

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

JULY 5, 2017

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 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

Pat Walsh	Assistant County Attorney
Kim Serra	Assistant County Administrator
Marie Schenkel	Finance Director
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Frank Spataro	Human Resources Director
Colonel Craig Sorrell	Campbell County Police Department

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 June 21, 2017 and the special meeting of June 30, 2017 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe seconded by Commissioner Painter to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Bob Feinauer, property owner on Backus Drive, stated that Backus Drive does not have City sewage which is a long-standing problem. Backus Drive is on top of a ridge and does not leach properly, making the property unsaleable. His other concern is the US27/Claryville corridor. Mr. Feinauer received an estimate of \$190,000+ from the Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) to install a main line across property owned by his family. At this point, he can't give away the Backus Drive property or attract buyers. Alexandria put in sewage in 1990 with a matching grant and he was assessed \$80 per year for 20 years. He asked about the use of assessments, grants, or matching funds for Backus Drive. Judge Pendery suggested that they consult Cindy Minter and check maps to see where the closest lines are and then talk to SD1. Commissioner Coleman stated that he met with Adam Chaney of SD1. He agrees that there will be no economic progress until there are sewers in the area. Mr. Feinauer talked about Wieda Marine a

successful boat seller in the area. There is no reason other businesses would not locate there except for the lack of sewage. Commissioner Coleman stated that one problem is the \$20 million Camp Springs pipeline from Silver Grove, which is a waste of \$20 million. That money would be better spent to solve the problems on Backus Drive and on the intersection of AA Highway and US27. Mr. Feinauer stated that he has gone to SD1 meetings and they have asked him for a business plan; how can he have a business plan when he can't sell the property because of lack of sewage. Commissioner Painter stated that there are challenges that need to be faced head on. He agreed with Judge Pendery that they need to look at the maps and talk to SD1. Commissioner Lampe thanked Mr. Feinauer for bringing this to the Fiscal Court's attention; they will look into it. Judge Pendery stated that the Ash Street substation project is required by the federal consent decree that SD1 is operating under. Some people may like to do away with that project and substitute another; however, the leakages in that valley enter the Ohio River just above the water intakes for all of northern Kentucky and most of Greater Cincinnati. The EPA will not allow the money for the Ash Street project to be moved to another project since it has been part of a 20-year old consent decree. Commissioner Coleman suggested that there are alternate routes for the Ash Street project that could generate revenue by gaining customers. The Camp Springs route generates no revenue at a cost of \$20 million. Judge Pendery stated that the alternate routes cost more because they involve the addition of another pump station. It would be less expensive to do the Ash Street project and put a pipe along the AA Highway as determined by SD1. Judge Pendery stated that they would look at the maps.

Gene Smith stated that her family was the previous owner of the property that is now Campbell County High School, and they have retained some property across the street. She endorsed Mr. Feinauer's statement that there is a huge problem with development. Her family's farm was taken by eminent domain for the school. They expected that they may benefit eventually from the remaining property but they have the same issue – no development without a sewer line, no sewer line without further investment. She has an estimate of roughly \$160,000 to bring a sewer line into their four acres. She would be interested in doing whatever needs to be done. She sees a lot of development in Wilder; while Claryville has nothing. She would like to know some options and has met with Seth Cutter. Ms. Smith asked that they consider how they can make it a better, more profitable and attractive place that will benefit the future of Campbell County. Judge Pendery stated that SD1 has 30-40% lower rates than most of the rest of Greater Cincinnati, but they have been adamant on not having rate increases because that is what they hear from people. They have had rate increases to keep up with the federal consent decree and there will be more increases in the future because of the consent decree. Because SD1 has been unwilling to raise rates and has been spending down its reserves, they do not have the money to do projects that are suggested, not even in Boone County. Boone County is working around things. For years, he has warned that people who own small plots of land will not be able to develop them if they cannot get financial help from SD1 because of high expenses to run a line for a few acres. In Boone County, if you have 500 acres you can come up with more money because of a greater density of development and greater ability to pay for infrastructure yourself. The fact that SD1 has not had rate increases, and has spent down its reserves indicates that Campbell County is going to get less of the money that SD1 has to spend because they have only small development areas. People will have to devise their own ways to get infrastructure that they need since SD1 cannot provide it. Without higher rates, SD1 will not have the money to make investments for small property owners. They will put their money where they get the most

customers. Lloyd Rogers stated that the Kahn's plant was built with \$500,000 from the Kentucky Economic Development Department. Judge Pendery stated that it is still sometimes possible to get funding, but it is much less free flowing than it once was. The state has a \$70 billion pension deficit to pay for and local governments will be left to figure out how to make ends meet. Judge Pendery stated that he will get back to Mr. Feinauer. He suggested that people attend SD1 board meetings and tell them that they need investments made in the community. He stated that he would be happy to talk to them later; he attends almost all of the SD1 meetings.

Old business was presented with a second reading of Ordinance O-09-17 by title. O-09-17 amends Ordinance O-7-95 as it relates to the imposition and the levying of a transient room tax for the purpose of promoting convention and tourism activity, setting interest and penalties relating thereto; the imposition and the levying of a special tax for the purpose of operating a convention center, setting interest and penalties relating thereto; and the imposition and the levying of an additional tax for the purpose of expanding the Northern Kentucky Convention Center and regional efforts to promote tourism and convention business and setting interest and penalties relating thereto. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt O-09-17, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. Judge Pendery acknowledged Eric Summe, President-CEO of the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitor's Bureau, who attended. Mr. Summe expressed his appreciation to the Fiscal Court; Campbell County is the first of the three Counties to adopt the new room tax. Judge Pendery stated that northern Kentucky has a low room tax that is used to fund the Convention Center. In order to compete with peer markets, changes need to be made to attract the number of visitors that have been attracted in the past. The tax will be paid by visitors using hotel rooms. Mr. Summe stated that the Kentucky Tourism Cabinet does provide, by County, a tourism economic fact sheet. Accordingly, Campbell County had one of the largest increases in tourism in the state last year – 9.3%. His office gets calls frequently from hotel developers and most times, they are looking for sites in Campbell County.

New business was then presented beginning with Resolution R-58-17 by title and summary. R-58-17 authorizes the Judge/Executive to make application for and, upon arrival, to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS), to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by KOHS to facilitate and administer the project and to act as the authorized correspondent for this project. The grant is in the amount of \$3,990 and will be used by the Campbell County Sheriff to purchase six vests. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-58-17, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-59-17 was read by title and summary given. R-59-17 adopts the Northern Kentucky Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-59-17, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-60-17 was read by title and summary given. R-60-17 authorizes the Judge/Executive to terminate the agreement with the Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Unit. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-60-17, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to advance Police Officer Matthew Jones from PO5 (\$23.8381 per hour or \$49,583.17 annually) to PO6 (\$25.5069 per hour or \$53,054.27 annually) effective July 23, 2017 in accordance with the current Fraternal Order of Police working agreement. Commissioner Painter seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to appoint Mark Dill and Greg Popham as School Resource Officers for Fiscal Year 2018 with compensation set at \$23.84 per hour for each hour worked not to exceed 1,496 hours worked or 187 work days per fiscal year. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to appoint Cynthia Gallagher to the full-time position of Tax Compliance Officer in the Occupational Tax Department effective July 17, 2017 with compensation set at Pay Grade 14, \$45,000 annually with total annual benefit costs of \$20,286. Commissioner Painter seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to authorize staff to advertise, accept applications and interview to fill the vacant Tax Compliance Specialist position. The vacancy is due to the promotion of Cynthia Gallagher. Commissioner Painter seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-61-17 was read by title and summary given. R-61-17 changes the employment status of Maintenance Worker in the Facilities and Fleet Maintenance Department from part-time to full-time. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-61-17, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to authorize staff to advertise, accept applications and interview to fill the full-time position of Maintenance Worker in the Facilities and Fleet Maintenance Department. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Barbara Leising, Housing Specialist, effective July 31, 2017. Commissioner Painter seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery then made a motion to authorize staff to advertise, accept applications and interview to fill the vacant Housing Specialist position. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to appoint Lonnie Slone as a seasonal Parks and Recreation Maintenance Worker in the Facilities and Fleet Maintenance Department effective July 10, 2017 with compensation set at Pay Grade 9, \$11.40 per hour. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to reappoint Douglas C. Wagner to the Northern Kentucky Water Service District Board for a four-year term effective August 27, 2017 through August 26, 2021. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Lampe stated that Ft. Thomas had a great Independence Day parade that all of the elected officials participated in. It was part of Ft. Thomas's weeklong sesquicentennial celebration culminating in a free concert on Saturday night. He congratulated the City of Ft. Thomas on its 150th anniversary.

Judge Pendery announced that the Sun Valley Music Festival featuring the region's best in Bluegrass, will take place at A J Jolly Park on Saturday, July 8, 2017 from 2:00 to 10:00pm.

Judge Pendery announced that the 2017 Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour will be held on Saturday, July 15, from 9am to 3pm, rain or shine. This annual, self-guided auto tour of 13 working farms is presented by the Farmland Work Group of the Campbell County Conservation District.

Judge Pendery announced that Campbell County has again this year been certified as one of less than 2,000 StormReady communities across the country. This designation indicates that the County has certain assets in place, such as weather monitoring systems and communications capabilities, to improve emergency response times and citizen preparedness in the event of a natural disaster.

Judge Pendery announced that the quarterly Campbell County Fiscal Court and Mayors meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

Marie Schenkel requested a motion to authorize staff to advertise for bids to replace the bridge at 833 Covert Run Pike due to the age and condition of the bridge. This will be a design build project due to the close proximity of utilities and will involve Duke Energy, Sanitation District No. 1 and Northern Kentucky Water District. The project may be eligible for Emergency Kentucky Transportation Cabinet funding. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-62-17 was read by title and summary given. R-62-17 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments for services provided to the Fiscal Court in Fiscal Year 2018. The contract is for \$30,430 and has been budgeted. It is a slight increase from last year's cost and is based on population. Judge Pendery made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the purchase of a 2017 Ford F350 Super Duty pickup truck and a 2017 Ford F250 Super Duty pickup truck from Crossroads Ford Lincoln, Inc. in the total amount of \$75,798 for the Facilities and Fleet Department. The purchase price is through the Kentucky State Contract and is included in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. Judge Pendery pointed out that this purchase was deferred from last year. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the purchase of four 2017 Ford P2M Police Interceptor sedans from Crossroads Ford Lincoln, Inc. in the total amount of \$101,411.24 for the Police Department. The purchase price is through the Kentucky State Contract and is included in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, 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 July 5, 2017. Pat Walsh stated that County Attorney Steve Franzen has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, 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 Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-09-17	Transient Room Tax
Resolution R-58-17	Application for KOHS Grant
Resolution R-59-17	Adopt NKY Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
Resolution R-60-17	Terminate Agreement with Greater Cincinnati HAZMAT
Resolution R-61-17	Change Employment Status of Maintenance Worker Position
Resolution R-62-17	Contract with OKI for Services During FY2018
Claims	July 5, 2017

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk