

CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Alexandria Courthouse, 8352 E. Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
DAVID OTTO
KENNETH RECHTIN
WILLIAM VERST

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Director
Justin Verst	County Attorney
David Sandfoss	Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Reno Deaton	Solid Waste Coordinator
Ken Knipper	Director of Office of Emergency Management
Pat Dressman	Director of Human Services
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Sandra Mulligan	Fiscal Court Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Judge Pendery. A moment of silence was called for by Judge Pendery, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present. The meeting was covered by *Government Access*.

Judge Pendery presented the minutes from the regular Fiscal Court meeting of February 18, 2004. It was moved by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Rechтин that the minutes of the Fiscal Court meeting of February 18, 2004 be approved. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery then asked if there were any citizens or public officials present who wished to address the Court. Daniel Hull, a resident of Campbell County, expressed his concerns to the Court regarding the raising of the license fee on insurance premiums from 5% to 10%. He stated that he was aware that the County was strapped for funds, but the citizens are also strapped for funds. His understanding is that certain policies, such as life and health insurance, are exempt from the increase, and he feels that mandatory insurance, such as automobile insurance, should also be exempt. He also feels that any vehicle that is registered for farm use should not be taxed.

Jim Wagner, of 9340 Barrs Branch Road, then addressed the Court regarding the increase of the license fee on insurance premiums. He first thanked the Court for the good job they do for the County. He stated that he was disappointed in the tax increase, stating that it is an unfair increase because it impacts residents of unincorporated areas versus residents in the cities who, in essence, will not be affected. He noted that an article in the Kentucky Post stated that the increase was triggered by the need for a new jail and expenses for a new administration building,

but he did not see any real substantiation for the increase. He asked what benefit he would receive for the additional 5% increase. He stated that insurance costs have been increasing faster than the CPI in the country, and the 5% increase is also increasing faster than the CPI, so he believes the County is getting a good cut just by riding along with the insurance cost increases. He asked if any of the members of the Court lived in unincorporated areas, to which they responded that they did not. He stated that they would not be affected by the increase. Commissioner Otto stated that his business, which is located in Dayton, pays a tax of 11%, and in the City of Ft. Thomas, where he lives, he pays over 9%. Mr. Wagner stated that when he moved to the unincorporated area of Campbell County, he realized that he would have less benefits, but he would also pay less taxes. He feels this increase should afford him more benefits. Commissioner Otto pointed out that by living in Ft. Thomas, he pays the countywide tax, but he does not benefit from the County Police Department at all, noting that citizens of Southern Campbell County benefit more from the County Police Department than those living in the incorporated cities. He stated that the Police Department's funding has increased from \$1,757,000 to \$1,988,000 in the last fiscal year. He also stated that the Road Department services more of the unincorporated area roads than it does the city roads.

Judge Pendery then responded that the combined total of all of the taxes paid by everyone in the unincorporated area of Campbell County does not even pay for the County Police Department that serves the unincorporated area. He noted that everyone in the County pays County taxes, even if they live in the cities. He stated that more than 80% of the citizens in the County live in the cities and pay the same County taxes as those citizens in the unincorporated area pay, but the citizens living in the cities receive far fewer services from County government. He noted that the County receives \$3,500,000 from property taxes from the entire County and the County Police Department budget approaches \$2,000,000, which is far less than 20% of the property taxes paid by citizens of the unincorporated area of Campbell County. The subsidies that citizens enjoy by living in the unincorporated area of the County which is paid, in effect, by the citizens of the cities, is about 40%. He explained that there have recently been mandates forced on the County that have led to the decision to increase the insurance tax. One of those mandates is that there is not enough money in the State fund to provide school busing of children. The bus service serves children of the unincorporated area of Campbell County and some other areas, such as parochial schools, are also served. The County is paying approximately \$400,000 per year for this service. The State funds for this service will not be increased because of budget problems. Another mandated issue is the requirement of the County to pay pension benefits for its employees. When there is a deficit position in the percentage compensation or the contribution rate has to be increased, that increase only comes from the employer side and does not come out of the employee's pocket. This year the County has experienced a \$100,000 loss because of this issue. Another issue is that the Campbell County Jail was designed in 1990 for 135 prisoners, and it currently has an overcrowded population of 220. The State of Kentucky is unhappy with the overcrowding and has mandated the County come up with a solution. With the State's budget problems, and with the overloaded dockets of prosecutors, judges and parole and probation people, the prisoners who occupy the jail wind up staying weeks longer because the justice system is going along much slower than it would if the State had proper funding. This causes the County to have to pay additional sums for every prisoner, unless the prisoner is a felon, until the time they are sentenced. The process to run these prisoners through the court system sometimes take much longer than it should. Five years ago, the County subsidy for the jail was \$400,000, and today it is \$1,700,000. This is mostly because of circumstances which are out of the hands of the County, dictated by the lacking funds available through the State. The County is now under an order which will cause it to have to build a new jail that will hold 479

prisoners. The cost to build the maximum security portion of a new jail will be \$5,000,000. Operationally, that section of the jail will lose the County another \$500,000 per year. The County plans to try to offset that by building facilities that will accommodate paying customers and, at least for that one class of inmate, the County will make money that will help offset the maximum security portion. Because of mandates and circumstances beyond the County's control, there was \$1,300,000 out of a \$20,000,000 budget that the County has had to find in just the past five years. In addition, the County will have to spend \$8,000,000 to \$9,000,000 on the new jail reconstruction. Judge Pendery stated that he is not sure if the insurance tax increase will even cover the amount that is needed, but the County felt this increase would address at least the inequity of the amount paid by citizens of the unincorporated area of the County versus the incorporated area.

Judge Pendery also advised that the new County Administration Building is a necessity. He welcomed any citizen to visit the Fiscal Court Building to see for themselves the condition of the building. He stated that none of the employees working in that building are too proud to work there. There is deferred maintenance necessary in the building that would probably cost the County in excess of \$1,000,000 to complete, the building is not handicapped accessible, and it needs a new roof, new air conditioning and new heating. Approximately five years ago, the Campbell County Health Department was looking for partners to build a new building to house their agency, with the idea in mind of a one-stop shop for County services, ranging from health needs to housing needs to County government needs. The County wanted to get the Sheriff's office, the Clerk's office and the PVA's office involved, but if they were going into a building where they had to pay rent to the County, it essentially comes full circle and take's more money out of the County's funds, because at the end of the term any surplus money these agencies has reverts to the County. To the extent these agencies would have to pay rent to the County, that rent would then be coming out of the County's funds. The jail is connected by a tunnel to the District Court building, which is owned by the County and is at least partly paid for. The County proposes, as part of a solution for the jail problem, to ask the District Court to relocate. The County would then take possession of the District Court building and refurbish the interior of that building to house restricted custody prisoners, which could save the County \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. The Circuit Court is located in the historic courthouse at 4th & York Streets, together with the Sheriff's office, the Clerk's office and the PVA's office. It is hoped that the District Court could move into this building with the Circuit Court, and the Sheriff's office, the Clerk's office and the PVA's office would move into the new administration building. The Courthouse Commission, which receives rent from the AOC, is willing to pay the County rent in its new building. Present plans call for a 3-story building, with 2 floors plus 2/3 of the land acquisition costs covered by these rent from these partners. The new administration building will allow the County to better serve its citizens, by giving them the opportunity to go to one building for County services and one building for court services.

Dennis Walter, a resident of Campbell County, then addressed the Court regarding the insurance tax increase. He stated that he was representing the Cattlemen's Association who feels that the increase is unfair to the unincorporated area of the County. He stated that because they choose to live in the unincorporated area, and do not receive some of the County services, their insurance premiums are much higher because of issues such as being more than 1,000 feet to the nearest water hydrant. For anyone covering a farm policy, that policy can range from \$1,500 to \$2,500, depending on the type of coverage and operation of the farm. The 5% increase takes a huge chunk out of the farmers' pockets and they are very upset about it. The farmers were also just hit with the occupational license tax, which they have accepted, but are not happy about it. They

have been through a year with mad cow disease, which has depressed their cattle prices, and tobacco quotas have been cut 15-20%. He questioned why the increase was set at 5%, rather than a 1% or 2% increase, which would have been easier to accept. He stated he understood the needs of the County, but he felt the County should also look at the needs of the farmers.

Ron McCormick, a resident of Campbell County, next addressed the Court regarding the insurance tax increase. He stated that he understood the County's budget needs, but he believes that if the County has a budget crunch, everyone in the County should be faced with the insurance tax increase, rather than just the unincorporated area of the County. He suggested raising the property taxes so that everyone in the County would be contributing to the budget crisis. He also asked how much of an effort is being made to collect delinquent real estate taxes in the County, noting that he knows many people who have never paid their taxes. Judge Pendery advised that one of the reasons why the farm community received the occupational license notices is that the County has only recently had the personnel available to enforce the business license fees. He believes there were many cases where people just didn't realize they needed to pay this fee, and there was also an instance of a large company that moved into an office building in Newport that had not paid the tax either. County Attorney Verst stated that virtually all of the cities would be raising their insurance tax to 10%, if it already was not at that level, which would mean that the incorporated areas of the County would also be affected by this increase. Judge Pendery stated that everyone in the County, with the exception of the citizens of Dayton, will be paying the same amount on the insurance tax. County Attorney Verst then stated that his office has an aggressive enforcement policy to collect delinquent real estate taxes. Most of the cities have ordinances in place that allow the County Attorney's office to file suit for civil penalties to enforce the collection of these delinquent taxes. Delinquent taxpayers are often taken into court under criminal charges. Foreclosure suits are also sometimes called for if taxpayers do not pay their taxes. Mr. McCormick asked if the money collected from the insurance tax increase from the unincorporated area of the County would stay in the unincorporated area. Judge Pendery stated that he could not say that that would be the case, but advised that the County spends far more money in the unincorporated area of the County than it collects from all of the taxes collected in the unincorporated area, noting that the police budget alone absorbs all of the taxes that are paid in unincorporated Campbell County. Mr. McCormick then asked what the reason was for choosing to increase the insurance tax, rather than the property tax. Judge Pendery advised that his reasoning for increasing the insurance tax was in order to address the inequity where most of the citizens of the County were already paying an insurance tax of 10% and most of those same people pay County taxes, but do not receive the benefits that are received in the unincorporated area of the County. Mr. McCormick asked if a calculation had been done to determine how much the increase would be in for the County. Judge Pendery stated that the County expects to receive approximately \$578,000 from this increase.

Carl Hogle, a resident of Campbell County, then addressed the Court in regards to the insurance tax increase. He stated that he had read an article in the newspaper that reported that the tax increase would be used for the roads and the jail. He asked if anyone goes out to see what is going on when a road is built. Judge Pendery responded that the County Road Department handles that matter. Mr. Hogle then stated that years ago when other Commissioners were in office, they went out to see what was going on. He stated that when a repair was made at Wagner Road and Dead Timber during snowy weather, they only blacktopped it, and they should have known that it would not stick. He asked if someone should be out checking on this road work, rather than spending money on laying the blacktop, then having to re-do the work weeks

later when the road is back in the shape it was prior to the blacktopping. Judge Pendery asked when this incident happened. Mr. Hogle responded that he had been retired from the Road Department for 7 years and the incident happened before he retired. Judge Pendery stated that the County just spent approximately \$140,000 on a transportation plan that created an inventory of all the County maintained roads with exactly the kind of information Mr. Hogle is questioning. Mr. Hogle also questioned whether the Judge and Commissioners should be holding other jobs when they have been elected and paid by the citizens of the County. Commissioner Otto stated that he did not believe there were any legislators in the State of Kentucky who did not hold other jobs aside from their elected positions. Mr. Hogle then asked what right the Court had to charge an occupational tax and increase the insurance tax. County Attorney Verst stated that State statute authorizes the County to impose those taxes. Judge Pendery stated that he is acutely aware that it has been a long time since the County has been able to make people happy, but in quite a few cases, it is not the County's doing. He has had people call him to talk to him about issues, and he hears what they are saying. He stated he does not like having to do the things that the citizens are not going to like, nor do the Commissioners, but the needs of the County have to be taken care of. Mr. Hogle then asked how the citizens could be charged for a 2003 occupational tax when it is 2004. Fiscal Director Jim Seibert explained that the occupational tax is like federal income tax, noting that a taxpayer pays their 2003 federal income tax in 2004.

Judge Pendery thanked everyone for their comments and opinions and welcomed them to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Otto then suggested that while there were residents in attendance, it might be a good time for Reno Deaton, Solid Waste Manager, to present his report on this year's activities for Litter Abatement and Clean-Up Week in Campbell County, said report originally scheduled to be given during the presentation of New Business. Judge Pendery agreed and requested Mr. Deaton proceed with his report.

Mr. Deaton reported that the State of Kentucky has declared March 22-29 as Commonwealth Clean-Up Week. In Campbell County, the cities of Alexandria, Cold Spring, Crestview, Dayton, Highland Heights, Ft. Thomas, Melbourne, Silver Grove, Mentor, and Woodlawn have formed a partnership with the Fiscal Court to do its annual Spring Clean-Up/Litter Abatement event during that week. The event will take place on March 26, 27 and 28, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. He urged citizens, their communities and their schools to get involved. The drop-off sites will be at the Campbell County Police Department (litter and debris only), Pendery Park (litter and debris only) and the Campbell County Transportation Center (litter, debris, scrap metal, appliances including freon-bearing, car batteries, propane tanks, and tires). Anyone who would like more information on the Clean-Up can call 441-5166. Mr. Deaton also announced that on April 15, 16 and 17, the County will be partnering with Hamilton County Environmental Services for an electronic computer clean-up event. He also stated that Campbell County would be holding a farm oil recycling program, which was suggested by Commissioner Verst. It has been discovered within the farm community that there are some large quantities of oil that are sitting on farms and need to be disposed of. Meetings have been held with the Cattlemen's Association, the Conservation District, the Extension Office and the Farm Bureau to set a date of Saturday, April 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for this event. The drop-off site will be the Campbell County Transportation Center. There will be a minimum of 10 gallons for receipt of the oil at that site. Pre-registration for drop-off is requested through the Campbell County Extension office.

Commissioner Verst stated that several people from the Conservation District and Farm Bureau brought this matter to his attention, noting that the County had done a great job with its litter clean-up and wondered how they could also get oil taken care of. He commended those people for recognizing a need and going forward to get the issue resolved.

Judge Pendery asked what the projected expense for this project would be. Mr. Deaton stated that it could cost approximately \$15,000, 50% of which would be paid by the Fiscal Court, and the Extension Office has committed to \$3,750, and it is hoped that the Conservation District will commit to \$3,750. Judge Pendery asked what the projected expense for the litter abatement clean-up program would be. Mr. Deaton stated that past events have cost approximately \$110,000 annually, with a clean-up being held in both the Spring and Fall.

Judge Pendery next requested items of Old Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams advised that the first order of Old Business was the second reading and passage consideration of Ordinance O-03-04. She explained that this Ordinance amends Ordinance O-14-90 relating to the payment of license fees on insurance companies engaged in business in Campbell County, Kentucky, to increase the license fee from 5% to 10%. The Ordinance also amends Chapter 114, Section 114.01 of the Campbell County Codification of Ordinances. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechlin made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve Ordinance O-03-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then presented Ordinance O-04-04 for second reading and passage consideration. She explained that this Ordinance updates the Official List of County Maintained and Controlled, Roads by adding the new road names that resulted from the readdressing project and makes corrections in the measurements and starting and ending points. She advised that Ken Schultz, Road Supervisor, recommends the adoption of this Ordinance. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Verst made a motion and Commissioner Rechlin seconded, to approve Ordinance O-04-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery then requested items of New Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams advised that the first order of New Business was a motion to proclaim the week of March 1-5, 2004 as "Read Across the County Week" in Campbell County and urge citizens to celebrate reading and motivating children to enjoy reading. She stated that this proclamation was requested by the Campbell County Schools. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion and Commissioner Rechlin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to proclaim March, 2004 as Severe Storms Awareness Month and urge citizens to take necessary actions to protect their families and property against the threat of severe weather. This proclamation was requested by the Office of Emergency Management, who is sponsoring a Storm Spotters Class on March 18 and participating in a statewide warning test on March 9. She stated that Ken Knipper, OEM Director, was present to give a brief report on these activities. Mr. Knipper stated that severe storms pose a great threat to the safety of citizens and their property. The State of Kentucky has declared the month of March as Severe Storms Preparedness Month. Each year the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management participates with various federal and state local agencies, cities, schools, businesses and other organizations to work with them on severe storm preparation. The campaign slogan for this year is "When the alert is sent, do you know its intent?" There are three programs the

Office of Emergency Management is working with during the month of March. On March 9, 2004 at approximately 10:07 a.m., the siren system will be activated, and will sound for 5 minutes. Mr. Knipper stated that even though this will be a test, all citizens should know what steps to take when the siren sounds such as seeking shelter and turning on a radio or television to find out why the siren is sounding. He also recommended purchasing an emergency radio that will allow citizens to receive alerts for their immediate localities, called Specific Area Messaging (SAME). Mr. Knipper reported that Campbell County would also be hosting a Sky Warn class, which is used in cooperation with the National Weather Service out of Wilmington. This class is open to the public, and will be held at the Campbell County Fire Training Center, behind Kroger's in Cold Spring, on March 18, at 7:30 p.m. This class will give citizens basic awareness to be able to recognize a storm pattern and to take protective cover. Campbell County will also be working with the Cable Board to purchase equipment that will enable them to develop programs for cable television. Two severe weather presentations have already been developed, one of which was put together by Storm Chasers from the Campbell County area, which contained actual footage of storms that they chased in tornado alley. The other presentation is used in grammar schools on the basics of severe weather safety and what can be done in the schools for young children to learn how to protect themselves. Anyone with questions on these programs is asked to call the Office of Emergency Management at 635-1111. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Verst made a motion and Commissioner Rehtin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to proclaim March 22-29, 2004 as Litter Abatement and Clean-Up Week in Campbell County and urge citizens and participating cities to dispose of all solid waste properly, eliminate illegal dumping, and spruce up their property. She stated that Reno Deaton, Solid Waste Manager, is recommending this proclamation. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then introduced Lt. William Armstrong from the Campbell County Police Department, who gave a report on the upcoming Campbell County Citizens Police Academy and the Gun Lock Program. Lt. Armstrong stated that Operation Child Safe is being financed by the U.S. Department of Justice. The Police Department was granted 800 gun safety locks to give out to any adult citizens to use to lock up their guns. He demonstrated how the gun locks work, noting that the key should be stored in a separate place from the lock. The idea behind the program is to protect our children in their homes. The locks are distributed by all local police departments. Lt. Armstrong then discussed the Citizens Police Academy. The Department calls on people in the justice system, the police departments, the County Attorney's office, the juvenile justice system, and the Office of Emergency Management, and hold a program for citizens to attend classes to learn about how police departments operate. The program consists of approximately 9 weeks of training, one night per week for 2 hours, beginning April 6, 2004, and starts off with police history. There are currently 15 spots open for the classes.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-14-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution authorizes the Fiscal Court to take the necessary steps to make application for the Safe Havens Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice "Office of Violence Against Women" for a project period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006. The grant is a partnership between Holly Hill Children's Home, Women's Crisis Center and the Campbell County Family Court. Pat Dressman, Human Services Director, will be the administrator and oversee the grant. She noted that Ms. Dressman

was present to answer any questions. Commissioner Rehtin asked Ms. Dressman to speak to the issues that this grant would deal with. Ms. Dressman reported that this grant has been applied for and received for the past two years. The grant will allow the Courts to provide a safe haven for children who are under supervised visitation orders because of divorce, domestic violence, or abuse situations. The visitations are observed by members of Holly Hill. There is also counseling which is provided by the Women's Crisis Center. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve Resolution R-14-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-15-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution sets the Park opening and closing dates for the 2004 season, and the camping dates for the Campbell County Park System, as recommended by Recreation Manager, Dennis Reller. Pendery Park and Morscher Park will open on March 22 and Jolly Park on March 29. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-15-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-16-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution sets the 2004 Park Fees for A.J. Jolly Park. The fees will remain the same as last year's fees. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-16-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-19-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute the necessary documents to jointly apply with Boone, Kenton, Carroll, Grant, Pendleton and Gallatin Counties for an Emergency Shelter Grant. The funding for this grant is administered by the Campbell County Human Services Department, with Boone County serving as the lead agency. She stated that Pat Dressman, Human Services Director, was present to answer any questions. Ms. Dressman stated that this is a recurring grant of \$10,000. The funds allow the counties to assist approximately 150 families who may need help with utilities or rent. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion and Commissioner Rehtin seconded, to approve Resolution R-19-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion to approve the short-term disability leave for Jeanne Block in the Occupational Tax Department, from approximately March 29 through May 17, 2004. The leave will be considered Family Medical Leave. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams stated that the original motion to make appointments to the Campbell County Homeland Security Committee would not be acted on, because it is not necessary that the appointments be formalized.

Judge Pendery next requested reports from Staff. Mr. Horine, County Administrator, reported on the National Institute of Corrections Program that he, Fiscal Director Jim Seibert and Jailer Greg Buckler recently attended. The Program dealt with Jails as Part of County Government and was a 3-day seminar. The purpose was to build effective relationships between Fiscal Courts and the

constitutional officers who run the jails. He stated that while the Campbell County Jail has a very good working relationship with its jailer and his staff, this program provided additional information to help build a good foundation for activities in the future. Jails are very complex in this day and age, and are a sophisticated operation. There are mandates that are placed on jails, both from the state government and, more importantly, from the federal government, on expectations of the services to be provided to inmates. There has been an incredible increase in the number of people who are incarcerated in local jails. Between 1993 and 1999, the number of people who were inmates in local jails in Kentucky increased by 52%. The incarceration rate in Kentucky went from 180 per 100,000 people in 1993 to 262 per 100,000 people in 1999. There are a lot of factors that contribute to this increase, such as changes in the threshold for crimes. In 1993 the DUI threshold was a blood alcohol content of 1.0, and by 1999 the DUI threshold was a blood alcohol content of .08, which creates more arrests for DUI. Another factor is that some crimes, such as failure to provide child support, were not considered felonies in 1993 that were considered felonies in 1999. More arrests have been made in that time period because federal programs were designed to put more police on the streets. More recently, with the State's funding shortfall, it takes much longer to process inmates through the criminal justice system. Campbell County has determined that the quickest an inmates goes from arrest to sentencing, even if they want to plead guilty, is about 12 weeks, all of which time is at the County's expense. There were 16 jails represented at the Program, each jail sending a team of 3 people. Mr. Horine stated that the program was very informative for him, Mr. Seibert and Mr. Buckler.

Judge Pendery then requested a report from the County Attorney. Mr. Verst stated that he had nothing further to report at this time.

Judge Pendery next requested reports from the Commissioners. Commissioner Rehtin, Commissioner Verst and Commissioner Otto stated they had nothing further to report.

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Judge Pendery then requested a report from the Fiscal Director. Mr. Seibert requested a motion to accept the bids as recommended by Steve Myers, Golf Course Superintendent, for the purchase of golf course materials. He noted that the bid was a 3-county bid process. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion, and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert next presented Ordinance O-05-04 for second reading and passage consideration. He explained that this Ordinance amends the Fiscal Year 2004 budget and amendments thereof. He noted that additional revenues had been received that had not been anticipated. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Ordinance O-05-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert next presented Resolution R-17-04, which he read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. He stated that this Resolution authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Kentucky Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. This is the initial apportionment of County road aid for the year, 60% of the apportionment being provided now, and the remaining 40% being provided later in the year. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve Resolution R-17-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then presented Resolution R-18-04, which he read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. He stated that this Resolution authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Kentucky Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for funding for the Unincorporated Area known as Urban Claryville for Fiscal Year 2005. This funding will provide \$23,312 to the County. Ms. Williams stated that Claryville is given an Urban classification based on the 2000 census tract, at which time there were enough people to meet the regulation of what an urban area is. Accordingly, road funding is determined on the basis of that method. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechlin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-18-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then requested approval of the Claims being presented at this meeting. County Attorney Verst advised that he had reviewed the claims and that they appeared to be appropriate. Commissioner Otto asked Mr. Seibert if the amount allotted to Jail Pharmaceuticals was for medications for the month. Mr. Seibert responded that it was. Commissioner Otto then pointed out that not only does the County house the inmates, it is responsible for paying for medications, surgeries, and other medical services while an inmate is incarcerated. Judge Pendery mentioned that there is currently a young man incarcerated in our jail who has a lymphoma. His trial date has not yet been set, and if he requires such treatment as chemotherapy or more aggressive treatment, the County is responsible for paying the entire medical bill. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion that the Claims be approved and paid. Commissioner Verst seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Robert Huck, a resident of Campbell County, then addressed the Court and stated that the Water Department had not yet taken care of a problem with the road on Persimmon Grove. He stated that it is a real mess if you move off to the side of the road. Mr. Horine responded that he would follow-up on the matter to see where things stand. Mr. Huck also stated that he was very unhappy about the insurance tax increase and the occupational license tax. He stated that people will call to try and get some answers on these issues, but are given different stories by different people. Mr. Horine responded that he appreciated Mr. Huck's comments, and that the County has had conversations with Mr. Woeste and Mr. Walters from the Farm Bureau, and have talked with County staff to try to make this as simple as possible for everyone. If everyone will send in the renewal fee and a copy of their federal schedule that covers their business income, that will be the minimum that is required for them to secure their occupational license for the year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Commissioner Verst, seconded by Commissioner Rechlin, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted "AYE" and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attachments:

- Ordinance O-03-04: Insurance Company License Fees
- Ordinance O-04-04: Update to Official List of County Maintained and Controlled Roads
- Ordinance O-05-04: Amendment of 2003-2004 Annual Budget
- Resolution R-14-04: Safe Havens Grant
- Resolution R-15-04: Campbell County Parks Opening Dates
- Resolution R-16-04: 2004 Park Fees for A.J. Jolly Park
- Resolution R-17-04: Agreement with Ky. Dept. of Rural and Municipal Aid Regarding Road System

Resolution R-18-04: Agreement with Ky. Dept. of Rural and Municipal Aid Regarding Funding
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