

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

OCTOBER 17, 2018

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHARLIE COLEMAN
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

Steve Franzen
Matt Elberfeld
Kim Serra
Paula Spicer
Chief Craig Sorrell
Frank Spataro

County Attorney
County Administrator
Assistant County Administrator
Fiscal Court Clerk
Campbell County Police Department
Human Resources Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 special meeting of October 3, 2018 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery introduced Dr. Fernando Figueroa, President/CEO Gateway Community and Technical College. Judge Pendery recently had a tour of the Transportation Technology Center and he was very impressed. Dr. Figueroa first introduced Teri VonHandorf, Vice President Academic Affairs, Erica Marye and Patrick Lamping, Marketing and Communications, and Ken Paul, Board of Directors Chairman, who attended. Gateway has four campuses, but he will focus on the Transportation Technology Center (TTC) since one of the five key sectors in NKY for growth and development is in transportation and logistics. The center is located off KY17 and I-275 is home to Gateway's automotive technology program, collision repair technology program, commercial drivers license (CDL), diesel technology and Ford Asset (paid internship) program. President Figueroa described each program and listed the kinds of jobs and median salaries associated with the programs. Another program located at the Center is the Transportation

Construction Certificate program which partners with state agencies and community/business partners designed to help women, minorities and historically disadvantaged populations to get an entry point into transportation construction field where workers are needed. Gateway's Lift the Tri-State Program is also located at the Center; it provides warehouse and logistics training. This award-winning program has graduated 41 individuals and 19 are currently in the program slated to graduate November 2. Dr. Figueroa then talked about assisting high school students get college-level credit and getting involved in the workforce prior to graduation. The Campbell County Area Technology center is working with the TTC to offer dual credit in the automotive program. There are 30 juniors and seniors from Covington Catholic, Scott, Dixie, Simon Kenton, Walton-Verona and Lloyd High Schools. Gateway is involved in high schools, career centers, college campuses and the TTC trying to get more people in the workforce. Dr. Figueroa then talked about the challenge to find faculty to teach in the emergency medical services program. The school faculty and staff partnered with St. Elizabeth and local fire department representatives create a task force to develop a stronger program which will open in spring 2019. Dr. Figueroa closed by saying that Gateway provides access to training and education to get people in the workforce, works to provide relevant engaging curriculum, and removes barriers to get people back to school to get their education. In response to a question about what is being done to recruit students from Campbell County, Ms. VonHandorf stated that when the program was offered to Campbell County students the logistics of getting students to the campus did not work out for this semester. However, the opportunity for them to join is always there. Dr. Figueroa stated that Gateway has a very strong relationship with Dr. Rust, Superintendent of Campbell County School District. Commissioner Coleman clarified that the reference was to all Campbell County High Schools, i.e. Bellevue, Dayton, Newport, Highlands. He stated that he talked to a Campbell Countian that serves on the Board of Directors and they expressed concern about lack of participation from Campbell County's high schools. Ms. VonHandorf stated that there are students from Campbell County high schools that participate in the dual credit program at Gateway's urban campus; she thought that they were only talking about the TTC. Judge Pendery stated that after his visit to the TTC he had asked Dr. Figueroa to talk about it, he has not laid out Gateway's entire curriculum or where the student body was from. He was so impressed with the sophistication of the TTC he thought that the community needed to hear about it. Dr. Figueroa left his business cards and offered to arrange a tour of the TTC. Commissioner Coleman asked about the qualifications for instructors – do they have to have a degree. In response, he was told that a Program Coordinator must have a Bachelor's Degree and a level 3 certification from the State of Kentucky for the EMS program. The qualifications are different for each program. Mr. Paul advised that there are 467 Campbell County students attending Gateway. Gateway's tuition is half the cost of other State universities. Students can attend Gateway for the first two years and then transfer to Northern Kentucky University, Thomas More, etc. All credits are transferable. Gateway currently has about 4,000 students. However when the economy is good the enrollment goes down and when the economy is bad enrollment goes up. Every year about 1,000 students earn some type of certificate. Judge Pendery stated that there is a nationwide workforce issue with the unemployment rate at its lowest point in almost 50 years. Campbell County's is the lowest in Kentucky. Workforce participation in northern Kentucky is 7% higher than the rest of Kentucky and 4% higher than the national average. That is a serious workforce issue – almost everybody that is able to work is working. There are still people who are not working that must be coaxed into interesting jobs that offer decent salaries. Some people in entry level jobs such as at Amazon are expected to

move on to better jobs. Amazon actively proposes that workers can start there learn good habits, get benefits and training then move on to 1000's of manufacturing jobs in NKY that will be open in the next few years. Gateway is trying to coax more people off the sidelines and get them better trained.

Judge Pendery then called on Randy and Kerensa Smith, 985 Darlington Creek, Alexandria to address the Fiscal Court. Ms. Smith and her neighbor Amy Downton addressed the Fiscal Court. Ms. Downton stated that when the subdivision was developed it was part of old US 27 and there are still double yellow lines into the subdivision. When people drive on double yellow lined road they drive 35 or 55 mph and it goes right past their houses until they get to a stop sign. Both families have small children. Cars have even passed the school bus when it is picking up children. They would like to have the road dead-ended on one side or speed deterrents installed. Ms. Smith stated that they have talked to Commissioner Coleman several times about getting speed bumps. Ms. Downton came up with the idea of ending the road. Ms. Smith stated that the man who runs the transportation department told them that if he was in charge when the subdivision was developed that is what he would have done. Commissioner Coleman has gotten the Police Department to increase patrols in the area and they have. She acknowledged that it is mostly their neighbors that are speeding, but also postal workers, construction workers and others. She stated that people drive past the bus even when the stop sign/flag is out. Ms. Downton stated that the double yellow lines are misleading. Ms. Smith stated that they would like to get speed bumps and Ms. Downton suggested installation of a cul-de-sac as an option. Chief Sorrell stated that additional speed limit signs were installed on both sides of the road. He stated that it is challenging to catch speeders because there is no place to hide. Commissioner Coleman stated that he talked to Kim about speed bumps. He suggested using a temporary speed bump like Alexandria did on Constable Drive. He asked Luke Mantle to call Alexandria about use of the temporary speed bumps and Mr. Mantle was told that they are no longer used. He understands that there are concerns about permanent speed bumps such as the cost. Ms. Serra stated that she has talked to Mr. Mantle about speed bumps. Mr. Elberfeld advised that the reason the City of Alexandria stopped using temporary speed bumps is that they are hard on the road because they are drilled in place and you end up drilling and putting a lot of holes in the road in a concentrated area. Ms. Downton questioned putting up concrete barriers to stop the traffic to dead end the road. Mr. Elberfeld stated that he would talk to Mr. Mantle and to the Planning and Zoning Director about dead-ending the road and about subdivision standards. He looked at a map of the street. Ms. Downton showed him where her house, the Smith house and Barnett house are located and where the double yellow lines end on the roadway. She then showed him where she thought that the dead-end could be placed that would leave enough room for school buses and emergency vehicles to turn around. Judge Pendery suggested that they discuss this with staff including planning and zoning and safety departments. He stated that people tend to drive as fast as they feel safe regardless of the speed limit. He acknowledged that perhaps the double yellow line makes people feel like they are on a bigger highway. Speed bumps have a sketchy history – they are not good for snowplows or elderly drivers and that is why a lot of cities do not use them. Commissioner Coleman asked if Ms. Smith and Ms. Downton would be invited to the meeting with staff. Mr. Elberfeld stated that they would and asked them both to give him their contact information.

Susannah Fedders then addressed the Fiscal Court about her dealings with Neighborhood Foundations. They put her in a basement apartment at 927 Highland Avenue, Ft. Thomas. She told them about problems with odors, water leaks, and black mold. She called the property owner (PLP Properties) and Neighborhood Foundations (Tom Guidugli) who told her that she needed to stay in the apartment for a year. She requested that they move her to another department due to health problems. Ms. Fedders got a Legal Aid attorney in order to get something done with the apartment. She described further problems with the apartment and how it affected her health. She has attempted to talk to Mr. Guidugli and the Mayor of Newport. She is being treated at UC Hospital for her health problems. She doesn't know why they couldn't move her to another apartment or why she was told to make cash payments to PLP Properties. Ms. Fedders stated that she was accused of abandoning her apartment and that PLP threw out her belongings and took her medication to the police department. She was then left homeless and now lives in her van. She has lost a lot of money. Mr. Guidugli gave her a voucher and told her to look for another apartment, but she has not been able to find one yet. Judge Pendery stated that they could ask questions on her behalf. He acknowledged that Ms. Fedders came to talk to him about this previously. She thanked Judge Pendery for meeting with her and stated that the Campbell County Housing Department gave her a new HUD voucher and that Mr. Luersen gave her \$40. Judge Pendery stated that if she could stay until after the meeting, he will talk to her. He added that Allyn Reinecke has made some calls on her behalf.

Michelle Snodgrass, Campbell County Commonwealth's Attorney, stated that in about 2012 she talked to Judge Pendery and Robert Horine about starting a program to help get individuals charged with drug crimes out of jail quickly and get them through the court system. Her request at the time was for funding for another prosecutor to help process these types of cases. The Fiscal Court agreed to provide the funds and after two years her office was able to fund it themselves. Since then the "rocket docket" program was implemented across the state. Her office and the County Attorney's office jointly apply for grant funding and have received it every year. The grant requires that they keep very detailed records that are submitted to the KY Justice and Public Safety Department. A number of the current Fiscal Court members were there when they agreed to fund her office. Her office has been tracking the number of cases that are successful through the program and the savings since August 2015. There are 37 programs in KY and Campbell's is the third most successful both in cases and in cost savings. This means that there have been over 1,000 people through the program – they get out of jail quickly and into treatment – these are drug users, not dealers. Most important is the savings in incarceration costs. The cost savings to the County so far (based on an average cost) is over \$2.7 million. She wanted to let them know that the program the Fiscal Court helped her office start has been successful. Judge Pendery stated that if there are not have enough prosecutors the cases take longer and people are in the jail longer before their case is concluded. It costs the citizens of Campbell County roughly \$50 per day to house inmate. The Fiscal Court provided seed money for a concept that has spread throughout the State and has been successful here. If you move the prosecutions along swiftly, locals save money. Ms. Snodgrass stated that they must reapply for funding each year and prove that the program is successful. She thanked those that were on the Fiscal Court at the time when the program started. Ms. Snodgrass stated that tomorrow she has a sentencing in the second trial of a murder case. A lot of people ask her about the cost of the trial to the County taxpayers. She stated that it does not cost the County taxpayers any dollars. This question comes up a lot. Mr. Franzen stated that when the Hubers verdict came in a couple of

weeks ago, he reported at the Fiscal Court meeting what a great job Ms. Snodgrass did during the trial; he is very proud of the way that their offices work together and the way her office is run. She did tremendous work during the Hubers trial and hopes that they will be working together for many years. Ms. Snodgrass thanked him. She stated that the Fiscal Court through the Campbell County Police Department budget has provided funding for the Campbell County Crime Scene Unit. During trial they used an expert witness crime scene reconstructionist from New Jersey who complimented the work of the Crime Scene unit. The Unit includes Officers from agencies across Northern Kentucky who work extra hours to investigate and process scenes on major crimes.

Judge Pendery asked Ms. Spicer to proceed with old business. Ms. Spicer read Ordinance O-12-18 by title for a second reading of the ordinance. O-12-18 updates the official Campbell County Maintained Road List to add Pondwoods Drive (CR 1564). Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt O-12-18, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

New business was presented next with Resolution R-92-18. R-92-18 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute an Interlocal Agreement for participation in the Kenton County Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Inc. Judge Pendery stated that this agreement updates an earlier agreement to add new members. The Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney's office. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-92-18, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to proclaim November 10-18, 2018 as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Campbell County, Kentucky. Judge Pendery stated that this proclamation was requested by Kim Webb, Executive Director of the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, who will attend a November meeting to update the Fiscal Court on the Shelter's activities. A number of Campbell County agencies participate in dealing with the challenge of hunger and homelessness including Brighton Center, Hosea House, Family Promise, Campbell County School District, Newport School District and Dayton, Bellevue and Southgate School Districts. He wants to acknowledge their efforts. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to appoint Jessica Shields to the full-time position of Wellness Center Specialist at the Senior Center effective October 22, 2018 with compensation set at Pay Grade 13, \$19.50 per hour (\$35,490.00 annually) with maximum total annual benefit cost of \$30,280.00. Judge Pendery stated that Ms. Shields replaces Sarah Manhardt at the Senior Center. This is a promotion from within, as Ms. Shields currently works for the Fiscal Court in another position. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to appoint Darlene Williams to the part-time position of Kennel Technician at the Animal Shelter effective October 18, 2018 with compensation set at Pay Grade 10, \$13.65 per hour. Judge Pendery pointed out that this is a part-time position with no benefits. Ms. Williams will fill a vacancy at the Animal Shelter. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to reappoint Kim Halbauer to the Tri-ED Board of Directors for a three-year term effective October 8, 2018 through October 7, 2021. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. Judge Pendery advised that Tri-ED is getting an overhaul and Ms. Halbauer has been very involved in the process. He highly recommends her reappointment. Commissioner Coleman asked if Ms. Halbauer is a Campbell County resident. Judge Pendery affirmed that she is. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Steve Franzen stated that Governor Bevin was at the Fiscal Court building this afternoon and answered many tough questions during a government forum. He was thoroughly impressed by the Governor. He was happy to hear how complementary Governor Bevin was of the Fiscal Court and Judge Pendery and the access that Judge Pendery has to his office and how it benefits the County's residents.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Fall Clean Up will take place on Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20 from 8 AM to 5 PM at the Campbell County Transportation Center, Pendery Park, and the Campbell County Police Department. More details about drop off locations and items accepted at each location, are at www.campbellcountyky.org or call 859-547-1866.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Animal Shelter's Third Annual Field Day Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 20 at Pendery Park from 12 PM to 5 PM. This is a family friendly event with food, drink, games, bounce house, \$10 rabies vaccines, and more. More details are at www.campbellcountyky.org or the Animal Shelter Facebook page or call 859-635-2819.

Judge Pendery announced that AJ Jolly Park's Spooktacular Halloween Event will take place on Saturday, October 27 from 12 PM to 3 PM. Children 12 and under can Trick or Treat along a friendly trail and participate in costume contests. There will be hayrides, bounce houses, games, crafts, and food and drink. Suggested donation is \$5 per vehicle. More information is available at www.ajjollypark.com or call 859-547-3681.

Judge Pendery announced that the Northern Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on Saturday, November 3 from 9am to 2pm at UC Health Stadium, 7950 Freedom Way, Florence. Items accepted include: anti-freeze, batteries, chemicals, corrosives, electronics (limit 2 TV's per vehicle), flammables, ink/toner cartridges, paint (limit 10 gallons per vehicle), pesticides and waste oil. For more information call 859-334-3151 before the day of the event or go to www.nkyhww.org.

Judge Pendery announced that the time of the November 21, 2018 Fiscal Court meeting has been changed from 5:30pm to 10:00am due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Matt Elberfeld presented the Finance Director's report by requesting a motion to approve the purchase of an inmate tracking system for the Campbell County Detention Center from Guardian RFID in the amount of \$114,607.52. The current system is at the end of its useful life. Staff requested proposals for a new inmate tracking system and recommends accepting the proposal of

Guardian RFID. The expenditure is included in this year's budget. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the bid plus alternate from Bluegrass Paving for \$137,238 to resurface A J Jolly campsites 20-46 including the access road and for full depth repairs for sites 1-16. Nobody can remember when the campsites were last resurfaced. The work will be done over the winter in order to be ready for the spring camping season. Mr. Elberfeld stated that Bluegrass Paving submitted the low bid for this project and that the project is budgeted. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to acknowledge that the increased bond is in place for Sheriff Mike Jansen for the tax collection season. All elected officials are bonded. During tax time the Sheriff's bond increases to \$25 million due to the amount of cash coming into the office. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Elberfeld then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for October 17, 2018. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and supplemental claims and they appear to be appropriate. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims 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 6:42 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-12-18 Update County Maintained Road List

Resolution R-92-18 Interlocal Agreement with Kenton County Regional SWAT

Claims Dated October 17, 2018

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk