

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 5:30p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance at the regular meeting were:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GEOFF BESECKER
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

County Attorney Steve Franzen,
Assistant County Administrator Kim Serra,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Finance Director/Treasurer Marie Schenkel,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell,
Community Services Manager Allyn Reinecke

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Commissioner Painter. Cable access was present to film the meeting. The meeting was also broadcast live on the Fiscal Court Facebook Page.

Commissioner Painter announced that Judge Pendery was absent and entertained a motion for someone to chair the meeting. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to appoint Commissioner Painter to preside over the meeting in the absence of Judge Pendery. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Painter gave an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court regular meeting of November 3, 2021 were presented. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Painter announced that the graduates of the 2021 Campbell County Citizens Academy were present. He thanked Kim Serra and Allyn Reinecke for organizing the Citizens Academy, and community partners and directors for speaking at the sessions. Commissioner Painter then introduced County Clerk Jim Luersen who distributed the certificates to the graduates. Kim Serra thanked the participants who completed the Citizens Academy; she admires their commitment to this 9-week session. She encouraged them to let friends/family

know about the Citizens Academy which is held in the fall of each year. She also encouraged people to look at the County's website, sign up for the e-newsletter and stay in touch as the County is always looking for volunteers, board members and interested citizens to learn about what the County is doing and to participate. The Academy started about five years ago and is a great opportunity for citizens to learn about the Fiscal Court, other agencies that keep things running and learn about ways to get engaged with the community. Ms. Serra expressed her appreciation to Allyn Reinecke for stepping up this year by doing more than usual. County Clerk Jim Luersen, who was unable to address the Citizens Academy participants during the sessions, congratulated them. The Citizens Academy is a unique opportunity and he wishes that more people would take advantage of it. He then called on each of the graduates and presented them their certificates.

Finding that no one had signed in to address the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Painter proceeded with the agenda.

Paula Spicer presented new business with Resolution R-83-21 by title. R-83-21 approves A J Jolly Golf Course rates for the 2022 golf season. Ms. Serra explained that every year the golf course rates are reviewed. All of the daily rates will increase \$1-3, the youth rates and season passes remain the same, and there are a few changes for golf outings. The rate changes this year are due to improvements to the golf course and new golf carts. In response to Commissioner Besecker's question, Ms. Serra was unsure of the delivery date of the new carts, but she will find out and let him know. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-83-21, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Kim Serra presented the County Administrator's Report with Resolution R-84-21. R-84-21 granting a five-year competitive franchise for the operation of a cable television system within the unincorporated territories of Campbell County to Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-84-21, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. Ms. Serra explained that there are two cable television providers in the unincorporated area – Cincinnati Bell and Spectrum whose current agreement is not up for renewal at this time. Cable operators in any community must have a franchise agreement in order to operate. This is a renewal of the existing agreement that allows Cincinnati Bell to offer cable services in the unincorporated areas. She further explained that the Cable Board is responsible for negotiating and recommending the franchise agreement and they recommend this agreement. All of the member communities will need to vote on and ratify the agreement. The only significant change with the new agreement is a requirement that Cincinnati Bell must follow the right-of-way requirements in all communities in which they operate. This is a five-year agreement with automatic five-year renewal unless one partner wishes to cancel the agreement. Commissioner Besecker clarified that this agreement has nothing to do with Cincinnati Bell's agreement for fiberoptic installation; it is simply for operation of cable TV services. Commissioner Painter pointed out that this agreement is recommended by the Cable Board. Tammy Nolan, Bellevue resident, stated that she just addressed this issue with the Bellevue City Council, and they told her that there will be a fee on bills of residents who use this service. She would like to know what the fee is. Ms. Serra advised that she talked to Jennifer Teipel, Executive Director of Campbell Media today and was told that there were questions about this at the Bellevue meeting. To her knowledge, there are no new fees – it is just a continuation of the current franchise

agreement. She is unsure of the current fee; however, it will not be any different. Ms. Nolan asked if she would find out what the fee is before this is voted on or to table the resolution. Commissioner Besecker stated that the fee is addressed in the agreement – it is simply a continuation of the current agreement; if there was a fee, it is unchanged. If the agreement is not continued, Cincinnati Bell cannot operate within the unincorporated areas of Campbell County. He then read the pertinent language of the agreement. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

The County Attorney had no report for the meeting.

Commissioner Besecker reported that the Purple People Bridge will reopen this coming Friday. The Bridge is much used by people crossing the river and provides access to the Levee. This is just one more of the many great things happening in Newport.

Commissioner Besecker announced that last night he was introduced to a great program on York Street in Newport – Mentoring Plus. Mentoring Plus is a program for mostly teenagers who need a mentor. It couples the mentor with a teen who then works on character building, problem-solving and different management skills. It was great to see the work that the volunteers are doing. He also had an opportunity to talk to some of the participants to learn the great things that the program is doing for them. Thank you to all who volunteer with youngsters and take time with those who need it.

Commissioner Lampe announced that today Brighton Center broke ground on the Opportunity House in Highland Heights which will provide 15 studio apartments for those trying to pursue education opportunities with affordable housing. This is a collaborative effort among the City of Highland Heights, NKU, private donors, Brighton Center, Neighborhood Foundations and the KY Department for Local Government. Brighton Center, based in Newport, continues to do wonderful things in terms of carrying out its mission to create opportunities for individuals and families to reach self-sufficiency through support services, education and employment. Thanks to Wonda Winkler and Brighton Center.

Commissioner Painter had no report.

Marie Schenkel began the Finance Director/Treasurer’s report by requesting a motion to accept the bid of Tumlin & Sons in the amount of \$284,150 for construction of the new ADA restroom and parking lot at A J Jolly Park. Four bids were received for this project. Mike Braun has reviewed all bids and recommends accepting the low bid of Tumlin and Sons. This project is included in the FY2022 budget financed with ARPA funds. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. Ms. Serra explained that the existing restroom nearest to the Ranger Station will be removed. The new restroom will be to the left of the Stapleton Pavilion stage. The sidewalks will be ADA accessible. A soil study was performed to ensure that the facility does not sink like the current restroom. She added that it will also be near the new playground, kayak dock, basketball/tennis courts and stage. Commissioner Painter stated that this will be quite an improvement and good use of federal funds. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to purchase a 2022 Ford F-150 truck from Paul Miller Ford in the amount of \$32,880 under the State Master Agreement. The truck will be used for park operations. This purchase was included in the FY2022 budget and it will replace a 2005 Ford F-150 with 180,000 miles and considerable wear and tear. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. Commissioner Painter pointed out that this truck is used to haul trailers, equipment, gasoline, etc. to different places in the County and will be part of the maintenance fleet. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-85-21 was read by title. R-85-21 declares certain County-owned personal property as surplus and authorizes the County Finance Director/Treasurer to sell or otherwise dispose of such property. The subject property consists of 3 outdoor sheds from the Animal Shelter and a floor food mixer from the Detention Center that will be sold as scrap. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-85-21, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Ms. Schenkel then requested a motion to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order dated November 10, 12 and 17, 2021. The County Attorney advised that he has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. 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 Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-83-21 Approve 2022 Rates for A J Jolly Golf Course
Resolution R-84-21 Grant Renewable 5-year Franchise for Campbell TV to Cincinnati Bell
Resolution R-85-21 Authorize Disposal of Surplus Property
Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated November 10, 12 and 17, 2021

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk