

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

AUGUST 17, 2022

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GEOFF BESECKER
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

County Attorney Steve Franzen,
County Administrator Matt Elberfeld,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Finance Director/Treasurer Laura Lewis,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Cable Access was present to film the meeting. The meeting was also broadcast live on the Campbell Media website at <https://campbellmedia.org/live/>.

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 August 3, 2022 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Painter to approve the minutes. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery called on Rick Stradtman who had signed in to address the Fiscal Court. Mr. Stradtman, a Newport resident, is involved with the Kiwanis Club of Campbell County and Mentoring Plus in Newport. He wished to recognize Commissioner Besecker who is also a Kiwanian, for his efforts to help the residents of the flood ravaged areas of eastern Kentucky get their lives back together, as well as, helping kids locally. Mr. Stradtman gave Commissioner Besecker a contribution for the flood victims. He then thanked the Fiscal Court for its continued support of Mentoring Plus. He has been a mentor at the organization for the past three years and is now on its board. He distributed invitations for the Mentoring Plus golf outing. He explained that Mentoring Plus helps disadvantaged youth in the community to become productive citizens

in the future. The group is always looking for mentors for kids in need. He again thanked the Fiscal Court for its support.

As nobody else had signed in to speak, Judge Pendery proceeded with the agenda.

There being no old business, Paula Spicer presented new business with Resolution R-67-22 which sets the 2022 ad valorem tax rates for Campbell County. Mr. Elberfeld explained that the current tax rate is 17.7 cents per \$100 assessed value and the proposed tax rate is 17.1 cents per \$100 assessed value. This is a 6/10 of a point drop in the tax rate and will meet the County's budget needs. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-67-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-68-22 was read by title. R-68-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute an agreement with Sanitation District Number One for the Storm Water Public Culvert Cost-Share Program on Holtz Drive. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-68-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Kimberly Meek from the full-time position of Building Permit Clerk in the Planning and Zoning Department effective September 2, 2022. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery then made a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview and make a hiring recommendation for a full-time Building Permit Clerk to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Meek. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Joshua Wilhoit as a Police Officer Grade PO7 with the Campbell County Police Department effective August 18, 2022. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed. Chief Sorrell advised that Officer Wilhoit comes from the Dayton, KY Police Department. The Campbell County Police Department still has some vacancies, however, Officer Wilhoit's along with two new recruits' hiring puts them in better shape.

The County Administrator requested a motion to meet in executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery, Commissioners Besecker, Lampe and Painter, Mr. Franzen and Mr. Elberfeld convened in executive session at 5:41pm. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to exit the executive session, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the Fiscal Court reconvened in open session at 5:55pm.

Mr. Elberfeld requested a motion to engage Bryce Rhoades to represent the Campbell County Police Force Merit Board in any possible future disciplinary hearings. Motion was made by

Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Mr. Franzen stated that 3-4 months ago he congratulated the Fiscal Court on how well prepared and staffed and generous they were with the emergency department assisting people in western Kentucky and now they have done the same thing with the people in eastern Kentucky. It is a sad situation however, he praised them for being prepared and being generous enough to send people and supplies to people in need.

Commissioner Besecker agreed with Mr. Franzen’s comments. It is a disaster there and it will take a long time to recover. He knows that people in Campbell County and across the state are interested in being a part of some kind of marathon to give the people in those counties some help.

Commissioner Besecker thanked the Parks and Recreation staff, the Jolly Park CDC, Mike Braun, Larry Harrod and Kim Serra for putting on the festival a couple of weekends ago. It was a huge undertaking, was well attended and the music was fantastic.

Commissioner Lampe had no report.

Commissioner Painter echoed the comments about Commissioner Besecker going to Ross Creek and helping his friends that he knows from camping down there. He respects that and the continued recovery efforts.

Commissioner Painter also commented on the Festival on the Lake. A few years ago, a drainage system was installed in front of the stage and it paid off this year. There was 2.5 inches of rain in the morning before the concert but by the time the main act was on stage there was no mud due to the preplanning with the drainage system. Kudos to Larry Harrod for getting a Motown band. It was a great act from Dayton, Ohio and received a great reaction from the crowd. Commissioner Besecker added that the kids were dancing to the music as well.

Judge Pendery announced that the 2022 Citizens’ Academy Program will begin September 12th and will run through November 14th on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:30 p.m. This nine-week program is designed to improve civic education and increase citizen engagement in the workings of county government. Those interested can apply online at www.campbellcountky.gov from August 1st through August 26th. He added that the Citizens’ Academy is an eye-opening experience and includes tours of some facilities like the jail and dispatch center. He highly recommends the program.

Laura Lewis presented the Finance Director/Treasurer report by requesting a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to sign an agreement with Engineered Building Systems Inc. to evaluate the capacity of existing waterlines at A J Jolly Park for a possible future campground expansion at the Park. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to purchase two marked and four unmarked police fleet vehicles from the state master agreement. The state contract pricing will not be available until at least September however, permission is requested now so that the order can be placed. There were significant lead time problems last year and as soon as other agencies place orders we will be further back in line. The purchases are included in the FY23 budget. The new vehicles will replace ones with high mileage and over ten years old. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-69-22 was read by title. R-69-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to sign an Investment Resolution authorizing the Finance Director/County Treasurer Laura Lewis to invest funds of the Fiscal Court in the County's investment account with the Money Center of US Bank through the ICS® service. The account was originally opened in September 2019 by immediate past Treasurer Marie Schenkel. This resolution will authorize Laura Lewis to use the account. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-69-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Ms. Lewis then requested a motion to approved the claims and claims paid per standing order dated August 10 and 17, 2022. The County Attorney advised that he has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-67-22 Set 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Rates
Resolution R-68-22 Cost-Share Agreement with Sanitation District No. 1
Resolution R-69-22 Authorize Execution of an Investment Resolution
Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated August 10 and 17, 2022

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk