

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY
FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

June 17, 2026

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 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
Assistant County Attorney, Michelle Eviston

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld
Assistant County Administrator, Kim Serra
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto
Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis
Police Chief, Craig Sorrell
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.

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

Guests

Police Officer Samuel Broomall Presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award

Police Chief, Craig Sorrell presented the Outstanding Achievement Award to Police Officer Samuel Broomall in recognition of his actions on April 26, 2026, when he responded to a stabbing and shooting victim suffering from life-threatening injuries. Officer Broomall immediately rendered emergency medical aid by applying a tourniquet, bandages, and direct pressure to control severe bleeding, then continued assisting EMS personnel until additional medical resources arrived. Chief Sorrell noted that Officer Broomall's EMT training, composure, and decisive actions under extremely stressful conditions directly contributed to stabilizing the victim and reflected great credit upon himself, the Police Department, and the law enforcement profession.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery congratulated Officer Broomall on his outstanding service, commended his professionalism and specialized training, and expressed appreciation for his lifesaving actions.

Old Business

Ordinance O-05-26: Second Reading

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Ordinance O-05-26, "An Ordinance of the Campbell County Fiscal Court relating to the annual budget and appropriations of Campbell County, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 (FY27)."

Mr. Elberfeld explained the State Local Finance Officer with the Department for Local Government (DLG) recommended revisions following first reading. Surplus funds in the Senior Tax Fund (Fund 86) and Mental Health Tax Fund (Fund 87) were budgeted to contingency for possible future use, and interfund transfers between Fund 88 and the General Fund (Fund 01) were increased to account for available Fund 88 surplus funds. No additional revenues or appropriations were changed.

Motion was made to adopt Ordinance O-05-26 by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

O-06-26 Ordinance: First 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."

Commissioner Geoff Besecker noted that the proposed ordinance addressed an intersection configuration similar to others the Fiscal Court has modified in recent years for safety improvements. He stated that

comparable traffic control changes had been implemented at other intersections and expressed support for the proposed safety measure.

A motion to adopt Ordinance O-06-26 will be requested following the second reading.

Personnel

R-39-26 Resolution

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-39-26, “Resolution authorizing the employee pay rates for FY27 for Non-Represented Fiscal Court employees and employees represented by the AFSCME and FOP working agreements and authorizing corresponding amendments to the Authorized Position List of the Campbell County Administrative Code.”

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-39-26 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 appoint Benjamin Doyle as a seasonal employee for the 2026 Facilities Maintenance, Parks and Golf season effective June 18, 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 Trask McFarland to the full-time Digital Media Specialist position in the Campbell County Administration Department effective June 22, 2026.

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

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to accept the resignation of Road Maintenance Specialist, Joseph Whaley effective June 22, 2026.

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

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview, and make a hiring recommendation to fill the full-time Road Maintenance Specialist vacancy created by the resignation of Joseph Whaley.

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

County Administrator Report

Executive Session

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to meet in executive session Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of a public agency.

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

Motion was made to exit Executive Session by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute AIA Document A-133 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment 1.2 for spoils management and earthwork at several locations in the County.

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

Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Geoff Besecker congratulated the City of Newport and the organizers of the recent Italian Fest on another successful event. He thanked the volunteers whose efforts helped ensure the festival ran smoothly and recognized the event as a valued celebration of the city's Italian heritage.

Commissioner Tom Lampe congratulated the City of Newport on a successful Italian Fest and recognized Newport Mayor Tom Guidugli and his father for winning the annual bocce tournament. He also reported on his participation in the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Leadership Trip to Washington, D.C., where regional business and community leaders met to discuss issues including public safety, workforce development, housing, transportation, education, and the economy. Commissioner Lampe noted the group's visit to Amazon and the opportunity to develop action items for the region. He also shared greetings from former employee Seth Cutter, whom he met during the trip. Finally, Commissioner Lampe welcomed Publix to Campbell County, noting the successful grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony, the creation of jobs, and the addition of a new grocery shopping option for county residents.

Commissioner Brian Painter commented on the opening of the new Publix store, noting the size of the facility and its second-floor dining area overlooking the surrounding area. He also recognized Commissioner Tom Lampe and his golf tournament team for winning the Italian Fest golf tournament championship for the second consecutive year.

Commissioner Lampe acknowledged his teammates and thanked them for their contributions to the team's success.

Judge/Executive's Report

Special Meeting June 30, 2026

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery announced there will be a special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 11:00 AM Eastern Time (10:00 AM Central Time) in the Fiscal Court Chambers, at 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY. The purpose of the special meeting will be to approve final year-end transactions.

Cancel Regular Meeting July 1, 2026

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery requested a motion to cancel the regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 11:00 AM Eastern Time (10:00 AM Central Time) at the Alexandria Courthouse in Alexandria.

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

Movie Night in the Park

Free Movie Night in the Park featuring Disney Pixar's new release Hoppers will be Friday, June 26, at AJ Jolly Park's Stapleton Pavilion. Games and giveaways begin at 7:00 PM and the movie will begin at dusk. Bring a chair or blanket. Complimentary popcorn will be provided. WoodmenLife will sponsor this family-friendly community event.

Finance Director/Treasurer's Report

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

Resolution R-40-26

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title summary for Resolution R-40-26, "Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court declaring county-owned personal property as surplus and authorizing the County Finance Director/Treasurer to sell or otherwise dispose of such property."

Ms. Lewis explained that the Campbell County Detention Center has recommended destruction of recently replaced Guardian units. The Guardian RFID units will be returned to the vendor for safe destruction of stored data. The related Guardian charging station units will be internally destroyed safely as they contain no data and have no resale value.

The Campbell County Emergency Management Director, William Turner, has recommended a local government transfer donation to Owsley County EMA of six Motorola TH1250 Portable Radios, one Motorola PS Rapid Six-Bank Charger, and two Motorola Monitor V Pagers. These units use VHF technology that is no longer used by NKY area agencies since the radio infrastructure upgrades and are 10+

years old. The equipment can provide continued operational value to Owsley County EMA and would represent an appropriate use of surplus county property.

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-40-26 by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Tracer Fire, LLC to implement a new online reporting system for use by both the Office of Emergency Management and Campbell County LandSAR in completing incident reports and operational documentation beginning in FY27, pending the review of the contract by the County Attorney’s Office.

Ms. Lewis explained this new platform will replace the current reporting system and vendor at a significantly lower cost, while at the same time providing a more operationally effective product. The annual cost of the system is \$2,750 and is included in the FY27 budget.

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 solicit bids for the purchase of five Dell PowerEdge R470 servers for use by the Fiscal Court and the Police Department.

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 accept the bid from Morton Salt, Inc. for FY27 road salt. The bid of \$127.00 per ton, which was submitted via reverse auction, is within the FY27 budgeted price ceiling.

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

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to accept the bid from Humphrey Concrete for the FY27 street replacement project on Mallard Drive and Labrador Lane.

Ms. Lewis explained the bid of \$620,162.00 is within the FY27 budget.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, 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 and Claims Paid per Standing Order dated:

- June 10, 2026
- June 17, 2026

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

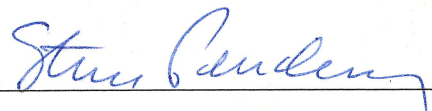
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Attachments

- O-05-26: Second Reading, Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Ordinance
- R-39-26: Authorize the employee pay rates for FY27 for Non-Represented Fiscal Court employees and employees represented by the AFSCME and FOP working agreements and authorize corresponding amendments to the Authorized Position List of the Administrative Code
- R-40-26: Declare county-owned personal property as surplus
- Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order:
 - June 10, 2026
 - June 17, 2026

Approved:



STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:



JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk

Date Approved: July 15, 2026