

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY
FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

July 15, 2026

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM Eastern Time (4:30 PM Central Time), at the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. The meeting was recorded and broadcast by Campbell Media.

Present:

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

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld
Assistant County Administrator, Kim Serra
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto
Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis
Police Chief, Craig Sorrell
Director of Animal Services, Lisa Krummen
Fiscal Court Clerk, Janie Patterson

Regular Meeting

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

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 for approval of the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting held on June 3, 2026 and the Special Fiscal Court Meeting held on June 30, 2026.

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

Recognition of Citizens & Public Officials

Commissioner Geoff Besecker recognized Anthony Strong, who served as Superintendent of Campbell County Schools and was recently elected to serve as Pendleton County Judge/Executive. Mr. Strong was in attendance to observe the Fiscal Court meeting.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery congratulated Mr. Strong on his election, commended his years of service as Superintendent and his contributions to the community, and expressed the Court's willingness to assist him in his new role as needed.

Old Business

Ordinance O-06-26: Second Reading

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Ordinance O-06-26, "An Ordinance of the Campbell County Fiscal Court amending Title VII, Chapter 73, Traffic Schedules, of the Campbell County Code of Ordinances to add stop signs on Clay Ridge Road and Hissem Road."

Motion was made to adopt Ordinance O-06-26 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

O-07-26 Ordinance: First Reading

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Ordinance O-07-26, "An Ordinance of the Campbell County Fiscal Court amending Title VII, Chapter 73, Traffic Schedules, of the Campbell County Code of Ordinances to add stop signs on Redstone Road and Southbrook Drive."

A motion to adopt Ordinance O-07-26 will be requested following the second reading.

O-08-26 Ordinance: First Reading

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Ordinance O-08-26, "An Ordinance of the Campbell County Fiscal Court amending Title VII, Chapter 72, Parking Regulations, of the Campbell County Code of Ordinances to prohibit parking along the fire lane of Goldeneye Drive (CR 1528)."

A motion to adopt Ordinance O-08-26 will be requested following the second reading.

Resolution R-41-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-41-26, "A Resolution adopting and approving the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Campbell County Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways in the amount of \$362,000 for the Local Area Road Program (LARP) for resurfacing Poplar Thicket Road (CR

1356) from KY 915 extending to the end of county maintenance for approximately 2.256 miles and Murnan Road (CR 1350) from Milepoint 0.00 extending to US 27 for approximately 2.638 miles.”

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-41-26 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker and seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye," and the motion passed.

Resolution R-42-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-42-26, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court approving the updated Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area Cooperative Partner Agreement between Campbell, Boone, and Kenton Counties.”

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-42-26 by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-43-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-43-26, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing updates to the Campbell County Animal Services Operations Manual.”

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-43-26 by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Personnel

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to advance Police Officer Nicholas Kendall to Police Officer 5 in accordance with the current FOP Working Agreement effective June 30, 2026.

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 advance Police Officer Wayne Herolaga to Police Officer 3 in accordance with the current FOP Working Agreement effective July 1, 2026.

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

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to appoint Ashley Chesnut to the full-time Kennel Technician position at Campbell County Animal Services effective July 16, 2026.

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 enter into a contract with Aaron Beighle to provide School Resource Officer services for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

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 enter into a contract with Douglas Bryant to provide School Resource Officer services for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

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 enter into a contract with Amber Conrad to provide School Resource Officer services for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

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

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to enter into a contract with David Fillhardt to provide School Resource Officer services for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

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 enter into a contract with Jeremy Newberry to provide School Resource Officer services for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

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 enter into a contract with Thomas Nitschke to provide School Resource Officer services for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

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

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to enter into a contract with Thomas Lakes to provide Police Officer services for the 2027 fiscal year.

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

Board Appointments

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to reappoint Fred Macke Jr., Joe Kramer, Larry Schreiber, Linda Bray-Schafer, Clarence Martin, Henry “Hank” Pogue V, and Brett Ruschman and appoint Jennifer Sheffel to the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority, Inc. (CCEPA) each to a four-year term, beginning on July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2030.

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

County Administrator Report

O-09-26 Ordinance: First Reading

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Ordinance O-09-26, “An Ordinance of the County of Campbell, Kentucky authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Public Project Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$65,000,000 for the purpose of paying or reimbursing the costs of acquiring, constructing, installing, and equipping (I) a Public Safety Complex and Related Improvements and (II) Certain Park Improvements; Approving the Form of the Series 2026 Bonds; Authorizing Designated Officers to Execute and Deliver the Series 2026 Bonds; Providing for the Payment and Security of the Series 2026 Bonds; Creating a Bond Payment Fund; Maintaining a Sinking Fund; Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of the Bond Purchaser for the Purchase of the Series 2026 Bonds and Authorizing the Competitive Sale of the Series 2026 Bonds; Authorizing the Execution of Certificates Necessary or Required for the Issuance and Sale of the Series 2026 Bonds; and Repealing Inconsistent Ordinances.

Donnie Warner of FBT Gibbons was present to answer questions and provide additional information if requested.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld explained that the ordinance provides authorization to issue up to \$65 million in general obligation bonds to finance the construction of the Public Safety Complex on Racetrack Road and park improvement projects, including the spillway replacement and lake restoration. He noted that the maximum authorized amount provides flexibility, while the final borrowing amount and timing will be determined based on market conditions and interest rates. Mr. Elberfeld also explained that the bond issuance process requires a second reading of the ordinance and approval through a hearing in Frankfort before any bonds may be issued. He introduced Bond Counsel Donnie Warner, who was present to answer any technical questions, and noted that the ordinance was being presented for first reading only.

County Attorney, Steve Franzen explained that the proposed bond issuance involves complex legal and financial matters requiring specialized bond counsel. He expressed his appreciation for bond counsel Donnie Warner's assistance and noted that retaining specialized legal expertise helps ensure the transaction is completed in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Commissioner Brian Painter noted that Fiscal Court members receive detailed briefings from the County Attorney and the County Administrator regarding complex financial matters prior to meetings, providing the information necessary for members to understand the proposed bond ordinance before it is presented during a public meeting.

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Tom Lampe reported on the public meeting held on July 9, 2026 regarding the KY 536 project between US 27 and AA Highway. He noted that fellow commissioners, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 6 staff, and more than 250 residents attended. Commissioner Lampe thanked District 6 staff for answering questions and engaging with attendees. He shared that project manager Mike Beasley is responding to comments submitted through the meeting's comment process and expressed appreciation to residents for their participation and valuable input on the project.

Commissioner Brian Painter was also at the public meeting and thanked Commissioner Lampe for his report. He also noted that the meeting was well attended; it was very civil, well run, well-staffed, and KYTC did a good job.

Judge/Executive's Report

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery gave the following announcements.

Waste Tire Collection Event – Happens only once every three years!

The triennial Waste Tire Collection Event will be held at the Campbell County Road Department, located at 1175 Racetrack Road in Alexandria, on Thursday, August 6, and Friday, August 7, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and Saturday, August 8, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Sponsored by the Kentucky Division of Waste Management, this FREE event is open to all Kentucky residents. There is no limit to the number of waste tires residents may bring. Commercial haulers, contractors, businesses, scrap yards, recycling centers, or tire retailers are not eligible. For more information, contact Campbell County Solid Waste Coordinator Megan Clere Abrams at 859-547-1866.

Complete Survey – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Every five years, the Northern Kentucky Area Development District, or NKADD, updates the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, also known as the CEDS. This plan helps identify the region's economic strengths, challenges, and opportunities, and sets priorities for the next five years.

NKADD has launched a public survey to gather input from residents, businesses, and community stakeholders. I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your feedback will help ensure Campbell County's priorities are represented in the region's next Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Finance Director/Treasurer's Report

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

Resolution R-44-26

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title summary for Resolution R-44-26, "Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the County Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments to provide planning services to the Campbell County Fiscal Court for Fiscal Year 2027 for \$31,496. OKI is a regional planning organization that provides comprehensive planning services for an 8-county region in the Greater Cincinnati/NKY area that includes Campbell County for federally assisted projects."

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-44-26 by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-45-26

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title summary for Resolution R-45-26, "Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the Judge/Executive to execute any grant contract documents related to a rescue aid program grant with the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management for the Campbell County LandSAR Team."

Ms. Lewis explained that the Campbell County LandSAR Team plans to use the grant funds to purchase an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), with an estimated total project cost of \$20,000 to be used to enhance search and rescue operations by providing rapid aerial reconnaissance, improving situational awareness, and enabling the safe, efficient location of missing or injured individuals in remote, rugged, or otherwise difficult-to-access areas. This grant may require a local match in the range of an 80/20 cost share estimated at \$4,000, and matching funds were included in the FY2027 budget.

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-45-26 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 grant staff permission to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) consultant.

Ms. Lewis explained that applications for CDBG funding must be administered by CDBG-certified administrators. A qualified consultant is required to provide application preparation, environmental assessment preparation, and project administration services for any CDBG projects awarded to Campbell County Fiscal Court during the Fiscal Year 2026 funding cycle.

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

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to authorize staff to issue a change order for the Echo Hills Stormwater Cost-Share Project. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) requires the existing culvert pipe to be upsized to 24 inches. The cost of this change order is \$17,324.00.

Ms. Lewis explained that the change order was necessary because the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) requires the existing culvert pipe to be upsized to 24 inches.

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

- July 1, 2026 (Employee Benefits)
- July 8, 2026
- July 15, 2026

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

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

Commissioner Tom Lampe stated that he supported 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.

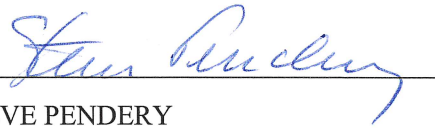
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Attachments

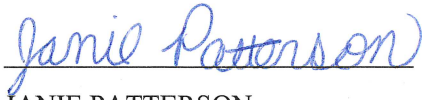
- O-06-26: Add stop signs on Clay Ridge Road and Hissem Road
- R-41-26: Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the KYTC Department of Highways
- R-42-26: Approve the updated Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area Cooperative Partner Agreement between Campbell, Boone, and Kenton Counties
- R-43-26: Authorize updates to the Campbell County Animal Services Operations Manual
- R-44-26: Execute a contract with the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments
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- Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order
 - July 1, 2026
 - July 8, 2026
 - July 15, 2026

Approved:



STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:



JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk

Date Approved: August 5, 2026