

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

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

Assistant County Attorney Michelle Eviston,
County Administrator Matt Elberfeld,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Assistant County Administrator Kim Serra,
Finance Director/Treasurer Marie Schenkel,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell,
Economic & Community Development Director Justin Otto,
Solid Waste Manager Allyn Reinecke

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 Fiscal Court Facebook Page.

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 February 2, 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 Justin Otto to begin his presentation. Mr. Otto first thanked Judge Pendery and Commissioners Painter, Besecker and Lampe, Sheriff Mike Jansen, County Administrator Matt Elberfeld, Fire Chief Dan Schultz, Chairman Fred Macke, Chairman Clarence Martin, OEM Director William Turner, Bellevue City Council and Dayton City Council who allowed and supported the 20 members of the Northern Kentucky Incident Management Team to respond to Graves County in western Kentucky after tornadoes hit the area on December 10, 2021. In addition, for allowing them to train for such a mission. Mr. Otto showed maps of Kentucky indicating the location of Mayfield in Graves County and other counties in the Commonwealth that were in the path of tornadoes that ripped through Arkansas,

Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky beginning on the evening of December 10, 2021. This is believed to be the longest tornado path ever in American history and by far the worst in Kentucky history at an F4-F5 rating with winds of 200mph. Mr. Otto then showed videos and photos of property damage, the destroyed candle factory in Mayfield and of the people who worked the relief efforts. The OEM Directors of Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties were proactive in notifying the team to be ready if called upon; volunteers from Grant County joined as well. The team went to work immediately when they arrived in Mayfield. Most areas of Graves County had no water or electric and spotty cell service. The team assisted with establishing an emergency operations center, setting up 87 light stands, search and rescue missions, patrols, disbursement of information to the public and finding places to use as distribution centers for the many donations that were received. Campbell County Sheriff's Deputies assisted local agencies with patrols for several weeks. Deputy Mike Ward and OEM Deputy James Sparks were in Graves County longer than others. Mr. Otto advised that currently the US Army Corps of Engineers has cleared more than 280 cubic yards of debris, while \$9 million of FEMA housing assistance, \$3.5 million other needs FEMA assistance, \$36.6 million in home business loans approved by the SBA along with state funding have been approved. Mr. Otto stated that he is grateful for the experience he was given when Kentucky needed it most and again thanked the Fiscal Court and those that served with him. Mr. Otto read the Citations of Heroism from the Kentucky House of Representatives then presented them to the team members present: OEM Deputy Directors Greg Buckler and Jamie Sparks, Sgt. James McKenna, Deputies Mike Ward, Tim Harney, Dave Garnick, Les Caudill, T. J. Shelby, Central Campbell County Fire District Captain Jason Weghorn, Captain Justin Saner and Lt. Brendan Bradley and Bellevue-Dayton Fire EMS Chief Chris Adkins. County Administrator Elberfeld presented the Citation of Heroism to Justin Otto. Following photographs, Judge Pendery noted that everybody is very proud of them.

Allyn Reinecke, Solid Waste Coordinator presented the 2021 statistics from the solid waste programs and services offered to County residents. She first talked about the County Clean-up events held each spring and fall where thousands of vehicles drop off waste items. About 543 tons of trash were collected at these events along with 74 tons of tires and 166 tons of scrap metal and 25 tons of electronics were recycled. She acknowledged the help of the County's Maintenance and Road Departments along with Rumpke Services. Ms. Reinecke then talked about the annual Northern Kentucky Hazardous Waste Collection event held in collaboration with Boone and Kenton Counties. A State grant pays for the majority cost of this event. About 440 Campbell County residents participated in this event. She advised that Campbell County partners with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife to collect live undecorated Christmas trees which are used as fish habitat in lakes across the State. This past year's holiday lights recycling program netted 609 pounds of string lights to be recycled. Ms. Reinecke stated that a large portion of the Solid Waste Department's work is to coordinate litter clean-up throughout the County. State funds are used for the Trash for Cash Program where nonprofit groups pick up trash along the roadways and for a work release program where inmates clean-up litter. Ms. Reinecke stated that the County offers four drop-off recycling sites for those residents who do not have curbside recycling. A recent survey revealed that 83% of respondents would pay to have curbside recycling. She advised that the Solid Waste Resource Guide which can answer many questions about waste disposal, is available on the County's website.

Judge Pendery called on Brenda Bonecutter who had signed in to address the Fiscal Court. Ms. Bonecutter introduced herself and announced that she is running for Judge of the Campbell County Family Court. The current Family Court runs very smoothly and she intends to continue that if she has the honor of becoming Family Court Judge. She practices law in most Kentucky counties and is licensed in Ohio as well. Ms. Bonecutter currently lives with her family in Ft. Thomas and has had a law office in Newport for almost 24 years.

Judge Pendery then proceeded with the agenda.

There being no old business, Paula Spicer presented new business with Resolution R-12-22 by title. R-12-22 acknowledges the annual review of the Campbell County Detention Center Policy and Procedure Manual. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-12-22, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint the following seasonal employees for the 2022 parks and golf season effective March 1, 2022:

NAME	JOB TITLE	RATE/ HOUR
Jeff Osterhage	Parks & Recreation Maintenance Worker	\$14.00
Donald Thomas	Golf Course Maintenance Worker	\$12.00
Blake Stormer	Golf Course Maintenance Worker	\$12.00
Charles Rauch	Golf Course Maintenance Worker	\$12.00
Homer Jack	Golf Course Maintenance Worker	\$12.00
Terry Jolly	Golf Course Maintenance Worker	\$12.00

Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to set the 2022 annual compensation for Judge/Executive Steve Pendery and Jailer James Daley at \$133,346.15 as set in accordance with KRS 64.5275 by the Kentucky Department for Local Government retroactive to January 1, 2022. Judge Pendery made the motion explaining that even though the salaries are set by the State, the Fiscal Court still needs to approve them. Commissioner Besecker seconded the motion. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to set the 2022 annual compensation for the Campbell County Commissioners at \$42,811.58 retroactive to January 1, 2022. Pursuant to KRS 64.527, the Kentucky Department of Local Government has calculated the annual compensation based on the CPI rate of 7.0% over the previous twelve-month period. However, the County Commissioners have decided to limit the increase to 3%. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. Commissioner Painter explained that for some years the County Commissioners have taken a stance for employees by taking a cost of living adjustment the same or below that of the County employees. They have decided to do the same this year. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to set the 2022 annual compensation for County Attorney Steve Franzen at \$53,821.30 as calculated by the Kentucky Department of Local Government based on the CPI

rate of 7% over the previous twelve-month period retroactive to January 1, 2022. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to set the 2022 annual compensation for County Coroner Mark Schweitzer at \$54,134.72 as calculated by the Kentucky Department of Local Government based on the CPI rate of 7% over the previous twelve-month period retroactive to January 1, 2022. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Alan Bernstein from the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau. Judge Pendery stated that Mr. Bernstein is in our thoughts and prayers and he reluctantly accepts his resignation by making a motion. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery then made a motion to appoint Terri Bernstein to the Northern Kentucky Convention & Visitors Bureau to fill the unexpired term of Alan Bernstein effective February 17, 2022 through July 31, 2022 and successively for a full three-year term effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2025. Commissioner Besecker seconded the motion. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint James Morgan Jr., Alisha Schweitzer and Michael Sutton to the Campbell County Ethics Commission for a one-year term effective February 17, 2022 through January 31, 2023. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Johnna Reeder Kleymeyer from the Tri-ED Board of Directors effective November 30, 2021. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was then requested to appoint Tara Halpin to the Tri-ED Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Johnna Reeder Kleymeyer effective February 17, 2022 through October 7, 2024. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Neither the County Administrator nor the County Attorney had reports for the meeting.

Commissioner Besecker thanked Mr. Otto for his report and for taking time out of his own life to make a difference in others’. He added that if people want to help the tornado victims there is still a need. There are some local church groups going down to the area this spring that individuals could team-up with.

Commissioner Besecker thanked Ms. Reinecke for coordinating the various solid waste programs. He has participated in the Trash for Cash program with kids and other groups. He appreciates the efforts and believes that it does make a difference in the community. He appreciates all that Ms. Reinecke does.

Commissioner Lampe thanked Mr. Otto – his heartfelt words in describing his experience were beautifully delivered. He knows that they made a difference in people’s lives in Graves County, and it sounds like the experience made a difference in his.

Commissioner Painter stated that the County’s Emergency Management people have trained for this kind of event – they worked a big flood in eastern Kentucky last year. They’ve learned how to keep their cool under fire, fill out the proper paperwork for FEMA and other nuances. When they arrived, they were prepared and set to work right away. This says a lot about the training and set-up of the Emergency Management Office and Director Bill Turner encouraging the staff to get training. It was good to see all of these things come together and to see our team do things that were worthwhile for those in need. Thank you.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Fiscal Court offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 in observance of Presidents’ Day.

Judge Pendery announced that he attended a campaign kick-off for Tri-ED at New Riff to raise money for economic development for our community. In a private phase, they’ve raised \$2.9 million or about 66 percent of their goal. Tonight, the process becomes public and everybody will be invited to contribute. It is gratifying to see that the community appreciates the success of Tri-ED over the years. It is wonderful that investments are being made to secure our economic and financial future.

Marie Schenkel presented the Finance Director/Treasurer’s report by requesting a motion to authorize staff to advertise for bids for the following bridge replacement projects. The Fiscal Court will apply for KYTC, Rural Secondary Road, 80/20 funding for these projects.

- Replace a small bridge ELR 74, on Dodsworth at its intersection with Gary Lane. This project will replace the aging small span bridge with a pre-cast box culvert.
- Replace bridge structure on Lower Tug Fork, KYTC 019C00005N20, located 1.4 miles south of KY 547. This project will replace bridge beams.

Both projects are included in the FY2022 budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-13-22 was read by title. R-13-22 declares County-owned personal property as surplus and authorizes the Finance Director/Treasurer to sell or otherwise dispose of such property. The plan is to donate the property to Pendleton County, another governmental agency, and in the event that they do not accept the property, it will be sold in the same manner as other surplus property on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-13-22, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order dated February 9 and 16, 2022. The Assistant County Attorney advised that she 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 6:51p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-12-22 Acknowledge Review of Detention Center Policy/Procedure Manual

Resolution R-13-22 Disposal of Surplus Property

Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated February 9 and 16, 2022

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk