter. 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 Painter. All voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Resolution R-12-23 Extend Service Contracts with Rumpke of Kentucky
Resolution R-13-23 Working Agreement with AFSCME Local #286
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Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk

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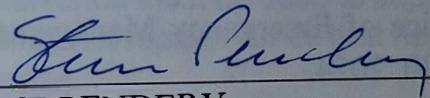
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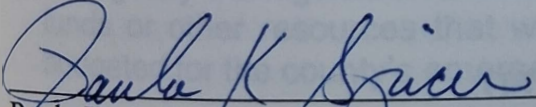
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