

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

MARCH 6, 2019

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse located at 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GEOFF BESECKER
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

Steve Franzen	County Attorney
Matt Elberfeld	County Administrator
Marie Schenkel	Finance Director
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Frank Spataro	Human Resources Director
Colonel Craig Sorrell	Campbell County Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Cable Access was present to film the meeting.

Judge Pendery asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court regular meeting of February 20, 2019 and the Mayors meeting of January 22, 2019 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Chief Craig Sorrell introduced Mark Dill who has served as the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Campbell County High School since 2011. Chief Sorrell stated that with the expansion of the SRO program, Officer Dill is being promoted to SRO Sergeant. Judge Pendery pinned Officer Dill's new badge. Chief Sorrell then introduced Lieutenant Jeremy Newberry. Lieutenant Newberry has been with the Department since 2004 and a Lieutenant for four years. He will be promoted to Major and be in charge of the Department in the absence of the Police Chief. Lieutenant Newberry introduced his wife, two children, his mother and father and his wife pinned his new badge.

Chief Sorrell then began the 2018 annual report on the Campbell County Police Department. Each year he tries to demonstrate how the Department's Core Values of leadership, community,

service and efficiency are incorporated in what the Department does. He then gave examples of how these Core Values were put into action: Nikki Owens' victim's advocate training and organizing the Christmas Giving Tree, Officer Thomas Lakes return to service in the City of Silver Grove, and introduction of Share Point software and new contract with Axon body camera to improve efficiencies. He then presented crime statistics for 2018 for all jurisdictions in Campbell County and then specific numbers for Campbell County. Chief Sorrell discussed initiatives for 2019: an assessment of the SRO program and addition of an SRO at Campbell County High School, the purchase of a boat using asset forfeiture funds to improve access during flooding events and studying the purchase of a speed trailer. He then reviewed the Department's command staff, supervisors and sworn officers and nonuniform personnel. He noted two resignations and two retirements during 2018. Chief Sorrell expressed his gratitude to the Police Force Merit Board and Volunteers in Police Service. He announced that Officer Carl L. Harris Jr. was named the 2018 Officer of the Year. He then listed events that the Department participated in or hosted during 2018. He concluded with the list of Officers that received a Fit for Duty award and enforcement commendations. He stated that in addition to Mark Dill serving as an SRO, Geoff Lucas also serves as an SRO at the Northern Kentucky Co-op. Chief Sorrell thanked the Fiscal Court for its support. Judge Pendery stated that the Chief is doing a fantastic job.

Finding that nobody had signed in to address the Fiscal Court, Judge Pendery proceeded with the agenda.

There being no old business, Paula Spicer presented new business beginning with Resolution R-25-19. R-25-19 approves the Kentucky Highway Department's recommendations for use of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Rural Secondary Road Program funds and reserves the use of flex funds for a County road at a later date. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-25-19, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Amber Pragar to the seasonal position of Parks and Recreation Assistant in the Parks and Recreation Department effective March 7, 2019 with compensation set at Pay Grade 10, \$14.25 per hour. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Amanda Herald and Barbara Schadler to the seasonal position of Park Ranger effective March 7, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$10.70. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint the following as seasonal Golf Course Maintenance Workers effective March 7, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$11.10: Terry Jolly, Douglas Kenney, Paul Moran, Charles Rauch, Michael Rimer, Blake Stormer and Donald Thomas. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint the following as seasonal Parks and Recreation Maintenance Workers effective March 7, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$11.10: Steven Fields, James Gillespie, William Heck, Thomas Kramer, Sam Murrell and Michael Weber, and further appointing Robert Giles as a Parks and Recreation Maintenance Worker who also supervises inmate workers

effective March 7, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$12.10. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Lawrence Ahrman and Robert Caldwell as part-time Golf Course Attendants effective March 7, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$11.10. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to establish the position of SRO Sergeant and to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute an Employment Agreement with Mark Dill to serve as the SRO Sergeant effective March 7, 2019 with compensation set at \$47,729.89 or \$22.9471 hourly. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the Chief of Police to advertise, interview and hire a School Resource Officer (SRO) to serve at Campbell County High School. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the Chief of Police and the Police Force Merit Board to begin the promotion process for the position of Sergeant in the Police Department. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to designate Lieutenant Jeremy Newberry as the Lieutenant in charge of the Police Department in the absence of the Police Chief, provide the Chief with administrative support and perform various administrative functions in addition to those of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Newberry shall receive an annual stipend of \$9,195.50 (\$4.42 per hour or \$353.76 biweekly) in addition to the pay and benefits of his permanent rank. Such designation and stipend shall be effective March 7, 2019. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

Steve Franzen congratulated Chief Sorrell on his report; it was very well done. The Chief runs an awesome Department and he appreciates the good work. He gets good comments about the Department from the attorneys in his office and from the judges all the time. There are many fine officers in the County.

Commissioner Besecker stated that Officer Dill’s promotion was well-deserved. He has had the opportunity to work with Officer Dill on a daily basis when Officer Dill has been in his classroom the last few days talking to his students. It is a blessing to have him.

Commissioner Besecker advised that Detective Kush is coming out to his classroom next week to discuss responsible use of technology and social media. He wanted to thank the Police Department for allowing the officers come out to the school.

Commissioner Besecker congratulated Lieutenant Newberry on his promotion. He knows Lt. Newberry from throughout his high school years. He had an opportunity to coach the Lieutenant in baseball and have him in his class.

Commissioner Besecker stated that he talked to Robbie Allender who is in charge of the state highways in Campbell County. At the last meeting they talked about visibility issues on US 27 especially when it rains. Mr. Allender informed him that they received a grant and this summer they will install reflectors from the Pendleton County boarder to Route 10. He also talked to Mr. Allender today about huge potholes on Riley Road that he had hit and learned that Riley Road is scheduled to be repaved this summer. Today they repaired the potholes.

Commissioner Besecker thanked the Campbell County Road Department for being proactive for the upcoming snow event.

Commissioner Besecker announced that the Campbell County High School Boys Basketball Team was tied in the fourth quarter 53-53 in the KHSAA tournament.

Commissioner Lampe stated that he met with Kim Serra and Larry Harrod at A J Jolly Park as they prepare for the upcoming programs and events and getting park facilities ready for those events. Utilization of the park has increased; staff does a good job promoting the park but word-of-mouth is the greatest thing for increased use of the park. He acknowledged the Stapleton family for donating the Stapleton Pavilion that has become a prime attraction at the park. He advised that Mr. Harrod is in discussion with another music event potentially for this year. Commissioner Lampe stated that kayaking is highly utilized at the lake. A state kayaking organization is planning an event for the park this summer. USA Archery is planning a tournament at the park this year. He stated that Mr. Harrod is fielding many calls for events as well as coordinating the ones held on a regular basis. The park looks good – the improvements to the campsites, the yurts, the kayaks and docks. It is becoming a great asset for the County.

Commissioner Painter stated that he spent the day at OKI looking at the KY SHIFT program for roads in Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties. There are about eight projects in Campbell County that scored very well. He thinks that there have been many extraneous projects taken off the books by the by Bevin administration while they are taking a more realistic approach to scoring projects.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Parks will open for the season on Monday, March 25th. This season's park calendar is loaded with festivals, events, and programs for the entire family. For full details visit us at <http://ajjollypark.com>.

Judge Pendery announced that the second annual "Tails and Trails" 5K Walk/Run to benefit the Campbell County Animal Shelter will be held at AJ Jolly Park on Sunday, April 14th. Interested participants must pre-register online at www.runsignup.com.

Judge Pendery mentioned that causes of death in the United States other than disease and old age, number about 40,000 people dying in car accidents, about 50,000 people getting shot, and about 70,000 dying from drug overdoses in 2017. In the 18 wealthiest countries in the world where people would have the disposable income to support a drug habit, the US's death rates are four times higher than the average. The lowest, Japan and Italy, are 27 times lower than the US. The United States far exceeds all other nations.

Marie Schenkel requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for March 6, 2019. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he had questions about three of the claims and sent an email late this afternoon. Ms. Schenkel stated that the answers were sent to Assistant County Attorney Tom Edge. Mr. Franzen asked about a Dayton citation for \$40. Ms. Schenkel replied that in order to expedite the process they charged the individual with the fine and remitted it to the City of Dayton. Mr. Franzen then stated that he has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Besecker announced that Campbell County High School basketball team is down 60-57 with 2:21 playing time left.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-25-19 Accept Recommendations for Rural Secondary Road Funds
Claims and Supplemental Claims March 6, 2019

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk