

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

October 19, 2011

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
PETE GARRETT
BRIAN PAINTER
KENNETH RECHTIN

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Steve Franzen	County Attorney
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Director
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Colonel Keith Hill	Campbell County Police Chief
Greg Buckler	Campbell County Jailer
David Plummer	Solid Waste Coordinator
Mike Braun	Maintenance Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Cable Access was present to film the meeting.

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 regular meeting of October 5, 2011 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter seconded by Commissioner Rechtin to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Fiscal Court on any subject.

Erik Hermes stated that based on the recent census, there is a movement of population from the northern part of Campbell County to the southern part of the County. He pointed out that the existing libraries in Campbell County are in the northern part of the County and in close proximity to each other. Mr. Hermes stated that the annual cost of the proposed new library is

about \$1 million: about \$300,000 for debt service and about \$700,000 for operating costs. He distributed a spreadsheet to the Fiscal Court members showing a cost analysis and explained it. Mr. Hermes suggested moving operation of one of the existing libraries to the southern part of the County to save the taxpayers money.

J R Roth, Winters Lane, Campbell County, stated that he had three comments to make. (1) He noticed that the County is in the snow removal business; will they clear his driveway also. (2) He asked if the County would include a provision that it will not use eminent domain on development of the waterfront. (3) He could not find the advertisement for the Human Resources position at the increased pay scale; how can they change the pay scale without advertising it.

Commissioner Rehtin introduced his two grandsons in the audience: Rueben and Wyatt.

Joe Powers stated that at the last library board meeting it was announced that the carpet would be replaced at the Ft. Thomas branch. He doesn't think that the carpet needs to be replaced and wondered why they don't use tile instead of carpet. Mr. Powers also reported that he's seen people lying on the couches and people sleeping; this does not belong in the library.

Michelle Kolb, Account Manager, Duke Energy, explained that part of Duke Energy's mission is to help people save money on energy costs. One of their programs provides incentives to nonresidential customers to make energy efficiency improvements. Ms. Kolb described the improvements made by the Fiscal Court to its facilities and recognized the efforts of David Plummer and Mike Braun who worked on the project. She presented a check in the amount \$11,487.40 to Judge Pendery.

Greg Buckler, Campbell County Jailer, presented gifts to Laura Roberts and Bob McGaha in recognition of their retirements from the Campbell County Jail. Ms. Roberts had worked at the jail for 13 years, while Mr. McGaha had been there for 16 years.

Greg Buckler, Campbell County Jailer, presented his 2010-2011 annual report to the Fiscal Court. He stated that the jail's revenues were up this year and explained how much the jail is paid per day for housing state and federal prisoners. Likewise the number of bookings was up by about 1,000 more than the previous year. Mr. Buckler presented statistics on the jail population by race, age, address, charge, if the inmate was employed or has insurance. He stated that when the administrative offices are moved from the jail, they will be able to use that space to expand the visitors' area to accommodate more visitors at one time and reduce the number of days available for visitation. Mr. Buckler stated that last year was the first time that they contracted for food services at the jail resulting in a savings of over \$59,000. He explained how the jail applies to the state for funds to pay for catastrophic medical claims of inmates, the community services program, training of jail workers and budget highlights. Mr. Buckler announced that the report will be on the jail's website next week. Commissioner Rehtin complimented Mr. Buckler on his operation of the jail. Mr. Buckler then addressed questions about recent complaints from a sheriff's deputy regarding smoking in the sally port of the jail.

JC Morgan, Director of the Campbell County Public Library, reported to the Fiscal Court on the existing libraries and the proposed new library. He first announced that books for Kindle can now be checked out at the library. Mr. Morgan reviewed improvements being made to the Ft. Thomas and Cold Spring branches. A map of Campbell County showing the locations and year of opening of the existing libraries and the location of the proposed library was shown. He then showed the plans for the new library and explained the layout and features. Mr. Morgan talked about the six public meetings that were held to receive public comments on the new library to be located in the south end of the County. He stated that they are trying to defray costs of the new building as much as possible. It is estimated that it will cost about \$1 million to operate the new library and the library board is looking at a tax increase to raise the money. Mr. Morgan then answered questions from the audience regarding sources of funding for the library, number of cardholders in the south part of the County, appointments to the library board and the possibility of a recall of the proposed tax increase. Commissioner Rechlin stated that he is in favor of the new library and is willing to pay the additional tax.

Robert Horine presented his report beginning with Resolution R-110-11 by title and summary. R-110-11 accepts the proposal of David Hobson and Lee Ann Morrison for a police consolidation study. Mr. Horine explained that four proposals for the study were received and it was determined that the proposal of Hobson and Morrison in the amount of \$13,500 was the most responsive and appropriate. The County will pay \$10,910 of the cost and the City of Alexandria will pay \$2,090. This study is simply to explore the feasibility of consolidating the two police departments; no decision has been made yet. Commissioner Rechlin made a motion to adopt R-110-11, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Commissioner Painter stated that the County and City were on friendly terms when discussions of the consolidation first began, and he wants the relationship to remain friendly regardless of the outcome. Commissioner Garrett stated that the cost will be paid from a fund set aside for studies such as this. Judge Pendery agreed that part of the cost will come from this fund and has already been budgeted. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed. Judge Pendery thanked Alexandria Mayor Bill Rachford and Police Chief Mike Ward for coming to the meeting to address any questions on this issue.

R-109-11 was read by title and summary given. R-109-11 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for redevelopment of the Northern Kentucky waterfront. The Fiscal Court was asked by Southbank Partners and other cities to enter into this agreement for development of the Riverfront Commons project. Southbank has suggested this arrangement to show that all of the governments are working together toward a common goal. Commissioner Rechlin made a motion to adopt R-109-11, seconded by Judge Pendery. Commissioner Painter stated that he did not see any provisions for eminent domain in the agreement – at what point in the process would this become a factor. Steve Franzen stated that there will be a lot of documentation involved in this process; discussing eminent domain would be premature at this point. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed.

There being no old business, Melissa Williams presented new business with Ordinance O-16-11 by title and summary. O-16-11 enacts and adopts the 2011 S-23 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the County of Campbell, Kentucky (January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011).

American Legal Publishing codifies the County's ordinances twice a year. This is a first reading of the ordinance and no action is needed.

Resolution R-106-11 was read by title and summary given. R-106-11 adopts and approves the execution of a Rural Secondary Program Agreement between the Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, and accepting all roads and streets referred to therein as being a part of the County Road System. This agreement enables the County to accept \$80,000 in funds from the State for the Uhl Road bridge replacement. The total project cost is \$117,449.50. The balance of the cost will be paid from the Road Department budget. Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to adopt R-106-11, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-107-11 was read by title and summary given. R-107-11 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute an addendum to the contract between the Fiscal Court and the City of Crestview, Kentucky to provide snow removal and ice maintenance services on streets in the City of Crestview, Kentucky for the 2011-2012 winter season. The contract renewal covers 1.2 miles of roads in Crestview. The City pays the County \$250.00 per trip. Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to adopt R-107-11, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-108-11 was read by title and summary given. R-108-11 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute a contract between the Fiscal Court and Saint Joseph Church, Camp Springs, for the services of snow removal and ice maintenance for the 2011-2012 winter season. Under this contract renewal the County clears the entrance road to the school and church at a cost of \$100 per trip. The contract also allows use of the church hall by the County. Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to adopt R-108-11, seconded by Commissioner Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Ms. Williams requested that the Fiscal Court table the request to award bids for the construction of the animal shelter addition. Staff is working with Century Construction to finalize a recommendation.

A motion was requested to reclassify Kenneth Studer and David Schultz from Road Maintenance Specialist II to Road Maintenance Specialist III with compensation set at \$24.4316 per hour, effective October 24, 2011. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Richard L. Barto to the Campbell County Cable Board with a term effective October 19, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Dr. J. C. Crowley and David Boden to the Board of the Pendleton County Water District each for a four-year term effective November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2015. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Rehtin reminded everyone that there are elections for state constitutional offices on November 8, 2011. He urged people to learn about the candidates and to vote.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Fall Clean Up will be held on November 4, 5 and 6, 2011. He gave the locations and times for the event.

Judge Pendery announced that a Household Hazardous Waste event will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Turfway Park parking lot. He listed the kinds of items that will be accepted.

Judge Pendery announced an Electronics Clean Up event to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Northern Kentucky University. Citizens that drop off electronics to be recycled are requested to make a donation to cover the cost of recycling.

Judge Pendery announced that the next Campbell County Mayors' meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers at 7:30 a.m.

Jim Seibert requested a motion to authorize staff to solicit bids for golf course materials that are used throughout the golf season including: chemicals, fertilizer, topdressing, sand, etc. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to solicit bids for the sale of surplus property. Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to select Bob Cooper, Hilliard Lyons, to serve as Financial Advisor for the refinancing of Series 1997 and 2001 Bonds. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims as presented for October 19, 2011. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Judge Pendery. Commissioner Rehtin recused himself from voting to approve any payments made to Senior Services of Northern Kentucky, his employer. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-110-11 Accept Proposal for Police Consolidation Study
Resolution R-109-11 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Waterfront Redevelopment
Ordinance O-16-11 Adopt Supplement to Code of Ordinances
Resolution R-106-11 Agreement for Bridge Replacement Funds (Uhl Road Bridge)

Resolution R-107-11 Contract with City of Crestview for Snow Removal
Resolution R-108-11 Contract with St. Joseph Church for Snow Removal
Claims of October 19, 2011

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk