

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY
FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

April 1, 2026

The Campbell County Fiscal Court conducted a public hearing and regular meeting on April 1, 2026, at 9:00 AM, at the Campbell County Courthouse, 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky. The public hearing and meeting were recorded by Campbell Media and broadcast on the Campbell Media Website.

Present:

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery
County Commissioner, Geoff Besecker
County Commissioner, Tom Lampe
County Commissioner, Brian Painter
County Attorney, Steve Franzen

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld
Assistant County Administrator, Kim Serra
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto
Police Chief, Craig Sorrell
Fiscal Court Clerk, Janie Patterson

Public Hearing

Campbell County Department of Housing Annual Plan

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery called the Public Hearing to order at 9:00 AM. The purpose of the hearing was to receive input on the Campbell County Department of Housing Annual Plan.

Interim Housing Director Kimberly Phillips presented the Housing Department's Annual Plan to the Fiscal Court for review and approval. She reported there were no significant amendments or changes, and the plan was available for public review beginning February 13.

Ms. Phillips stated that the department's primary goals were to increase leasing to families and improve utilization of HUD funding, both of which were achieved. The program currently assists 620 families. The waiting list, which opened in September 2025, includes approximately 700 applicants. She explained that applicants are selected based on a priority system, with preference given to residents of Campbell and Pendleton Counties, as well as veterans and individuals with disabilities.

Judge Pendery commended Ms. Phillips for her performance in her interim role and thanked her. He then read a proclamation, proclaiming April 2026 Fair Housing Month, which was signed by the members of the Fiscal Court.

Regular Meeting

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Following the roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting held on March 18, 2026.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Guests

Swearing-In of Police Officer Thomas Nitschke

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Thomas Nitschke and welcomed him back.

Police Chief, Craig Sorrell gave a brief summary of Officer Nitschke’s background and noted that upon his return from retirement, he is the second most senior member of the Campbell County Police Department.

Swearing-In of Police Officer Geoffrey Lucas

Police Chief, Craig Sorrell introduced Officer Geoffrey Lucas and gave a brief summary of his background and qualifications.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery administered the Oath of Office to Geoffrey Lucas.

Correy Eimer, Northern Kentucky Area Development District Associate Director

Guest speaker Correy Eimer, Associate Director for Workforce Development with the Area Development District, presented the proposed 2026 – 2031 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Interlocal Agreement for consideration.

Mr. Eimer explained that the agreement is required every five years and establishes the framework for cooperation among the eight Northern Kentucky counties (Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, and Pendleton) to administer federal workforce development funds. He noted that the

agreement outlines roles and responsibilities of local elected officials, the governance of the Workforce Development Board, fiscal oversight, and compliance with federal and state regulations. He reported that no substantive changes were made from the previous agreement, with only minor updates to language required by the state.

Mr. Eimer emphasized that the agreement is necessary to continue receiving federal workforce funding, which is distributed through the U.S. Department of Labor and the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.

During discussion, Mr. Eimer identified key challenges, including federal delays in reauthorizing workforce legislation and declining funding levels, noting that regional funding has decreased significantly in recent years. He highlighted the importance of local initiatives and partnerships in maintaining workforce services.

Mr. Eimer also provided an overview of regional workforce coordination efforts, including the Northern Kentucky Workforce Investment Board and the NKY Works initiative, which connects over 70 organizations to deliver comprehensive workforce development services.

Members of the Fiscal Court expressed appreciation for Mr. Eimer's presentation and ongoing efforts in workforce development.

Old Business

Ordinance O-02-26: Second Reading

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Ordinance O-02-26, "An Ordinance updating the Official Zoning Map for unincorporated Campbell County to rezone 1039 Lickert Road, unincorporated Campbell County, referred to as PIDN 999-99-23-724.00 spanning approximately 4.7 acres and associated rights-of-way to the centerlines of the adjacent roads for a total of approximately 9.1 acres from Rural Residential Estate (R-RE) Zone to Rural Commercial (RC) Zone."

Director of Planning and Zoning, Cindy Minter was present to answer any questions or offer explanations.

Motion was made to adopt Ordinance O-02-26 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter.

Commissioner Besecker inquired whether the developer and associated parties had agreed to the conditions associated with the proposed zoning change.

Director of Planning and Zoning, Cindy Minter confirmed that the applicant had agreed to the conditions related to the site development. She further explained that the project is currently at the Stage One plan phase and will undergo a second revision, at which time all conditions must be satisfied as part of the subsequent submission.

All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

Resolution R-14-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-14-26, “A Resolution to adopt the annual plan for the Department of Housing.”

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-15-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-15-26, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court approving and entering into an updated Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Interlocal Agreement.”

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Personnel

Resolution R-16-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-16-26, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing updates to the Communications and Public Outreach Coordinator position description, authorizing a revised job title of Digital Media Specialist, and authorizing corresponding amendments to the “Authorized Position List” of the Campbell County Administrative Code.”

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview, and make a hiring recommendation to fill the full-time Digital Media Specialist vacancy.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to appoint Sam Koch to the full-time Animal Technician position at Campbell County Animal Services effective April 7, 2026.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to advance Police Officer Christopher Mullins to Police Officer 4 in accordance with the current FOP working agreement effective April 28, 2026.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Administrator’s Report

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a report.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to modify the Campbell County Solid Waste Voucher Program to allow residents to receive up to four vouchers at once per year, and every four years an additional ten vouchers. This update will allow residents greater flexibility in disposing of occasional significant amounts of material.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute Prime Contract Change Order 001 with Conger Construction Group in the amount of \$15,796 for additional preconstruction design services for spoils management.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery stated this was a very positive development.

County Commissioners’ Report

Commissioner Geoff Besecker reported on his attendance at the Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association conference, where he participated in training and educational sessions. He highlighted cybersecurity as a key focus, stressing the importance of continued vigilance in protecting county data and noting strong performance by county’s IT staff. He also mentioned discussions surrounding America 250 programming, and opportunities in fish and wildlife employment. Commissioner Besecker addressed ongoing broadband expansion efforts across the Commonwealth, noting statewide challenges. He emphasized Campbell County’s successful initiative to provide universal broadband access, calling it a transformative achievement for areas such as healthcare, education, and small business. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to represent the Fiscal Court and support continued progress in the community.

Commissioner Tom Lampe recognized the Brighton Center's 60th anniversary, and highlighted the organization's long-standing mission to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency. He noted that he had attended the anniversary gala, which celebrated this milestone and served as a fundraiser to support the Center's ongoing work. Commissioner Lampe also acknowledged the Brighton Center's past leadership, including Bob Brewster, and Tammy Weidinger, as well as the current President and CEO Wonda Winkler, and commended their contributions to the organization's continued success.

Commissioner Brian Painter thanked the Commissioners for their reports.

County Judge/Executive's Report

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery highlighted a program he attended at the University of Cincinnati featuring experts discussing the impact of Social Security Administration, Medicaid, and Medicare on the national debt. He summarized concerns about long-term funding shortfalls, growing unfunded liabilities beyond the \$39 trillion national debt, and the need for future policy action. He expressed cautious optimism that educating the next generation may help address these challenges.

Pop-up Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery announced the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area, in partnership with Campbell County Solid Waste, will host a Pop-up Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Frederick's Landing Park in Wilder. More information about the event, including acceptable items, is available online at www.campbellcountky.gov.

Finance Director/Treasurer's Report

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented the Finance Director/Treasurer's Report.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to acknowledge that the Jailer's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 was submitted to the Fiscal Court by April 1, 2026 for inclusion in the County's 2027 budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to sign a two-year Memorandum of Agreement with effective dates July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028 for House Bill 556 inmate program funds for the Campbell County Detention Center with the Kentucky Department of Corrections.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to accept the bid from Mago Construction for the Fiscal Year 2026 Spring Resurfacing project. Ms. Lewis explained that of the three bids submitted, Mago submitted the low bid of \$691,410.00, which is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to accept the proposal from Environmental Enterprises, Inc. for household hazardous waste services for the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection Event.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to accept the proposal from Tri State Escrap for electronics waste services for the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection Event.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Budget Transfers

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to approve Budget Transfers dated:

- March 31, 2026

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Interfund Transfers

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to acknowledge that there were no Interfund Transfers.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to approve Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order dated:

- March 24, 2026
- March 25, 2026
- April 1, 2026
- April 2, 2026 (Employee Benefits)

County Attorney, Steve Franzen commented that the claims had been reviewed, and everything appeared appropriate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter.

Commissioner Tom Lampe agreed with payment of the claims; however, he recused himself from approving any claims related to employee benefits due to his employer's relationship with those companies.

All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

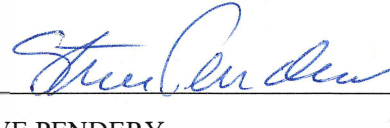
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Geoff Besecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Attachments

- O-02-26: Update the Official Zoning Map to rezone a parcel on Lickert Road
- R-14-26: Adopt the Department of Housing Annual Plan
- R-15-26: Enter into an updated Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Interlocal Agreement
- R-16-26: Update the position description of Communications and Public Outreach Coordinator, revise the job title to Digital Media Specialist, and make corresponding amendments to the Administrative Code Authorized Position List
- Budget Transfers: March 31, 2026
- Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order
 - March 24, 2026
 - March 25, 2026
 - April 1, 2026
 - April 2, 2026 (Employee Benefits)

Approved:



STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:



JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk

Date: April 1, 2026