

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES
MAY 5, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, May 5, 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
Lt. Col. Keith Hill	Assistant Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Reno Deaton	Solid Waste Coordinator
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 Special Fiscal Court meeting of April 21, 2004 and the Mayors' Meeting of April 20, 2004. It was moved by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Rechtin that the minutes of the Special Fiscal Court meeting of April 21, 2004 and the Mayors' Meeting of April 20, 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. There were none.

Judge Pendery next requested items of Old Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams advised that there was no Old Business to be presented.

Judge Pendery then requested items of New Business be brought before the Court. He introduced Reno Deaton, Solid Waste Coordinator, who was present to provide updates on the Litter Abatement/Spring Clean-Up and the Farm Oil Clean-Up. Mr. Deaton stated that the Fiscal Court is now partnering with 12 of the 15 cities in the County to conduct the Spring Clean-Up, and there has been great support amongst everyone involved. He thanked the City Clerks who have sent out newsletters, the Parks Department who have gathered litter and debris, and the

Mayors and Councils who have promoted the clean-up on their cable shows. The recent clean-up collected 104 30-cubic yard containers, totaling 841,700 pounds of litter and debris. There were 2,933 automobile tires and 154 tractor tires collected, which qualifies for a grant of approximately \$3,000 from the Department of Transportation. The environmental end use for the shredded tires will be to provide landfill liner at the Rumpke landfill in Indiana. Freon-bearing appliances totaled 55, and 194,840 pounds of scrap metal was baled and recycled. There were 239 car batteries collected and recycled. Mr. Deaton advised the event was very successful. He then reported that in April, Campbell County partnered with Hamilton County Environmental Services to do a computer clean-up event. Total collected was 1-3/4 trailers, with Kenton County having the largest load. The Great American Clean-Up was held April 24, in which Campbell County participated by holding a farm oil recycling program. The program was suggested by Commissioner Verst, who was advised of some agricultural farms who had a large amount of excess oil sitting on their farms that needed to be disposed of. There were 35 residents who participated, 16 of whom had over 50 gallons of oil to be disposed of. There was 18,575 pounds of oil collected, which equates to approximately 2,186 gallons of oil. It is estimated that this collection saves 2,186,000,000 gallons of water from contamination. The farm oil recycling program was a partnership with the Northern Kentucky Conservation District and the Campbell County Extension Office, who agreed to pay 50% of the cost of the program. He then reported that the next clean-up and litter abatement would be held October 22, 23 and 24, 2004.

Mr. Deaton reported that the project at Lakeside Commons is moving along very quickly. The electric panels around the Lake have been redone, and the first stocking of the Lake will be done in the next few days. Lights for the fountain will also be installed in this time frame. Commissioner Otto stated that there were quite a few ducks on the property when he was at the Center recently and asked if there was a need to remove some of them. Mr. Deaton stated that he had contacted a company regarding this and found that they only chase geese. He was advised by the owner of this company that it would be a waste of the Court's money to attempt to chase the ducks, since there is only one gander on the Lake.

Judge Pendery thanked Mr. Deaton for his stewardship on all of these projects, noting that there have been hundreds of thousands of pounds of additional waste added to the collection total over the years that Mr. Deaton has been in charge of these projects. Mr. Deaton thanked Judge Pendery for his compliments and also thanked the cities again for their cooperation and Commissioner Verst for bringing the farm oil recycling concept to his attention. Commissioner Verst stated that it was the people in the farm community who did most of the pushing to get this project underway, and thanked the Farm Bureau, Extension District and Conservation District for their participation and sharing in the cost of this project.

Ms. Williams advised that the next order of New Business was a motion to proclaim the month of May, 2004 as "Drug Court Month" in Campbell County, and asked citizens to recognize the contribution that drug courts have made in helping the addicted turn away from drugs and become contributing members of society. Circuit Judge Bill Wehr, requested this Proclamation. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechlin made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested approval of a motion to proclaim the week of May 9-15, 2004 as "National Police Week" in Campbell County, and urged citizens to join with the Fiscal Court in thanking our law enforcement officers for the work they do to keep our communities safe. 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.

Ms. Williams then presented for first reading Ordinance O-09-04, which she read by title and provided a summary. She explained that this Ordinance changes the name of Campbell County Fire Protection District Number Five to “Alexandria Fire District.” This Ordinance is being presented at the request of the Fire District. Ms. Williams stated that no action was necessary on the Ordinance at this meeting and that it would be acted upon at the next Fiscal Court meeting on its second reading.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-36-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution authorizes the withdrawal of funds from the Section 8 Housing Operation Reserve for the purchase of a computer hardware server and work/backup station for the Housing Department. Darlena Brown, Director of Housing, is requesting the Resolution. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-36-04. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-37-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution authorizes the withdrawal of funds from the Section 8 Housing Operation Reserve for the purchase of a new copier for the Housing Department. Darlena Brown, Director of Housing, is requesting the Resolution. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve Resolution R-37-04. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-39-04, 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 an agreement with the Northern Kentucky Independent Health Department to accept a \$40,000 grant for the “Wellness/Fitness Center” addition at the Campbell County Senior Center. Pat Dressman, Human Services Director, is requesting the Resolution. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve Resolution R-39-04. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-40-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution acknowledges the execution of a grant application by the Judge/Executive to the Kentucky Department for Local Government for the purchase and replacement of protective body armor for the Campbell County Police Department. She noted that the grant application had already been sent to the Department for consideration. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve Resolution R-40-04. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion to make no change in the cable rates for Lakeside Terrace residents at this time. These rates are reviewed every six months, and Reno Deaton, Lakeside Terrace Manager, requests approval of this motion. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Verst made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve the motion. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to accept the resignation of George Taylor, Golf Course Equipment Operator/Irrigation Worker, effective April 30, 2004. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rehtin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview, and hire for the position of Golf Course Equipment Operator/Irrigation Worker, created by the resignation of George Taylor. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery next requested reports from Staff. Mr. Horine, County Administrator, requested a motion to authorize staff to solicit bids for construction of the Campbell County Restrictive Custody Center. He advised that the Restrictive Custody Center would be constructed north of the Detention Center between Columbia Street and Central Avenue. The design is of a facility that will house 128 prisoners. Construction drawings and bid documents should be complete within approximately one week. It is expected that the bids for construction would be due the last week of May and a recommendation will be made to the Fiscal Court at its June 2, 2004 meeting. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve the motion. Judge Pendery, Commissioner Otto and Commissioner Verst voted "AYE". Commissioner Rehtin stated that he believes this is not the proper direction for the Court, and voted "NAY." The motion passed by a majority vote.

Judge Pendery then requested a report from the County Attorney. Mr. Verst stated that things were running smoothly at the County Attorney's office.

Judge Pendery next requested reports from the Commissioners. Commissioner Verst reminded everyone that May 6 is National Day of Prayer, and suggested that those who wished to pray, keep in mind the troops abroad.

Commissioner Otto reported that there had been numerous programs recently at the Animal Shelter, and he had received comments from many citizens who were grateful to be able to take their animals to the Shelter for nail clipping and insertion of the identification chips for a charge of \$10.

Commissioner Rehtin commented that the closing of the old Newport Carnegie Library was very well attended, and that J.C. Morgan, Executive Director of the Campbell County Library System, did a terrific job explaining the history of the old building. There is a commitment from the City to retain the building for public use. The new Library will be three times the size of the old Library and will be dedicated on May 16, 2004. He also reminded everyone that there is an upcoming election in May. He stated that there had been some rumor that he had entered the State Representative race because he did not enjoy his time on the Fiscal Court. He wants to assure the citizens that he really enjoys serving with the members of the Court and it is a pleasure being a Commissioner. He had been asked by certain members of the community to enter the race and looks at it as continuing his service to the community rather than leaving the Fiscal Court. He wants to involve himself further in the district that he is so fond of. He encouraged all citizens to vote on May 18.

Judge Pendery then announced that the new branch of the Campbell County Library, located in Newport, will host an open house on Sunday, May 16, 2004 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and welcomed the public to attend. He also announced that the Northern Kentucky Senior Olympics will hold their opening ceremonies on Wednesday, May 12, 2004, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Tower Park in Ft. Thomas.

Judge Pendery then requested a report from the Fiscal Director. Mr. Seibert requested a motion to authorize staff to solicit bids for the audit of the Public Properties Corporation, including Lakeside Terrace, A.J. Jolly Golf Course and Campbell County Housing Department, for the year ended June 30, 2004. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechtin made a motion, and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to authorize staff to solicit bids for the purchase of Road Department commodities such as culvert pipe, stone, liquid asphalt, etc. for Fiscal Year 2005. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechtin made a motion, and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert next presented Resolution R-38-04, 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 an agreement with Information Design, Inc. for support services for the AS/400 Computer System for Fiscal Year 2005 in the amount of \$2,400. Andy Kuykendall, IT Manager, is recommending the renewal of this agreement. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion and Commissioner Rechtin seconded, to approve Resolution R-38-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then acknowledged for the record that the Judge/Executive has provided a Fiscal Year 2005 budget to the Commissioners prior to the May 1, 2004 deadline, as required by the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Commissioner Verst then thanked and commended the staff of the Fiscal Affairs Department and the Directors of all the Departments for their fine work in putting together the budget. He noted that getting together with the Directors during some of the budget talks gives the Commissioners the opportunity to participate at the front end to make the budget come together. He commented that the Directors had all come very prepared to the meetings and approach the future with much forethought, which he believes reflects favorably on them.

Commissioner Otto stated that, unlike some budgets in the news today, this Fiscal Court has a lot of communication with its Directors and administrative staff regarding issues such as the budget, health insurance, the jail, etc. Communication of this type is vitally important for the County to operate efficiently.

Judge Pendery stated that, without exception, the Directors of the Fiscal Court departments give the Court a straightforward picture in the budget meetings and are to be thanked along with the Fiscal Affairs Department.

Mr. Seibert then pointed out that the budget presented to the Commissioners by Judge Pendery is a preliminary budget, and would be acted on at a later meeting.

Mr. Seibert next presented Resolution R-41-04, which he read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. He stated that this Resolution authorizes a new bank account to be opened at Bank One for Campbell County Health Services. The Resolution also authorizes the signatories to the account. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Verst made a motion and Judge Pendery seconded, to approve Resolution R-41-04. Judge Pendery, Commissioner Otto and Commissioner Verst voted "AYE." Commissioner Rehtin abstained from the vote. The motion passed by a majority vote.

Mr. Siebert next requested approval of the Budget Transfers being presented at this meeting. Transfers need to be made from accounts that have a surplus into accounts where funds are needed. 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.

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. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion that the Claims be approved and paid. Commissioner Verst seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Judge Pendery, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted "AYE" and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Attachments:

Proclamation:	Drug Court Month
Proclamation:	National Police Week in Campbell County
Ordinance O-09-04:	Change of Name of Campbell County Fire Protection District Number Five to "Alexandria Fire District"
Resolution R-36-04:	Purchase of Computer Equipment for Housing Department
Resolution R-37-04:	Purchase of Copier for Housing Department
Resolution R-38-04:	Agreement with Information Design, Inc. for Computer Support
Resolution R-39-04:	Grant from Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department
Resolution R-40-04:	Grant from Kentucky Department for Local Government
Resolution R-41-04:	Opening of Bank Account with Bank One for Campbell County Health Services
Transfers:	May 5, 2004
Claims:	May 5, 2004

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Campbell County Judge/Executive

Attest:

Sandra L. Mulligan
Fiscal Court Clerk