

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

June 30, 2010

A special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, June 30, 2010, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse located at 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
DAVID OTTO
MARK HAYDEN

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Laurie Dowell	Assistant County Attorney
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Director
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Keith Hill	Police Chief
William Turner	Office of Emergency Management Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Judge Penderly.

Judge Penderly asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present. Commissioner Kenneth Rehtin was absent.

Judge Penderly invited comments from the audience.

JR Roth, Campbell County resident, stated that he understands that the new website is a work in progress, but under "Contacts" it lists the various departments, but does not give a way to contact the County Administrator, Judge/Executive or the County Commissioners. Robert Horine and Melissa Williams both stated that the contact information is on the website.

JR Roth had several questions about the budget. He first asked about the Cable TV Tax Distribution appropriation in the amount of \$68,000. Mr. Horine explained that the State used to allow Insight to pay franchise fees directly to the Cable Board. The law was changed and all franchise fees go to the jurisdiction where the cable service is provided, and pursuant to an agreement, each jurisdiction remits the fee to the Cable Board. Mr. Roth then asked if that amount is in addition to the Cable TV Salary in the amount of \$122,000. Mr. Horine explained that the \$122,000 is pass-through money. The County does the payroll for the Cable office and is reimbursed for that amount.

Mr. Roth then pointed out that the County pays a quarter of a million dollars for an IT Department and then pays \$60,000+ for additional IT-related services. Judge Pendery stated that if Mr. Roth has particular questions, they would be happy to meet with him to answer his questions. He stated that the County does have an IT Department and is trying to create revenue by contracting with other jurisdictions to provide IT services. The County has the bandwidth and hardware to provide these services. Mr. Roth stated that he did not see a line item for revenue for the IT Department. He was told that it is included. Judge Pendery stated that the County would have its own IT Department regardless of having contracts with other jurisdictions.

Mr. Roth asked about the \$30,000 allocated for Police Roof Repair, which was also in last year's budget. Judge Pendery stated that the County generally puts infrastructure and capital expenditure items in the budget even though they hope that they will not need to expend the money. If the funds are not spent, they are often carried over to the next year.

Mr. Roth then asked about the \$53,000 for Rental Motor Vehicle Fee for Tri-ED. Jim Seibert explained that the fee on rental vehicles is collected by the County and it is then paid to Tri-ED. This is another pass-through item. Judge Pendery stated that Boone and Kenton Counties also have this fee.

Mr. Roth then asked what is meant by "culture" in the Recreation and Culture appropriation for \$492,000? Jim Seibert stated that that is an arcane description in the chart of accounts used by the State. He stated that some counties may have a museum that they contribute to. Campbell County's appropriation is strictly for parks.

Erik Hermes, Campbell County resident, asked when Ameresco will start work on the County's buildings. Robert Horine stated that they had a preconstruction meeting with Ameresco about 10 days ago and it was expected that work would begin in about 4-5 weeks. They will start work on facilities in the south end of the County and finish up with the Jail and District Court building. Mr. Hermes stated that he works with a lot of electricians and supply houses. None of them have received a request for bid from Ameresco; he understood that Ameresco was to use its best efforts to include local contractors. Mr. Horine stated that the County gave Ameresco the names of at least four electrical contractors in Campbell County when they (Ameresco) indicated that they wanted to contact local contractors. Two of the contractors named were Gleason and Gieman-Burkhart.

Brian Painter, Alexandria, noted that the Fiscal Court always has a moment of silence at the beginning of its meetings. He recommended that they instead have an invocation or prayer. Mr. Painter stated that Congress always opens with an invocation or prayer; if it's good enough for them, it should be good enough for the Fiscal Court. He offered to contact local priests, pastors and ministers to create a list of those willing to attend the meetings to give an invocation or prayer.

Mr. Painter acknowledged that the County's revenues are down, however he recommended that due to the number of unemployed residents, instead of using the full 4% increase allowed by law for the tax rate this year, the Fiscal Court instead make cuts.

Melissa Williams presented new business beginning with Resolution R-82-10 by title and summary given. R-82-10 authorizes the execution of an agreement with Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC to provide voice and computer-related connectivity in the form of Ethernet connections to eight County locations as well as PRI voice lines and internet service. Ms. Williams explained that the current contract with Time Warner will expire on August 31, 2010. The County wishes to enter into a contract with Cincinnati Bell for these services which will save the County approximately \$7,200 annually. Brett Ruschman, IT Director, recommends this contract. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-82-10, seconded by Commissioner Otto. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Otto announced that Jim Daley, County Attorney, is absent from the meeting due to having a dental procedure today.

Jim Seibert presented Ordinance O-05-10 by title and summary given. O-05-10 relates to the annual budget and appropriations of Campbell County, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (FY11). This is the second reading of the budget for final consideration. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt O-05-10, seconded by Commissioner Otto. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-74-10 was read by title and summary given. R-74-10 authorizes the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Public Properties Corporation budget for the Golf Course, Housing Department, Lakeside Terrace Senior Apartments and the Public Properties Fund. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-74-10, seconded by Commissioner Otto. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve the final budget transfers for fiscal year 2010. Motion was made by Commissioner Otto, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims as presented for June 30, 2010. Assistant County Attorney Laurie Dowell stated that she did not believe that Jim Daley, County Attorney, had an opportunity to review the claims prior to the meeting, however they could approve the claims subject to his final review. Motion was made by Commissioner Otto, seconded by Commissioner Hayden to approve the claims subject to the County Attorney's approval. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Otto made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-82-10 Agreement with Cincinnati Bell Telephone LLC
Ordinance O-05-10 FY 2011 General Fund Budget
Resolution R-74-10 FY 2011 Public Properties Corporation Budgets
Transfers for June 30, 2010
Claims for June 30, 2010

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer
Fiscal Court Clerk