

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

MAY 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 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
GEOFF BESECKER
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

Steve Franzen
Matt Elberfeld
Kim Serra
Marie Schenkel
Colonel Craig Sorrell
Allyn Reinecke
Emily Woodward

County Attorney
County Administrator
Assistant County Administrator
Finance Director
Police Chief
Human Services Program Manager
Administrative Assistant

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 regular meeting of May 1, 2019 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Finding that no guests were scheduled to speak and that several members of the audience were present for Resolution R-49-19, Judge Pendery began the meeting with this item and opened the floor to members of the audience who had signed in to speak.

Mr. Jim Pfister asked for further explanation of the budget regarding the surcharge, which new projects would be funded with these monies, the amount of tax to be collected, and who will be affected by this surcharge.

Judge Pendery thanked him for his comments and called upon Steve Saunders. Mr. Saunders expressed his opposition to the minimum surcharge, and stated that he felt the public had not been given enough information or time prior to the Fiscal Court vote.

Mr. Aaron White echoed Mr. Saunders opposition and concern, citing his small household and relative water consumption. He inquired as to how this change would benefit someone in his position.

Judge Pendery acknowledged that Adam Chaney, Brian Ellerman and Chris Cole, all representatives of Sanitation District No. 1, were present. At this time, Judge Pendery offered his comments on this issue. He advised that he has seen consistent annual rate increases during his tenure as Judge/Executive. He explained how these increases relate to Federal requirements and clean water. At the request of Mr. Franzen, he defined Federal Consent Decree and explained the progress made by Sanitation District No 1 to comply with the Decree. Judge Pendery also explained in more detail the financial reasons for this change and stated that it would not have a disproportionate effect on lower income families.

At this time Newport resident and City Commissioner Ken Rechtin addressed the Fiscal Court. He acknowledged that he had not signed in to speak and gave his address for the record. Mr. Rechtin expressed concerns about the timeline in which this surcharge was rolled out. He felt that there were not enough public meetings held prior to voting, and that the public and elected officials had not been fully informed on this subject. He recommended that the vote be delayed for 90 days.

Adam Chaney, Executive Director, Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) replied that this was the seventh public meeting regarding the topic. This includes a live stream on social media, and meetings in every county. He inquired as to what the 90 days would offer, and how many meetings would be appropriate. Commissioner Painter noted that Campbell Media had recorded and broadcast the initial presentation by SD1 at the regular Fiscal Court meeting two weeks prior.

Mr. Rechtin stated that this change does not address commercial usage. Mr. Chaney explained the differences in usage and billing for commercial uses.

Judge Pendery reminded those in attendance that even with the proposed increase, the community is still paying less than surrounding areas. He reiterated his belief that those with lower incomes will not be disproportionately affected, and stated that many other tax items that have more of an impact on daily life are given as much, or less publicity.

Mr. Besecker then added that he spoke to the Brighton Center last week, and relayed the details of a proposed assistance program to be offered to those who are unable to pay the utility.

Mr. Chaney acknowledged that SD1 and Brighton Center had drafted a Memorandum of Understanding creating an assistance program for low-income families.

Newport City Commissioner Frank Peluso asked for clarification regarding the involvement of the SD1 Board in the development and approval of the Brighton Center Program. Mr. Chaney stated that the program will occur, he would just ask that the Board be made aware of the details.

Resolution R-49-19 was read by title. Resolution R-49-19 approves Sanitation District No. 1's implementation of base rate and environmental surcharge for sanitary sewer users of the residential class. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-49-19, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Besecker expressed his concern with the way this information was presented to the public, but stated that he believed this was the best move for the region, drawing comparison from the current state of the Federal Social Security system.

Commissioner Lampe stated that the community must look at the history of what has been accomplished by Sanitation District No. 1, and acknowledged the new leadership and direction of the organization. He added that he does not feel a delay in voting would be beneficial.

Commissioner Painter referenced a later item on the agenda dealing with Mental Health tax dollars. Ms. Allyn Reinecke acknowledged this item and stated that while there is nothing in place yet, it is likely that the Brighton Center would apply for funds in the future. Commissioner Painter also stated that there are many private sources of aid for utility payments such as churches.

Judge Pendery thanked everyone for their attendance and participation, and encouraged them to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

At this time, Campbell County Sheriff Mike Jansen presented Judge Pendery and Ms. Schenkel with a check of \$454,442.87 from excess funds.

Newport Commissioner Frank Peluso then approached the Fiscal Court and made a public request for a donation from the County to the City of Newport to assist with operation and maintenance costs for the community swimming pool.

Mr. Elberfeld presented Ordinance O-04-19 relating to the annual budget and appropriations for Campbell County for fiscal year 2020. Marie Schenkel then began her PowerPoint presentation detailing the intricacies of the upcoming budget, and stated that this information would be available to the public in the following days. Judge Pendery added a note about the low employment numbers at the jail accounting for a large portion of the possible budget surplus, and reiterated the need to hire and retain more employees at that facility.

Resolution R-44-19 was read by title. R-44-19 authorizes an application to the Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program for \$2,500 in funds for the office of Emergency Management to purchase equipment used to locate lost person beacons, planes and boats. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-44-19, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-45-19 was read by title. R-45-19 authorizes the execution of a working agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local #286 (AFSCME) effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-45-19, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "AYE", the motion passed.

Resolution R-46-19 was read by title. R-46-19 allocates Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Tax funds for Fiscal Year 2020. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-46-19, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-47-19 was read by title. R-47-19 allocates Senior Citizens Tax funds for Fiscal Year 2020. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-47-19, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-48-19 was read by title. R-48-19 approves funding for the County Attorney's office for Fiscal Year 2020. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-48-19, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Judge Pendery to advance Police Officer Amanda Bray from Grade P04 (\$22.9471 per hour or \$47,729.97 annually) to P05 (\$24.5532 per hour or \$51,070.66 annually) effective May 11, 2019 in accordance with the current FOP working agreement. Commissioner Painter seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to advance Police Officer Carl Harris from Grade PO4 (\$22.9471 per hour or \$47,729.97 annually) to PO5 (\$24.5532 per hour or \$51,070.66 annually) effective May 11, 2019 in accordance with the current FOP working agreement seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Judge Pendery to advance Police Officer Amanda Lindle from Grade PO2 (\$21.0140 per hour or \$43,709.12 annually) to PO3 (\$21.8545 per hour or \$45,457.36 annually) effective May 28, 2019 in accordance with the current FOP working agreement. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" the motion passed.

A motion was made by Judge Pendery to appoint Mary Stowers as Human Resources Director effective May 16, 2019 (start date to be determined) with compensation set at Pay Grade 18, \$85,000 annually (total annual benefit cost of \$32,343), seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Judge Pendery to appoint Catherine Cool as a part-time Kennel Technician at the Campbell County Animal Shelter with compensation set at Pay Grade 10 (\$13.6475 per hour) effective May 16, 2019, seconded by Mr. Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Judge Pendery to appoint Laura Lewis as a full-time Business Analyst in the Finance Department effective May 28, 2019 with compensation set at Pay Grade 16, \$52,000 annually (total benefit cost of \$33,663.00). Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE", the motion passed.

A motion was made by Judge Pendery to appoint Ricky Fugate and Joyce Pfefferman as seasonal Park Rangers at an hourly rate of \$10.70, effective May 16, 2019. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted “AYE”, the motion passed.

Steve Franzen recognized successful police trainings that had occurred recently.

Commissioner Besecker reported that the Amazon event attended the day before was very successful and promising for the future. Commissioner Lampe echoed that sentiment.

Commissioner Painter reminded everyone that the primary election was next week and encouraged voter turnout.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Spring Clean-Up event will be held on May 17 and 18 from 8am to 5pm at three locations: Campbell County Police Department, Pendery Park and the Campbell County Transportation Center. He encouraged anyone with questions to call 859-547-1866 or visit the County’s website.

Judge Pendery announced that volunteers are needed for River Sweep 2019 on Saturday, June 15 from 10am to noon at Pendery Park. Those interested in this event were encouraged to call 859-572-2600 or visit Campbell.ca.uky.edu.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Animal Shelter Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 21 at A J Jolly Golf course beginning at noon. Interested persons should contact Lisa Krummen at the Animal Shelter.

Judge Pendery announced that the Country Fest Music Festival will be held on Saturday, June 15 from 4pm to 11pm at A J Jolly Park. He also recognized plans for a new music venue in the area, citing other cities lack of success with the same project.

Marie Schenkel requested a motion to accept the bid of Cargill at \$89.40 for road salt for Fiscal Year 2020. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to solicit bids for blacktop to replace golf course paths at A J Jolly Golf Course. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to solicit bids for the following Road Department projects: repair two slips on Dodsworth Road, replace County Bridge ELR 46 on Rifle Range Road and replace Hillview Road. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lampe to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Standing Order to preapprove certain recurring expenses, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-50-19 was read by title. R-50-19 requests reimbursement from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for cost of transportation of non-public school students for the 2018-2019 school year. Judge Pendery made a motion to approve R-50-19, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to purchase a 2019 Transit Connect van from Paul Miller Ford for use as an Animal Shelter transport vehicle, in the amount of \$23,276 (State contract price). \$20,000 in grant funds will be used toward the purchase of the vehicle. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve budget transfers as presented for May 15, 2019. Ms. Schenkel explained that the transfers do not increase the overall budget they only reallocate certain funds. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Ms. Schenkel then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for May 15, 2019. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and supplemental claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Attachments:

Resolution R-49-19	Sanitation District No. 1 Surcharge Implementation
Ordinance O-04-19	FY2020 Budget
Resolution R-44-19	Application for Grant Funding
Resolution R-45-19	AFSCME Local #286 Working Agreement
Resolution R-46-19	Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Tax Fund Allocations
Resolution R-47-19	Senior Citizen Tax Fund Allocations
Resolution R-48-19	County Attorney's Office Funding FY2020
Resolution R-50-19	Request for Reimbursement of School Transportation Costs
Budget Transfers Dated May 15, 2019	
Claims and Supplemental Claims Dated May 15, 2019	

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk