

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

March 2, 2016

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse located at 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
CHARLIE COLEMAN
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

Steve Franzen	County Attorney
Matt Elberfeld	County Administrator
Kim Serra	Assistant County Administrator
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Marie Schenkel	Finance Director
Colonel Craig Sorrell	Campbell County Police Department
Frank Spataro	Human Resources Director
Lisa Bowman	Animal Shelter Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 February 17, 2016 and special meeting of January 26, 2016 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery invited comments from the public. There being none, he proceeded with the agenda.

Lisa Bowman thanked the Fiscal Court for the opportunity to express her appreciation to the volunteers at the Campbell County Animal Shelter. She thanked the volunteers for the hours that they devote to the care of the animals. Ms. Bowman and Judge Pendery presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following volunteers: Susan Daniels, Bethany Adkins, Tracy Adkins and Amanda Edwards. Three volunteers, Mildred Faust, Toni Evans and Phyllis Shields were unable to attend the meeting.

Chief Craig Sorrell presented his annual report on the Campbell County Police Department for 2015. He began by thanking the Fiscal Court and staff members for their support. Chief Sorrell reviewed the Department's core values of leadership, community, service and efficiency. He talked about several events that were held to raise money for the Child Advocacy Center and other community programs. Chief Sorrell stated that they added an officer to the Campbell County Crime Scene Unit and to the Major Accident Reconstruction Team and expanded their service with the Campbell County Drug Task Force. He added that the department is in full deployment of body worn cameras. Chief Sorrell then presented statistics on reported crimes, clearance rates, number of calls for service, and traffic and accident investigation. He reviewed the goals for 2016 including starting a Naloxone program. Chief Sorrell acknowledged the contributions of the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). He then noted the retirement of Officer Lana Helton during 2015. He acknowledged the officers that received enforcement commendations and Fit for Duty award. Chief Sorrell addressed questions from the Fiscal Court. Judge Pendery stated that there is an atmosphere at the Police Department that everybody is cooperative and has a collegiate relationship. In his 18 years serving as Judge/Executive he has never had a call at home with a complaint about the Police Department. Chief Sorrell stated that he has not had any serious complaints about the Department.

There being no old business, Judge Pendery asked to proceed with new business. Matt Elberfeld requested a motion to meet in executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's or student's right to a public hearing. He stated that the Fiscal Court would likely take action after the executive session. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. The Fiscal Court met in executive session from 7:40pm to 8:15pm. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Paula Spicer presented new business by requesting a motion to appoint Shelly Gilbert to the full time position of Housing Specialist in the Housing Department effective March 3, 2016 with compensation set at pay grade 12, \$34,034 annually with total benefit cost of \$14,396.66. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint William Heck as a Parks and Recreation Maintenance Worker for the 2016 park season at an hourly rate of \$10.67 effective March 7, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Paul Kramer as a Parks and Recreation Maintenance Worker for the 2016 park season at an hourly rate of \$10.67 effective March 3, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Thomas Kramer as a Parks and Recreation Maintenance Worker for the 2016 park season at an hourly rate of \$10.67 effective March 14, 2016. Motion

was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Steve Myers as a Parks and Recreation Maintenance Worker for the 2016 park season at an hourly rate of \$10.67 effective March 14, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. Commissioners Lampe and Painter and Judge Pendery voted “AYE”, Commissioner Coleman voted “NAY” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Mike Weber as a Parks and Recreation Maintenance Worker for the 2016 park season at an hourly rate of \$10.67 effective March 14, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Roger Church as a Golf Course Maintenance Worker effective March 7, 2016 through the 2016 golf season at an hour rate of \$10.67. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Terry Kennedy as a Golf Course Maintenance Worker effective March 7, 2016 through the 2016 golf season at an hour rate of \$10.67. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Micah Myers as a Golf Course Maintenance Worker effective March 7, 2016 through the 2016 golf season at an hour rate of \$10.67. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Charlie Rauch as a Golf Course Maintenance Worker effective March 7, 2016 through the 2016 golf season at an hour rate of \$10.67. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Greg Rawe as a Golf Course Maintenance Worker effective March 7, 2016 through the 2016 golf season at an hour rate of \$10.67. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Mike Rimer as a Golf Course Maintenance Worker effective March 7, 2016 through the 2016 golf season at an hour rate of \$10.67. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint John Heringer as a part-time Golf Cashier/Clerk at A J Jolly Golf Course at an hourly rate of \$10.67 effective March 7, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Justin Jolly as a part-time Golf Cashier/Clerk at A J Jolly Golf Course at an hourly rate of \$10.67 effective March 7, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Benjamin Dryer as a part-time Golf Starter at A J Jolly Golf Course at an hourly rate of \$9.36 effective March 7, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Jim Miller as a part-time Golf Starter at A J Jolly Golf Course at an hourly rate of \$10.67 effective March 7, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Lisa Jolly as the A J Jolly Golf Course Concession Manager at an hourly rate of \$13.67 effective March 7, 2016 through the 2016 golf course concession season. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Ryan Doll, IT Specialist, effective March 15, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire an IT Specialist. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Elberfeld reported on the issue of Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) and its involvement with refugees. He met with Lisa Cooper and Anne Wildman of NKADD and was told that an NKADD employee who was working on her thesis was interested in the refugee population and contacted a refugee relocation office in Louisville to get demographics and do a study on various things. All research done by the employee was done outside of NKADD work time and she was not paid for her research. He further explained that a group of human services agencies in Boone County called the Boone County Community Needs Assessment meets monthly to talk about human service needs in the County and how they can coordinate efforts. They wished to hear the NKADD employee's research on refugees. The meeting took place at NKADD the same as their regular monthly meetings do. That is the extent of the NKADD involvement with refugee services. Mr. Elberfeld stated that the NKADD does get a lot of funding from the State, but none of it is specifically for refugees. There may be some refugees that receive services from agencies that NKADD funds. Judge Pendery stated that there was fear in the community that there were going to be a couple thousand Somali refugees moving to the area and that some may not have been properly vetted. This may have been perceived by some as a threat to the public. But there are not 2,000 Somali refugees that we know of, nor do we know of any dangerous situation that may be expected.

Steve Franzen reported that some website pronounced that Campbell County was a sanctuary county which means that the County does not cooperate with immigration control officials. It more specifically stated that the County has an ordinance or policy that prohibits it from cooperating with immigration officials. He has talked to the Jailer, Sheriff and Police Department and cannot find any ordinance or policy that gets in the way of cooperating with any immigration officials. Mr. Franzen contacted the director of policy studies and ask why Campbell County was on the list of sanctuary counties. He was told that immigration control

authorities have documented that Campbell County has such a policy of not cooperating. He asked for a copy of the document, but hasn't received anything. He does not know anything about this organization and cannot find anything to corroborate the allegation that some agency in the County is not cooperating with immigration. Judge Pendery stated that public imagination when using the word sanctuary conjures images of a jurisdiction that is not cooperating with immigration authorities where illegal aliens are concerned. There is no such policy, ordinance or procedure in Campbell County. Kevin Gordon stated that there must be some reason that five counties in Kentucky are designated as sanctuary counties. Judge Pendery stated that the County Attorney has asked the organization what evidence they received so that the County could address the specifics leading to the County being so designated. He stated that Campbell County does not give haven to illegal aliens. Mr. Franzen pointed out that Kenton County was also on the list; they contacted the website, told them that it was not accurate, and Kenton County was taken off of the list.

Steve Franzen advised that he received the final order in the 911 service fee case. The County's ordinance establishing the fee was upheld.

Commissioner Coleman thanked Senator Wil Schroder for his article about Chase Law School and the reason that it needs to stay in Campbell County.

Commissioner Coleman asked if the study has been done on the proposed water feature at A J Jolly Park. Kim Serra advised that the Fiscal Court paid for half of the cost of a study performed by Elements Design. The design submitted was a beautiful idea that was well above reasonable cost. She and others talked to Cincinnati parks representatives and looked at the splash park at Woodland Mound park and some other smaller spray/splash park facilities and are now looking at some more reasonable options for Campbell County. The RV park design that was submitted was also very grand and more than what was anticipated. They are looking at things that can be done with the existing facilities for the next year. Enhancements that can be done with the existing campground will be included in the upcoming budget. Commissioner Coleman asked if this information should be shared with the public. Judge Pendery suggested that it could be released someday, but it is pretty far out there at this time.

Commissioner Coleman asked about the study on the storm water fee. The Fiscal Court voted at a prior meeting to do a study. Judge Pendery stated that all members of the Fiscal Court got to meet with the Sanitation District and hear the background on storm water issues. He doesn't know that the motion created an expectation beyond getting better informed.

Commissioner Lampe stated that the Governor made a recent appointment to the Kenton County Airport Board. As a result of an amendment to the law last year changing the structure of the Airport Board, Kenton County has eight appointees, Boone County has two, Campbell County and Grant County have one each and the Governor makes an appointment. Governor Bevin has appointed Campbell County resident Todd Schneider who resides in Ft. Thomas. Commissioner Lampe stated that he knows Mr. Schneider and trusts that he will do a good job on the Board. With that appointment, Campbell County now has two representatives on the Board.

Commissioner Painter stated that he made his annual visit to Frankfort – the mood there is pretty gloomy. Governor Bevin proposes to take a lot of money from the budget to fix the pension problem. Due to the lower fuel tax, funding for roads will be reduced by about 16 percent. The request for funding to get water service in rural areas of the County is not looking good. There are still 700+ people in southern Campbell County without public water service. He expects an austere budget for the next two years. Judge Pendery stated that he talked to the budget director and some other officials while in Frankfort. There will not be much happening this year. If the legislature adopts the Governor's proposal, there will be an immediate 4.5 percent cut to the remainder of this fiscal year's budget and 9 percent cuts for succeeding years. The cuts apply to about one-third of the overall budget. It will take about \$30 billion to properly fund the pensions, about three times the total biannual budget.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management in collaboration with the National Weather Service will offer a Weather Spotter Class on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Campbell County Fire Training Center in Highland Heights. The free class covers basic information about severe storms and severe weather safety. He provided the website for registration.

Marie Schenkel requested a motion to authorize staff to advertise for the lease of County-owned parking lots located at 1009-1011 Monmouth Street and 1002-1012 Saratoga Street, Newport, Kentucky. These lots were previously used by employees at 1098 Monmouth Street for parking and are currently unused. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter. Judge Pendery suggested that staff should first ask the City of Newport if it is interested in the lots since the Fiscal Court originally purchased the lots from them. Mr. Elberfeld stated that this action simply authorizes staff to seek options to lease the lots. With the guidance of the Fiscal Court, he will approach Newport first. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lampe. In response to Commissioner Coleman's question, Mr. Elberfeld stated that the Fiscal Court leased the parking lot across Monmouth Street from the Administration Building because the Monmouth Street and Saratoga Street lots did not contain enough spaces for all employees. Commissioner Coleman then asked that if the Fiscal Court is no longer using the lots, why not sell them. Judge Pendery stated that people will likely be more interested in leasing the lots rather than purchasing. If the lots are purchased there is the chance that somebody may build on the lots, and the goal is to provide parking for existing businesses. Newport feels that Monmouth Street is underserved with parking and are constantly looking for parking. One of the original reasons that the Fiscal Court got the property from Newport in the first place was the promise to make a parking lot. If the lots are leased, they will remain parking lots until the Fiscal Court changes its mind about the use. Judge Pendery stated that this motion will give staff the flexibility to open conversations about leasing the lots. If the lots were to be sold, it would have to be brought back to the Fiscal Court for permission. Commissioner Coleman stated that he thinks that the lots should be sold. He doesn't know if there is some agreement with Newport about the lots. The Fiscal Court doesn't pay taxes on the property, if it is sold to the private sector it would go back on the tax rolls. Judge Pendery stated that Newport has acquired property all along Monmouth Street to provide parking to support the business community. The Fiscal Court got the property in the first place because Newport needed the money and also because they expected that the Fiscal Court would partner with them. Therefore, he thinks that they should offer it to Newport first. Staff can report back to the Fiscal Court if there is the possibility of selling the property.

Commissioners Lampe and Painter and Judge Pendery voted “AYE”, Commissioner Coleman abstained, and the motion passed.

Ms. Schenkel then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for March 2, 2016. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted “AYE” and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attachments:

Claims and Supplemental Claims

March 2, 2016

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk