

CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2017

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 5:30p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

Cable Access was present to film the public hearing and meeting.

Preceding the opening of the Fiscal Court meeting, a public hearing was held at 5:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed application for a CDBG grant to fund development of a Recovery Kentucky Center in Campbell County. Present at the hearing were:

Steve Pendery, Judge/Executive
Charlie Coleman, County Commissioner
Tom Lampe, County Commissioner
Brian Painter, County Commissioner
Steve Franzen, County Attorney
Matt Elberfeld, County Administrator
Paula Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk
Marie Schenkel, Finance Director
Kim Serra, Assistant County Administrator
Seth Cutter, Economic Development Manager
Colonel Craig Sorrell, Police Chief
Frank Spataro, Human Resources Director

Judge Pendery opened the public hearing by explaining that the County hired a consultant to handle the possible submission of a grant application to the State of Kentucky. The grant money is from the federal government and distributed by the State. He asked that comments be limited to two minutes, if somebody else has made the same point a person could simply agree, or a spokesperson could speak on behalf of a group. Judge Pendery set forth the order of the public hearing. He then introduced Dennis Elrod. Mr. Elrod explained that he was hired to prepare a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. CDBG program is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The state is divided up into two groups as far as block grant recipients: Entitlement Communities and Small Cities Program, and he explained the difference. He advised that only units of local government can apply for CDBG funds; social service agencies and private businesses are not eligible. This year Kentucky will get about \$22.5 million total to allocate to the Small Cities Program which is then allocated among six program areas. He described the eligible activities, amounts and application criteria for the six program areas. Mr. Elrod stated that the Fiscal Court has participated in the CDBG program five times in the past. He then talked about the citizen participation component requirement as part of the CDBG process, including this public hearing. Mr. Elrod stated that this is a competitive process; there is no way of knowing how many applications will be submitted from around the State. He then described the application review process beginning with the KY State Clearinghouse, followed by submission to the KY

Department for Local Government. Mr. Elrod stated that Wonda Winkler will explain the project and then people will be allowed to speak in the order in which they signed up with a two-minute limit.

Wonda Winkler, Executive Vice-President of Brighton Center, relayed the mission of Brighton Center which for over 50 years has provided services in northern Kentucky, serving about 50,000 individuals last year. The Brighton Recovery Center for Women, 375 Weaver Road, Florence, KY, was opened in May 2008 and is one of 17 recovery centers in KY; it serves 100 women. The Center uses a peer-driven model and Ms. Winkler explained the four components of the program. She provided statistics of the women participating in the program. Based on data from St. Elizabeth Hospital, the need for recovery centers in the community is clear; 623 Campbell County residents presented at the ER with overdoses or opiate use. Brighton Center's Florence location currently has a waiting list of 50 women and it typically takes 4-6 months to get in. Since its opening, 180 Campbell County women were served at the Florence Recovery Center. Ms. Winkler stated that in May 2017 the Brighton Center entered into a purchase agreement to acquire 50 acres around the former Campbell Lodge Boys Home at 5161 Skyline Drive in unincorporated Campbell County. She described the improvements on the property and its former use. She stated that Brighton Center did look at the zoning of the property and will seek a formal zoning opinion. They anticipate being able to serve 50 women, 18 years of age and older at this location. She described the services provided by Brighton Center that are all attended voluntarily. Ms. Winkler stated that the site will not be used for a methadone clinic or needle exchange program as it is not currently zoned for that use and they are not a medical provider, nor will they provide detox services. Vivitrol, a non-opiate based drug, will be the only medication allowed; its use will be overseen by a general practitioner who is certified in the area of addiction medicine. This is an option at the Florence location also. Since the purchase agreement was signed, they have reached out to public officials and talked to some residents regarding their concerns about traffic, safety, and declining property values. They are making every effort to understand residents' concerns and working hard to address them. They do have a lot of support from the community in which they operate their current facility and named some of the support groups. Many local volunteers provide educational groups, workshops, meal preparation, landscaping, transportation services, spiritual classes and other activities. They want to be a good neighbor and give women in northern Kentucky a place to go to lead a life of recovery. They welcome anyone to tour the Florence Recovery Center to see how hard the women are working toward a lifestyle of recovery. Ms. Winkler thanked the Fiscal Court for its consideration of its CDBG request. Mr. Elrod began to call the names of those who had signed up to speak.

Lloyd Rogers, a realtor and property owner in Cold Spring, wished to make the Fiscal Court aware of the negative facts of placing a rehab facility in Cold Spring. As a realtor, he is legally obligated to make any buyer and seller aware that this rehab center is in Cold Spring and that it is an external obsolescence to the house they own – that it will pull down the value of the house. He had provided a study on this to the Fiscal Court. He knows of a person who backed out of buying a home in Cold Spring because of the proposed facility. Judge Pendery stated that he read the article that Mr. Rogers sent and the homes affected are within 1/8 of a mile of a facility. Based on statements made by Judge Pendery, Mr. Rogers asked him if he believes that veterans are more dangerous than addicts. Judge Pendery stated there was a rehab center in Ft. Thomas that took in alcohol and drug addicts and PTSD sufferers, and was actually in one of the biggest

public parks in northern Kentucky. His comment was made to counter a suggestion that nobody else has this kind of exposure to deal with. Mr. Rogers then asked the Commissioners if they agree that veterans are more dangerous than addicts. Commissioners Painter and Lampe stated that would not respond to his statement. Commissioner Coleman answered No.

Dennis Glenn and his wife Barb Kaiser reside at 5331 Skyline Drive. He asked that each of the voting members oppose the Fiscal Court's filing of a CDBG grant on behalf of the Brighton Center for renovation of the buildings on property known as 5161 Skyline Drive. He reviewed the application material and obtained copies of some exhibits. There was no information in the FAQ exhibit providing the benefits of a drug rehab center in their neighborhood. There are answers as to how they will keep it from negatively affecting the residents, one of which was grossly inaccurate – there are not two ways to access the property, only one – Skyline Drive. There are no positive impacts that this rehab center will bring to the neighborhood. He quoted in part language from Article 9 of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Section 914, Conditional Use paragraph (A). The grant application for the proposed project does not satisfy the zoning requirements. He asked Judge Pendery and each Commissioner what their neighbors would say if they voted for an application to put a drug rehab center near schools in Ft. Thomas, Bellevue and Alexandria. Skyline drive is no different, there are young couples raising children within 100 yards of the entrance of the proposed site. He asked members of the audience that were opposed to stand. He then told the elected officials that he speaks on behalf of these people who vote.

Rich Immegart on behalf of the neighborhood stated that this is not the proper use of the grant money. He asked that they consider that many women in the facility will be getting medicare or medicaid that is coming from his tax dollars, and HUD assistance which is coming from our tax dollars. Heroin is a felony, he does not want his tax dollars going for this grant, and doesn't think that the residents of Campbell County want it either.

Mary Decker owns a home in Highland Heights and her four grandchildren and two children all live in Campbell County. She is in full support of Brighton Center's recovery center.

Tony Herms, a life-long resident of Campbell County with half of his life spent on Skyline Drive, spoke in support of Brighton Center and the facility. He asked for a show of hands of those opposed to the recovery center and asked if any of them lived there prior to 2012 while the boys' home was operating. Mr. Herms stated that as a child living on Skyline Drive he rode his bike and played in the street. He then asked of those opposed to the project, how many have toured the facility in Boone County and asked if they understand what goes on there. One man said that he drove by the facility and that it is located in an industrial park, not at the dead-end of a 1.5 lane road.

Judge Pendery stated that the time limit would be enforced. He asked that everybody be civil and respect others' opinions.

Lisa Leonard, 5291 Skyline Drive, stated that her \$1 million home on 28-acres is 0.2 miles from the proposed recovery center. She is concerned about Brighton's ability to put a model like Florence's on Skyline Drive, the lack of job training, and that there will be no trudging. If they have a working model, they should find a location where they can continue with that model. She

asked if the grant could be approved without designating Skyline as the location. Mr. Elrod stated that a requirement of the application process is a site-specific location and detailed cost estimates of how the grant money would be used for renovation of the facility. Ms. Leonard stated that the application is aimed at low/moderate income housing, there are lots of low/moderate income housing in Cold Spring and Crestview. Why wouldn't they apply for a location in Ft. Thomas. Mr. Elrod explained that the Fiscal Court historically does not look for specific projects, but rather organizations or individuals bring projects to them. Ms. Leonard stated that she would love to support Brighton Center but her property is not going to be sellable. Mr. Elrod stated that if the CDBG application is going to be submitted this year by the August 1 deadline they must have a site-specific location and a detailed budget. It is unlikely that in the time left they could find an alternate location; the application will be submitted for this location or probably not at all. Ms. Leonard stated that then she cannot support it.

Steve Trauth, Madonna Estates, stated that he is all for Brighton Center. He proposed that Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties apply for a grant to add a wing to the Florence Recovery Center. People can be moved from Campbell and Kenton to Boone County; it would have the same affect – to provide services to women. He asked how the costs will look as they go forward as they will double their operation costs. He thinks that the grant has a better chance if they apply jointly and add a wing at Florence.

Ray Gibson, Skyline Drive, asked each of the three Commissioner how long they've been on the Fiscal Court and how many times they've voted against Judge Pendery. Commissioner Coleman answered that he's been on the Fiscal Court for 2.5 years and that he voted against Judge Pendery pretty many times. Commissioner Painter answered that he started in January 2011, and he has had occasional opposition to Judge Pendery. Commissioner Lampe answered that he arrives at his own conclusions and researches every topic on every vote he has cast and they coincide with Judge Pendery's; he has been on the Fiscal Court 2.5 years. Mr. Gibson reminded all that May 2018 is election day.

Chip Simpson asked what will happen if Brighton Center does not get the CDBG grant. Ms. Winkler advised if the grant were not secured, they would proceed with the project however, it would take some time to raise additional funds. Brighton Center is committed to the project. Mr. Simpson asked if the equestrian building would be used. Ms. Winkler stated that initially they would use the three residential buildings and the farmhouse. That is what the requested funds are for. The gym and equestrian center are not in the plan for use at this time.

Steve Popovich, lifelong Campbell County resident, first expressed his sympathy for any individual in the room who has gone through a bout with addiction and condolences for anyone who has died from addiction. He and this team wish to congratulate everyone who has fought this and come back to a normal life and also for the Brighton Center who has contributed to their success. He asked for a round of applause. He stated that the people in communities of Campbell County and the incorporated areas of Cold Spring and Crestview are here to oppose strongly the location of the facility in the old Campbell Lodge. This is a small sampling of people in the area that are opposed to the location and the grant. They first assumed that the grant would be used only for Campbell County residents. They are against the location and subsequently against the grant. This proposal has caused much fear and anxiety, and is a major concern to the citizens of these cities. The citizens of this area have compassion for the people

who use this rehab center. However, the possibility of an ill-willed individual that is high on drugs can do harmful things to a neighborhood. There are many other locations that are better-suited. He asked that they make the prudent judgment not to build this facility in the old Campbell Lodge Home. This is a major issue and will impact how these citizens vote next year.

Debbie Popovich, lifelong Campbell County resident, currently living on Madonna in Cold Spring, stated that she has no problem with what Brighton is doing, but has a problem with the location. She also has concerns about staffing levels and screening. She is a nurse and has had somebody in-and-out of drug rehab and she knows that they use the peer model. There is perceived fear by the community and people who may buy property in the community and there have been people already not buying. She has been very active in her community. She does care about people who suffer from drugs and about her neighbors on Skyline Drive and in Cold Spring. She is not sure that she is happy with the way that the County is treating those in the County living on Skyline Drive. She would not want to move into an area where she was not wanted. Brighton should look at other houses. Her Mayor and others have offered to have the facility located in Cold Spring in a commercial area. Mr. Trauth's suggestion about adding on the existing facility would be economical and they would be able to spend more money on the people. They won't be housing only Campbell County women. Drug rehabs are not often successful. She hopes that she is wrong and she commends what they are doing. But there is perceived fear. She asked the Fiscal Court to take this into consideration and do the right thing.

James Hurst asked for a show of hands of people in favor of the facility. He then asked how many live within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. He stated that everybody going to the Lodge would be going by his house at the top of Dodsworth Lane where it becomes Skyline. He stated that everybody's had people with heroin in their lives. Somebody knows somebody who has been killed or will soon be killed. He does not want it to happen in his backyard. The first time he sees somebody in a car slumped over or driving down 1998 turning up that street he will be an angry person. When that happens, it won't be pretty for anybody. This is not the right place.

Barb Alford, Skyline Drive resident, opposes funds be allocated for the rehab of Campbell County Lodge Boys Home for the Brighton Center Recovery Center. Many friends/neighbors of hers want to make it clear that they are supportive, educated and compassionate people and do believe in the Brighton Center. They donate to the Brighton Center. Her concern is safety as it relates to traffic. Skyline Drive has a 20mph speed limit, is very narrow and narrower closer to the Lodge with no shoulders or sidewalks. Pedestrians must walk in the road. There is one way in and one way out. Ms. Alford said that she requested a list of police and rescue runs from the Boone County Sheriff. She was surprised to see that within 2.5 years there were 183 police/squad runs for a variety of reasons. Skyline Drive could not handle anything like that or even half that amount. She asked that the Commissioners consider the residents' concerns when they vote on this issue.

Doug Bamforth, Pastor of Bethesda General Baptist Church a couple miles away on Dodsworth Lane. He is 100% in favor of drug rehab facilities; it is an epidemic and every family in his church has been touched by it. He and other residents of Skyline Drive are against the location. He stated that there are concerns about the traffic. He asked if any of the funds applied for go to facing the roads or building sidewalks. Mr. Elrod responded No because the \$1 million maximum allowed will be used for renovation of the four residential buildings. Judge Pendery

stated that it doesn't mean that road improvement can't happen; the subject of the grant is the renovation of buildings, not transportation improvements. Mr. Bamforth quoted statistics from Brighton Center's website which do not match up with the 96% success rate mentioned by Ms. Winkler. Ms. Winkler replied that the independent evaluation performed by UK looks at certain benchmarks. She stated that it is a long-term residential program so the number of people served vs. number completing roll from one calendar year to another. So comparing the number participating against those completing the program to get a calculation of the completion and success rate is not an accurate comparison as far as carry over. She said that she would be happy to share any performance and evaluation data.

Kurt Gainer asked if anybody from the Diocese of Covington was present as they were asked to attend. The Campbell Lodge is owned by the Diocese as a low key home to treat boys with troubled family life. He asked if Brighton Center looked at any other real estate locations besides the one on Pooles Creek Road? Ms. Winkler stated that three locations were proposed by the Mayor: one was sold and the other two required new construction which is cost prohibitive. Mr. Gainer stated that the initiative to look at other locations was at the Mayor's suggestion. He then asked how many times the average addict has to go through rehabilitation. Ms. Winkler stated that she can only speak to their experiences. There are different types of treatment, the longer-term residential service, the greater and higher the success rate. Mr. Gainer asked if the zoning was in place. Judge Pendery stated that it is in the Fiscal Court's opinion after consulting with not only the Fiscal Court's staff but also lawyers in other areas of the state. Mr. Gainer suggested that a boys' home is much different than a women's adult recovery center. He stated that the Diocese owns St. Anne's Convent with 120 beds, Ft. Thomas VA Hospital 3rd floor is empty and would be a wonderful cost opportunity and could open right away, and the 27,000 square foot Hasco site on the riverbank in Dayton would be a wonderful site. Everybody in the community on Skyline, Dodsworth, Cold Springs will throw money in and he wants Brighton Street to get on board with them.

Lisa Schmidt, Cold Spring City Council, stated that her first concern is that the taxpayers have already hired a consultant to look into the grant. She went to the facility in Florence and believes that they have been misled, it is a nice facility. Across the street is the Kellogg plant, there is residential area down the road but you do not travel through it to get to the recovery center. Skyline Drive is not a two-lane road – it is a bad location. She is not sure that they could access it from 1998, if they could that would be more favorable. If this was supposed to be a private transaction, why is the County getting involved with tax dollars. She asked why they need 50 acres to treat 50 women. That is prime real estate and she thinks there is more to it. It would be better to add on to the current facility. She is all in favor of Brighton Center, she would even volunteer her time to them, she supports their services. She will use her voice to make sure that every person on the board that votes to approve this grant does not reelected.

Chris Ampfer declined to speak.

Larry Stange declined to speak.

Mark Schroer MD, stated that this project has to be done because the body count is going up every day. He urged people to visit the Brighton Center in Florence; he went unannounced and they took him on a tour of the facility. Dr. Schroer stated that the heroin problem needs to be

addressed. He stated that they cannot say that they are for rehab and not build a rehab center. He stated that the only good point was made by Mr. Trauth who has crunched some numbers. He stated that people do not want it in their back yard, but it already is. He lives on Leisure Lane. He knows that the Fiscal Court will do the right thing.

Lauren Gabbard, 25-years old and lifelong resident of Alexandria and Cold Springs. She recalled the first time that she heard of somebody dying of heroin when she was ten years old. She has had close friends and many classmates struggle with addiction. Brighton Center, a nonprofit agency is an example of somebody stepping up to help people. She would like to see more of a community effort on this issue; they need to support Brighton Center because the heroin deaths are increasing and more people will die. She attended a previous Fiscal Court meeting and the Cold Spring Town Hall and things are very hostile. Her job is facilitating community conversations and she thinks that the environment of a town hall is not the best forum. Everybody needs to remain respectful and to bring together people struggling with addiction and others to sit down and talk about it and ask some important questions and think about our values and what they can do as a community because they are not doing enough. She would like to see a collaborative effort.

Amanda Peters, as Coordinator for the Heroin Impact Response Task Force, she talks heroin all day every day. She advised that Kentucky is number three in the nation for heroin and this is ground zero. She understands that people in Cold Spring are worried about their property values. She stated that people and jobs are not coming to this area because there is no treatment. She provided some statistics: 3-10 people overdose in the five emergency rooms in northern Kentucky daily, and 25-26 overdose in Ohio. Some Campbell County residents end up in Ohio hospitals. She stated that from 2012 to 2015, three of the top 10 counties in Kentucky with the highest number of heroin deaths were Gallatin, Campbell and Kenton Counties. She stated that treatment beds and services are needed. In the eight northern Kentucky counties, there are 317 beds for residential treatment and 43 detox beds. Brighton Center does not provide detox but they do residential treatment. This facility and more are needed because people are dying every day; one of three people know somebody who has died from heroin. She understands the concerns. She stated that people are already driving high and dying.

Steve Matheson, Campbell County resident, stated that he toured the Brighton Center treatment center for women in Florence. It is an amazing facility and he talked to the addicts. They spoke to the value of the facility, its location, why it is there, and that it is further removed from people that they may have interacted with in the past. The proposed location gives Brighton Center the ability to get people into treatment. He stated that if people think that their tax dollars are not already paying for addiction, they haven't looked at Narcan, EMS responses, or car crashes. They are paying for it either way. He asked that they step up to the plate and have treatment centers especially for women with children. They do not realize what it takes to write a grant or how long it takes to put it together by August 1. Mr. Matheson asked that they look at the numbers that were presented; Brighton Center is offering a path for treatment so that addicts are not driving high on the streets.

Judge Pendery stated that he appreciates the civility and the opinions expressed. Judge Pendery stated that everybody that signed up had a chance to speak. He stated that they have accomplished their purpose and the public hearing was closed at 6:55 p.m.

In attendance at the regular meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHARLIE COLEMAN
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

Matthew Elberfeld	County Administrator
Steve Franzen	County Attorney
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Kim Serra	Assistant County Administrator
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The regular meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Judge Pendery, who then 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 June 7, 2017 and the Mayors meeting of April 25, 2017 were presented. Commissioner Coleman stated that he was not at the Mayors meeting and wants to be excluded from voting to approve that meeting's minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Judge Pendery to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2017 regular meeting and the April 25, 2017 Mayors meeting with the exception of Commission Coleman voting on the Mayors meeting minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery announced that the resolution for the CDBG application would be moved up on the agenda and read first. Commissioner Coleman stated that a year ago a small group in the end of the County asked for a CDBG grant. Right after that Tom Guidugli with Newport Foundation ask for grant money. He gave his word to the people who wanted water lines, but that deal fell through. He gave his word to Mr. Guidugli and it seems to him that Newport Foundation is next in line for block grant money; they asked for it a year ago and didn't get it. He thinks that they deserve this money. They have heard numerous objections tonight and he does think that there is a question about the zoning. He knows that Judge Pendery disagrees and they have gotten opinions, and that Ms. Winkler said that they were going to seek an opinion about zoning. Judge Pendery stated that seeking an opinion is part of the regular process. Commissioner Coleman stated that with all of the objections and questions about this project, he suggested that they think more about the Newport Foundation. Commissioner Coleman then made a motion to table the resolution for further study. Judge Pendery stated that the motion died for lack of a second. He stated that Tom Guidugli has two open grants underway at this time. He was served by other cities acting as conduits for the grants. The likelihood of him getting another grant is about zero; that is why he has not requested the Fiscal Court's consideration.

Mr. Elberfeld read Resolution R-54-17 by title. R-54-17 authorizes and directs Steve Pendery, County Judge/Executive, to submit to the Kentucky Department for Local Government an application for up to \$1,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funding for the Brighton Center in Campbell County. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-54-17, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. Judge Pendery stated that he has listened to the concerns and people on both sides of the issue have had an opportunity to speak before the Fiscal Court. The Fiscal Court on the other hand has to consider the facts involved and are charged with doing what is not in the best interest of particular citizens, but in the best interest of the public as a whole. In the course of doing due diligence, the first place to look is Brighton's Florence site. In nine years, there have not been any complaints by the neighbors. There is a safe neighborhood there. The County has looked at all of the police runs and there are more police runs and more drug calls in your neighborhood than the Florence facility. He stated that the number of runs is not as important as they want to make it. Walmart had over 700 calls, and Kroger Newport Pavilion had 1,000 calls for service. The police will tell you that it is the biggest transaction point for drugs in Campbell County. In looking at the facts, there are no safety issues with the program that is working in Florence. If you make a circle around that site and the one in Campbell County, there are many more people that live closer to the Florence facility. Judge Pendery stated that learned today that OKI who does transportation studies, measured the traffic flows in and out of the Florence facility and came up with an average of 120 vehicles a day which is twice the size of the proposed facility, meaning about 60 vehicles a day. He is not sure, but thinks that the boys' home had to have far more traffic than that. The facts suggest that while there are legitimate fears, the likelihood of the fears coming to pass is not good. He does not see a huge traffic issue and the safety issue is under control. Judge Pendery then talked about what Brighton Center sees in the potential of the site: 50 acres, multiple buildings, getting the site for free, no need to build from scratch, and they can remodel buildings saving both time and costs. This site was purpose built for residential treatment and they are getting it free. He stated that given the need, this is an opportunity that is extremely difficult to pass up if looking out for the best interest of the entire community. He supports it. Judge Pendery stated that anybody in a real estate deal has a right to rely on the zoning that they find in existence when they discuss buying property. The zoning map already says that this is a suitable arrangement for a residential treatment facility. This is an opportunity to get money to ensure that Brighton is able to conduct the kind of quality program that they have become accustomed to at their Florence facility. He has considered how people feel, walked door-to-door and has been available to talk to people. Judge Pendery stated that the Fiscal Court will make a decision at this meeting to send an application for a grant for an organization that serves 50,000 people in northern Kentucky every year. He appreciates their feelings and will be happy to talk after the meeting for as long as they like. Commissioner Coleman asked for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Lampe stated that they are here to represent the people. They have heard a lot of opposition and there are many supporters in the room. He is not going to count votes in this room to make his decision based on the threats that there are more people here tonight that are against the program than for it. He stated that they represent the entire County. He had identified addiction problems as a number one issue in the County before he was elected. He learned about what Brighton Center does and toured the Florence facility. This is a private transaction between two parties and the government should not be involved. He understands that the zoning is yet to be determined. The action at this meeting is only to apply for a federal grant that will be awarded to somebody, that can be used in this community to address a terrible

problem. The debate of location is a valid point, but they are only voting on the application to help with an addiction treatment facility which is obviously needed.

Commissioner Painter stated that the room is full of good people who work and pay taxes. He lives in the unincorporated County in Alexandria and is part of the community. He learned that Brighton Center was going to buy this property after reading it in the newspaper. He was invited by Tammy Weidinger to visit the recovery center in Florence, so he did his homework. Kim Serra accompanied him on the visit. He arrived early and watched what went on outside the facility. He only saw two of eight cars move in and out of the lot while he sat there. He looked at the log book when he went in. There were not a lot of people signed in. They were greeted by a resident and sat through a group session with about 45 women. People in the group were saddened that morning to learn that one of the women who had left earlier that week had died that morning. The counselor told the group that if they leave, they are going to die; that is what they are dealing with. He stated that heroin has taken a lot from these women. One of the residents took them on a tour of the dorms and everything was clean and neat. Commissioner Painter said that if you live on a public road you cannot expect that if there is available property, that the property will not be used. He stated that 50 houses were just built on Poplar Ridge Road and the same thing could happen at the end of Skyline; there could be 100 more families living back there. He does not think that traffic is going to be a big issue or he would not support it. He did go back on Skyline Drive and noticed that it needs repaving and would benefit from a sidewalk. He had asked Judge Pendery about using emergency funds from the State for road improvements. Judge Pendery called the Department of Transportation and asked for emergency funds for Crestview and the County to pave that section of Skyline. He stated that Judge Pendery has spoken well on what to expect. He read all of the letters and emails that he received. He stated that they are just applying for the grant. He stated that one thing about this facility that is different from Florence is that in Florence all of the women must qualify for HUD in order to be treated there. Part of this facility will not have that requirement. This facility is unique in that somebody can pay to get treatment. He supports the project. It is tough to potentially have loss of property value and they will try to make up for it by paving the road and do the best they can. Judge Pendery asked for a roll call. Commissioner Coleman voted "NAY", Commissioners Lampe and Painter and Judge Pendery voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery called a recess at 7:25pm. The meeting was reconvened at 7:50pm.

Judge Pendery called on Lynn Saddler, MD, MPH, District Director of Health for the Northern Kentucky Health Department to present the recommended 2018 tax rate of the Campbell County Local Board of Health. Dr. Saddler stated that her presentation will satisfy the requirements of KRS 65A.100 for the Campbell County Public Health Taxing District as a Special Purpose Governmental Entity (SPGE). The Taxing District is managed by the Local Board of Health and provides support for public health activities occurring in Campbell County as part of the District Health Department. The support is funded by an ad valorem tax with revenues used to maintain the County Health Center, pay for administrative activities, and to provide an allocation to the District Health Department for its various programs and any special projects approved by the Local Board of Health specifically for their county. Dr. Saddler added that for FY 2018 the Local Board of Health has approved a medically indigent dental care program that they have funded for a number of years and also supported Campbell County's response to the heroin crises by funding a women's chemical dependency program at the Campbell County Detention

Center, including an extended home visitation program by public health nurses to support them in recovery upon release from the Detention Center. Dr. Saddler stated that the tax rate approved for FY 2018 is 2.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is an increase of 0.2 cents from the previous year. The annual amount estimated to be generated by this tax is \$1,593,073. From this rate, 1.9 cents per \$100 assessed valuation (\$1,261,183) will be allocated to the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department for operations. The FY2018 annual budget for the District Health Department is \$23.5 million. Commissioner Coleman stated that he looked at the history of tax rates and the 2000 rate was 2.5 cents, and this year's rate is 2.4 cents. On behalf of the taxpayers, he thanked Dr. Saddler. He stated that there is a slight increase this year for the women's program at the jail. He is interested in Dr. Saddler's statement that the program was to prevent the arrest of Campbell County women. He originally thought that the program was just for Campbell County women but now understands that it is not. Dr. Saddler repeated that the goal was to reduce relapse and arrest of Campbell County women. She pointed out that Jailer Jim Daley and program director Kristie Blanchet are present and could address any misstatements that she made. The goal is to focus on Campbell County women. Commissioner Coleman asked how many Campbell County women are currently in the program. Mr. Daley stated that there are 15 women in the program. He clarified that Campbell County women get preference. They try to find Campbell County women to help. Two women in the program came off the street, one pled to a felony to get into the program. He stated that they also receive funding from the RC Durr Foundation. Commissioner Coleman stated that he was originally told that it was for Campbell County women but two women were quoted in the newspaper as being from Ohio and Kenton County. Mr. Daley stated that this particular population is transient at best and live in many different places, some are homeless. Commissioner Coleman stated that he is good with that but wishes he had been told that in the beginning. Ms. Blanchet stated that the women in question lived with family in Campbell County at the time. Basically, they were homeless. Mr. Daley stated that they want to try to make this a Campbell County program; there are programs throughout the state and Kenton County has a men-only program so he wanted to have a women's program. He reiterated that their preference is Campbell County women, but he will not turn people away.

Mr. Elberfeld stated that the Fiscal Court does not take action on most SPGE's that present their tax rate to the Fiscal Court. However, the law governing local boards of health and independent health districts are different. Because the County chooses to operate as part of the District and not operate its own health department, it does need to take action on the tax rate each year. He read Resolution R-53-17 by title. R-53-17 approves the Campbell County Health Department Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2018 for the Campbell County Public Health Taxing District. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-53-17, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. Judge Pendery thanked the Local Board of Health for their efforts.

Judge Pendery began reading names from the sign-up sheet for those wishing to address the Fiscal Court. He read several names, but the individuals had left.

Barb Kaiser, 5331 Skyline Drive, stated that she attended the May 17, 2017 Fiscal Court meeting. After reading the meeting minutes, she request that the minutes be amended because they only reflect comments of people who were in favor of the rehab center at 5161 Skyline Drive. The names of people opposed were listed, but their comments were not; all comments should be in the minutes. Judge Pendery stated that the minutes are highly edited so that they are

not so long. Often if a certain perspective has been already represented the names are listed rather than repeating the same points. Ms. Kaiser stated that they've had lengthy minutes before. The comments of not one person who was opposed were listed in the minutes; it looks like the Fiscal Court is biased. She is just asking for fairness so that people reading the minutes can see both sides of the argument. Judge Pendery stated that he could go back and look at the minutes. He suggested eliminating the comments of the people in favor of the project. Ms. Kaiser stated that both sides need to be documented. One person listed in the minutes did not speak. Commissioner Coleman asked if a motion was needed. Mr. Franzen stated that they need to set out what they want to be in the minutes that are not in there. Ms. Kaiser stated that all of the comments of people who signed up to speak and actually spoke should be in the May 17, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Coleman asked if she wants exactly what the opponents of the Campbell Lodge site said. Judge Pendery suggested that they put the gist of what was said. Judge Pendery made a motion to go back and put a comment or two for everybody that spoke, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Commissioner Painter pointed out that in the June 7, 2017 meeting minutes people's comments are well-stated, it is not a systematic thing. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Ms. Kaiser then asked if the Fiscal Court can link the video of the meeting to the minutes. Judge Pendery stated that staff could find out if it can be done.

Ms. Kaiser read in the minutes that the Fiscal Court is going out for bids for replacement of the Dodsworth bridge; what happened with the bid. Mr. Elberfeld stated that when staff gets permission to bid it does not mean that the project will get bid the next day. If the Road Supervisor plans to do three projects he may seek permission to bid at the same time, but that doesn't mean that the project is ready to proceed.

Pat Lucas, Wilder resident, asked why the 911 fee does not fall under the budget of the state or federal Department of Homeland Security. He suggested that they request federal funding. Judge Pendery stated that the Fiscal Court works hard to get grant funds when it can; most of the new radio system is going to be paid from grants. Mr. Elberfeld stated that they planned to apply for a grant through the Department of Homeland Security but there is no money for their purposes. Mr. Lucas stated that his property in Wilder is on the flight plan for planes coming into CVG Airport. He talked about local plane crashes. He then talked about UFO's that he has seen since November 2016. He asked if the Fiscal Court is aware of any public or private aerial surveillance program in the area. Judge Pendery replied that there are 100's of flights per day, depending on their direction they may look different. He offered to talk to Mr. Lucas after the meeting. He further stated that CVG has air traffic controllers that can see a long way off. Mr. Lucas was not sure whom he should call when he sees them or if there is some surveillance going on. Chief Sorrell suggested that Mr. Lucas call the Campbell County Dispatch and they will contact the Wilder Police Department who will then respond.

Judge Pendery asked Ms. Spicer to proceed with the old business. Ordinance O-07-17 was presented for a second reading. O-07-17 relates to the annual budget and appropriations of Campbell County, Kentucky for the fiscal year 2017-2018 (FY18). Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt O-07-17, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Commissioner Coleman stated that he had not heard anything about the tax rate. Mr. Elberfeld advised that they won't hear from Frankfort about the rate until the end of July or first of August. Commissioner Coleman

asked if they have to pass the budget ordinance tonight. Mr. Franzen replied that it must be adopted before June 30. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

Ordinance O-08-17 was presented for a second reading by title. O-08-17 amends the Campbell County Code of Ordinances at Section 111.05 Alcohol Sales to conform with changes in Kentucky Revised Statute and clarify hours when alcohol sales can occur. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt O-08-17, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

New business was presented with a first reading of Ordinance O-09-17 by title. O-09-17 amends Ordinance O-7-95 as it relates to the imposition and the levying of a transient room tax for the purpose of promoting convention and tourism activity, setting interest and penalties relating thereto; the imposition and the levying of a special tax for the purpose of operating a convention center, setting interest and penalties relating thereto; and the imposition and the levying of an additional tax for the purpose of expanding the Northern Kentucky Convention Center and regional efforts to promote tourism and convention business and setting interest and penalties relating thereto. Judge Pendery announced that Eric Summe was in attendance to answer any questions. He stated that northern Kentucky has lower rates than the markets it competes with. The tax will be paid by people using hotel rooms. Mr. Summe stated that he has met with the Fiscal Court members individually but would be glad to answer any other questions. There being no questions, he then thanked the Fiscal Court for taking up this issue. He reminded the Court that a consensus of all three counties is needed, and advised that Kenton County had a first reading of its ordinance last week.

Resolution R-57-17 was read by title. R-57-17 updates the compensation schedule for employees of the Fiscal Court and Detention Center who are not covered by a working agreement, and updates the compensation schedules for employees covered by working agreements with AFSCME and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and authorizes corresponding amendments to the Administrative Code, effective June 25, 2017. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-57-17, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. Judge Pendery stated that the compensation schedule must be updated first in order to give raises to employees who are not covered by a working agreement. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to approve a 3.0% cost of living adjustment for all represented and non-represented employees of the Fiscal Court effective June 25, 2017. Commissioner Painter seconded the motion. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to approve a 3.0% cost of living adjustment for all Detention Center employees effective June 25, 2017. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-49-17 was read by title. R-49-17 acknowledges the annual review of the Campbell County Administrative Code. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-49-17, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Commissioner Coleman asked for a brief description of the modifications made to the Administrative Code. Ms. Serra stated that all updates were in the personnel section. The updates establish that Parks and Recreation employees are no longer represented by AFSCME, renumber the pay scale, clarify Section 320 regarding overtime and

calculation of overtime, leaves of absence for employees, and the employees benefits section regarding workers compensation and FMLA. Commissioner Coleman thanked Ms. Serra and apologized. He could have done this off-line, but due to unforeseen circumstances, he could not review the changes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to accept the resignation of Candida Lewis, Tax Compliance Officer, effective July 14, 2017. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to authorize staff to advertise, accept applications and interview to fill the vacant Tax Compliance Officer position. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made a motion to reappoint Kris Thomas to the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Commission for a three-year term effective August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2020. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. Judge Pendery advised that Mr. Thomas is the General Manager of the Aloft Hotel. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery announced that the Sun Valley Music Festival will take place on July 8, 2017 from 2-10pm at A J Jolly Park.

Marie Schenkel requested a motion to accept the following bids for Road Department materials for fiscal year 2018: (1) Mago Construction, Bluegrass Paving, Len Riegler, Eaton Asphalt, Barrett Paving and Michels Construction for hot mix bituminous concrete, Viking, Consolidated Pipe and KY Contractors for culvert pipe, and Hilltop Stone LLC for stone. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-55-17 was read by title and summary given. R-55-17 authorizes the adoption of the fiscal year 2017-2018 Housing Department budget. Ms. Schenkel explained that the Housing Department is fully funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and its budget does not need to be adopted by ordinance. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-55-17, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-56-17 was read by title and summary given. R-56-17 authorizes the transfer of certain assets from the Campbell County, Kentucky, Public Parks Corporation to the Fiscal Court's golf fund as of July 1, 2017. Ms. Schenkel explained that the assets of the AJ Jolly Golf Course held by the Public Parks Corporation are now being moved to the Campbell County Fiscal Court's Golf Course Fund. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-56-17, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to acknowledge renewal of property, liability and workers' compensation insurance and new rates for fiscal year 2018. The policies were renewed in 2016 for a two-year period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. The FY 18 workers' compensation premium decreased significantly due in part to Mr. Spataro's efforts to get the Fiscal Court certified as a Drug Free Workplace resulting in a 5% discount, about a \$13,000

savings. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

Ms. Schenkel then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for June 21, 2017. Ms. Schenkel pointed out that there was one storm water bill for the park in the amount of \$167.83. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-54-17	Authorize Submission of CDBG Application
Resolution R-53-17	Approve Health Department Tax Rate
Ordinance O-07-17	Adopt Annual Budget for FY18
Ordinance O-08-17	Amend Code of Ordinances – Alcohol Sales
Ordinance O-09-17	Amend O-07-95 Transient Room Tax
Resolution R-57-17	Update Compensation Schedules
Resolution R-49-17	Acknowledge Annual Review of Administrative Code
Resolution R-55-17	Adopt Housing Department FY18 Budget
Resolution R-56-17	Transfer of Assets from Public Parks Corporation
Claims	June 21, 2017

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk