

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

February 11, 2008

A special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Monday, February 11, 2008, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Fiscal Court, 24 West Fourth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
DAVE OTTO
KENNETH L. RECHTIN
MARK HAYDEN

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Jim Seibert	Director of Fiscal Affairs
Laurie Dowell	Assistant County Attorney
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Susan Prather	Fiscal Court Clerk
David Plummer	Administrative Analyst

The meeting was called to order by Judge Pendery at 5:30 p.m.

Judge Pendery called for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Next, Judge Pendery recognized citizens or public officials wishing to address the Court. There being no one wishing to address the Court, Judge Pendery invited the presentation of New Business.

Melissa Williams, Director of Administration, presented Resolution R-13-08 to the Court for consideration. The Resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court accepting bids for construction of a County Administration Building and Health Clinic at 1098 Monmouth Street. Mr. Horine noted that the resolution was amended from the original version to include the cost of alternates. A brief history of the project was provided by Mr. Horine. He then introduced Mr. Mike Carroll of Brandstetter Carroll, Mr. Travis Curry, Project Manager for Codell Construction, Mr. Bob Cooper and Mr. Jon Grabenstatter of RBC Capital Markets, and Mr. Ian Coffers of Peck Schaffer. A recap of the bid process followed pointing out that all low bids were suitable for the project. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin and seconded by Commissioner Otto. Commissioner Hayden requested clarification as to the alternate numbers added to the resolution. Mr. Horine stated Alternate 1, 2 and 3 were added for approval. Discussion then followed regarding the schedule of

construction and parking arrangements. There being no further discussion, all voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously. Judge Pendery offered his appreciation and congratulations to the engineers, construction companies and financial advisors for their efforts on behalf of Campbell County. He stated that construction of the new administration building is a significant step forward for the County.

Ordinance O-02-08 was then presented by Ms. Williams for first reading. The Ordinance was read by title and a summary given: an ordinance relating to the 2007-2008 annual budget and amendments thereof. Mr. Jim Seibert, Director of Finance, explained that the proposed Ordinance increases/decreases accounts in preparation for construction of the new administration building. He then invited questions. Judge Pendery pointed out that should the need arise, the proposed line items may be adjusted in the future. Commissioner Rechlin questioned the need to borrow 13.5 million when 6 or 7 million is needed. Mr. Seibert explained that two options are being considered: 1. utilize funds already accumulated in addition to the funds received through the agreement with the Court House Commission and Housing funds; or 2. in light of interest rates being at a 50 year low, borrow the necessary funds thereby allowing for debt service payment along with reserves remaining intact. Discussion then followed regarding the options proposed. Judge Pendery stated that the County has the flexibility to entertain either option; however, a good case could be argued to allow the reserves to remain intact. Commissioner Rechlin stated he does not wish to indebt the County more than necessary. He explained he views the borrowing of money for the recent jail construction and renovation differently in that the jail generates revenue for the County; the new county administration building is viewed as a service to the county. Commissioner Otto questioned whether the cost of the move along with necessary furnishings was included in the total cost. Mr. Horine stated that Staff is attempting to capture all costs within the 13.8 million. He explained that the decision is ultimately the choice of the Fiscal Court but that the paperwork would allow up to 15 million. Commissioner Hayden questioned whether documentation exists that recommends an amount that should be kept in reserves in a county budget. Mr. Horine confirmed such documentation exists and will be provided to the Court for their review. Commissioner Hayden stated he does not recommend borrowing money in order to create reserves. Discussion continued regarding the need for reserves along with the County’s current bond rating. Commissioner Rechlin stated he does not want to increase taxes for any reason to include the new administration building nor does he wish to recapture the money which may be lost should the Court House Commission be dissolved. Commissioner Hayden concurred. No action was required as the Ordinance was presented for first reading.

Next, Ms. Williams presented Ordinance O-03-08 to the Court for first reading. The Ordinance was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Public Project Bonds, Series 2008 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000; approving the form of bonds; authorizing designated officers to execute and deliver the bonds; providing for the payment and security of the bonds; creating a bond payment fund; maintaining the heretofore established sinking fund; authorizing acceptance of the bid of the bond purchaser for the purchase of the bonds; and repealing inconsistent ordinances. Ms. Williams noted that the title is self-explanatory and that Bond Counsel is present to address questions. There being no questions, Judge Pendery stated action was not necessary as the Ordinance was presented for first reading.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-14-08 to the Court for consideration. The Resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing and directing the Judge/Executive and Fiscal Court Clerk to take such actions as may be necessary to secure approval of the State Local Debt Officer for the issuance of County of Campbell, Kentucky General Obligation Public Project Bonds, Series 2008. Mr. Bob Cooper explained their desire to move forward with the resolution due to the tight time-frame of the project. Motion was made by Commissioner Hayden and seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously. Next, Mr. Horine requested a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing future acquisition of property under KRS 61.810(1). It was moved by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously. The Fiscal Court entered into Executive Session at 6:16 P.M. Upon exiting Executive Session, it was moved by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Otto to resume the regular meeting. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the Court, motion was made by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Rehtin to adjourn. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-02-08	Amends the FY08 Budget
Ordinance O-03-08	Issuance of General Obligation Public Project Bonds to Finance New County Administration Building
Resolution R-13-08	Bid Award for Construction of New County Administration Building
Resolution R-14-08	To Secure Approval of State Local Debt Officer

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Campbell County Judge/Executive

Attest:

SUSAN A. PRATHER
Fiscal Court Clerk