

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

April 19, 2023

A public hearing and a regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court were held on Wednesday April 19, 2023, 5:30 PM, at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. Campbell Media was present and recorded the public hearing and the regular meeting and broadcasted both on the Campbell Media website.

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 Janie Patterson

Assistant County Administrator Kim Serra

Finance Director/Treasurer Laura Lewis

Police Chief Craig Sorrell

Human Resources Director Ashley Murray

Public Hearing

Judge/Executive, Steve Penderly called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 PM.

Executive Director of the Northern Kentucky Area Development District, Tara Johnson-Noem opened the Public Hearing. She stated the Public Hearing was a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant-Corona Virus closeout. She explained this was a grant program that was taken advantage of by 13 counties. Campbell County was able to get this grant to help people, who experienced undue burdens, during the pandemic pay for utilities.

Judge/Executive Steve Penderly inquired if the information presented would be available to the rest of the community, and Tara Johnson-Noem responded yes a written close out report will be publicly available.

Commissioner Besecker inquired what utilities were included, and Tara Johnson-Noem responded water, electric, sewer, and gas.

Judge/Executive Steve Penderly asked if there were any more questions or public input, and there was none.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:39 PM.

Regular Meeting

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Fiscal Court regular meeting on April 5, 2023. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Guests

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery introduced special guest, Campbell County Sheriff, Mike Jansen. Sheriff Jansen presented an end of term check to the Fiscal Court in the amount of \$578,170.72.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery introduced special guest, Campbell County Clerk, Jim Luersen. County Clerk Luersen presented an end of term check to the Fiscal Court in the amount of \$630,586.90. He stated that he appreciates the support of the Fiscal Court.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery introduced special guest, Solid Waste Coordinator, Megan Clere. She presented the 2022 Solid Waste Annual Report.

Commissioner Lampe commented he appreciates the Solid Waste progress reports that are generated and distributed throughout the year, and he is hearing a lot of positive feedback. He stated Megan Clere is doing a good job and is a great addition to the county.

Commissioner Besecker inquired why the money for the Trash for Trash program was reduced. Community Services Manager, Allyn Reinecke responded the state has implemented new guidelines, and groups are still able to get the full amount of \$1,000, but now they will have to do twice the mileage. She stated there have already been several groups who have decided to do so.

Commissioner Painter inquired if the new recycling locations have improved taking in more recycling and less trash. Megan Clere responded the trash dumping seems to have decreased and it is more recycled items.

Recognition of Citizens

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery asked if there was anyone who would like to address the court. No one came forward and the meeting moved to new business.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld gave an overview of the following series of transactions. He stated that annually, we look at our various employee insurances and related benefits. We do this with the help and assistance of an insurance broker not only because they are a good resource but also because in the state of Kentucky you can't purchase insurance directly even if you wanted to.

He explained that over the last several years we have had Humana for our health insurance, but Humana is exiting the business of group health insurance nationwide, and entities like us will no longer be able to get private health insurance plans through Humana.

He stated we received quotes from United Healthcare and Anthem, Aetna did not respond. United Healthcare was lower than Anthem, and the coverages were the same, and essentially the same as Humana. He stated the transition from Humana to United Healthcare will take effect July 1, 2023.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-32-23 which authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into an agreement with United Healthcare to provide voluntary critical illness and accident insurance to all eligible employees of the Campbell County Fiscal Court and Detention Center. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt Resolution R-32-23, seconded by Commissioner Besecker.

Commissioner Lampe recused himself from this vote, because his employer has a business relationship with these companies.

All voted "Aye" and Resolution R-32-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-33-23 which authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into an agreement with United Healthcare to provide vision insurance to all eligible employees of the Campbell County Fiscal Court and Detention Center. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt Resolution R-33-23, seconded by Commissioner Besecker.

Commissioner Lampe recused himself from this vote, because his employer has a business relationship with this company.

All voted "Aye" and Resolution R-33-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-34-23 which authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into an agreement with United Healthcare to provide medical insurance to eligible employees of the Campbell County Fiscal Court and Detention Center. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt Resolution R-34-23, seconded by Commissioner Besecker.

Commissioner Lampe recused himself from this vote, because his employer has a business relationship with this company.

All voted "Aye" and Resolution R-34-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-35-23 which authorizes the execution of a joinder agreement with Kentucky Public Employees' deferred compensation authority (KDC) to administer voluntary

457 and 401(k) benefit plans. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt Resolution R-35-23, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-35-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-36-23 which authorizes renewal rates for fiscal year 2024 (FY24) with American United Life Insurance Company, a One America Company (OneAmerica), to continue to provide group term life and accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance, group voluntary life and AD&D insurance, and group long term disability insurance to eligible employees of the Campbell County Fiscal Court and Detention Center. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt Resolution R-36-23, seconded by Commissioner Besecker.

Commissioner Lampe recused himself from this vote, because his employer has a business relationship with this company.

All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-36-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-37-23 which authorizes Chard Snyder to serve as a third-party administrator of S223 Health Savings Accounts for all eligible employees of the Fiscal Court and Detention Center. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt Resolution R-37-23, seconded by Commissioner Besecker.

Commissioner Lampe recused himself from this vote, because his employer has a business relationship with this company.

All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-37-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-38-23 which authorizes execution of a contract amendment with Horan Associates, Inc (Horan) setting rates for benefits consulting services. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt Resolution R-38-23, seconded by Commissioner Besecker.

Commissioner Lampe recused himself from this vote, because Horan is his employer. He stated he does not have any account responsibilities for Campbell County Fiscal Courts nor is he compensated for Campbell County Fiscal Court.

All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-38-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-39-23 which authorizes an election equipment grant application for HB1 project funds with the Department for Local Government. Campbell County is eligible for up to \$250,000 in reimbursement for election equipment previously purchased. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt Resolution R-39-23, seconded by Commissioner Besecker.

County Clerk, Jim Luersen commented this is the second reimbursement round. The first round brought in approximately \$187,000 and this round will be in the neighborhood of approximately \$183,00. He stated there is the possibility for a third reimbursement round.

All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-39-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-40-23 which authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into an agreement with the City of Bellevue for 2023 litter abatement funding. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt Resolution R-40-23, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-40-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-41-23 which authorizes the Judge/Executive to apply for and execute any contracts or award documents related to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant Program. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt Resolution R-41-23, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-41-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read Resolution R-42-23 which authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Campbell County Fire Protection Association for FY 2024 Funding. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt Resolution R-42-23, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-42-23 passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to enter into an affiliation agreement with Northern Kentucky Regional Hazmat/WMD Unit, Inc. for the provision of HAZMAT services in 2023. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Judge/Executive Steve Pendery. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a personnel motion requesting to advance Police Officer Kristen Fischer to Police Officer 3 in accordance with the current FOP working agreement effective April 30, 2023. Motion was made by Judge/Executive Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a personnel motion requesting to advance Police Officer Aaron Hanssen to Police Officer 3 in accordance with the current FOP working agreement effective April 30, 2023. Motion was made by Judge/Executive Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a personnel motion to accept the resignation of Michael Turner from the full-time position of Police Recruit (PO1) at the Campbell County Police Department effective April 13, 2023. Motion was made by Judge/Executive Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Geoff Besecker commented he had visited OKI, to push for necessary and needed road projects in areas around NKU, Wilder, AA, 275, 27 in Alexandria, and a handful of others. He stated that he hopes these projects will come to fruition and help limit traffic. He also stated Tyson is a great community partner, and he appreciates how much they participate in the community.

Commissioner Tom Lampe commented he appreciates the County Sheriff and County Clerk stewardship in doing their jobs. He commented Tyson Food’s Claryville Plant had just had a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for an \$83 million expansion of their little smokie line. He stated Tyson is our largest employer and is a wonderful

strong community partner. He said it was a good event and it gave him an opportunity to thank them for the investment and their impact on the Campbell County community.

Commissioner Brian Painter commented Tyson's Regional Manager gave some statistics and stated it's a very high tech and state of the art industry. The Tyson Foods Claryville Plant produces 70 percent of the little smokies made in the United States. He also stated, all federal funds must go through OKI, and he is particularly interested in what could help alleviate traffic in Alexandria. Some of the congestion problems could be addressed by making 536 a free shot from Alexandria to Boone County interchange with I75/I71.

Finance Director/Treasurer Report

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

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to accept the bid from N.H. Stone, Inc., which is a pre-qualified Kentucky Transportation Cabinet vendor, for guard rail replacement on Covert Run Pike. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to accept the bid from Sunesis Construction for the project of replacing the Barrs Branch Bridge, over Bruch Creek. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to accept the bid from Summit Fire Apparatus and Custom Fabrication for a Hazardous Materials Response Truck for the Office of Emergency Management. She stated vehicle plus options are at a total cost of \$220,540 with \$212,000 of the purchase price covered by the Kentucky Homeland Security Grant Program. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to adopt Resolution R-43-23, which request the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to reimburse the Fiscal Court for transportation of non-public school students for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt Resolution R-43-23, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and Resolution R-43-23 passed.

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to enter into a support service contract with Global Business Solution, Inc. for a period of one year retroactive to April 1, 2023 at a rate of \$1,690 per month. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to accept Campbell County Road Supervisor Luke Mantle's recommendation that the county should accept Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Flex Funds for use on county-maintained roads. She stated the specific project will be determined at a later date as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 resurfacing program. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order dated April 12, 2023 and April 19, 2023. County Attorney, Steve Franzen commented that he had reviewed the claims, and claims paid per standing order, and determined that the information appeared

appropriate. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Judge/Executive Steve Pendery offered a second to the motion. All voted “Aye” and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Attachments

Resolution R-32-23 Voluntary critical illness & accident insurance agreement

Resolution R-33-23 Vision insurance agreement

Resolution R-34-23 Medical insurance agreement

Resolution R-35-23 Voluntary 457 & 401(k) benefit plans agreement

Resolution R-36-23 Renew rates with American United Life Insurance Company (OneAmerica)

Resolution R-37-23 S223 Health Savings Accounts

Resolution R-38-23 Horan Contract setting rates for benefits consulting services

Resolution R-39-23 Election equipment grant application reimbursement

Resolution R-40-23 City of Bellevue litter abatement funding agreement

Resolution R-41-23 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant program contract or awards

Resolution R-42-23 FY24 Campbell County Fire Protection Association Contract

Resolution R-43-23 Reimbursement for transportation of non-public school students

Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order Dated: April 12 & 19, 2023

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY

Judge/Executive

Attest:

JANIE PATTERSON

Fiscal Court Clerk