

CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT MINUTES

August 6, 2008

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse located at 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

DAVID OTTO

KENNETH RECHTIN

MARK HAYDEN

Robert Horine

Melissa Williams

Jim Seibert

Justin Verst

Lt. Col. Todd Straman

Naguanda Deaton

Ken Knipper

Ben Adams

Lynn Farris

County Administrator

Director of Administration

Director of Fiscal Affairs

County Attorney

Assistant Chief, Campbell County Police Department

Director of Personnel

Director of OEM

Administrative Intern

Acting Fiscal Court Clerk

Due to Judge Pendery's absence, Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to authorize Commissioner Otto to preside at the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Otto. Cable Access was present to film the meeting.

Commissioner Otto called for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court Meeting of July 16, 2008 were presented by Commissioner Otto. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin, seconded by Commissioner Hayden to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otto then introduced Sally McNichols, Alexandria Fair Board secretary. Ms. McNichols invited everyone to the Alexandria Fair for family fun. She mentioned several of the fair activities, including the horse show, baby show, pageants, dog show, chicken rodeo, greased pig contest and livestock option. The Exhibit Hall is open to everyone and she encouraged

people to enter their items for competition. The parade will be on August 27, 2008. Commissioner Otto thanked Ms. McNichols for the presentation.

Next, Lt. Bill Wilson of the Campbell County Police Department, presented certificates and appreciation gifts to the eight graduates of the Citizens Police Academy. Lt. Wilson added that this year's class was also co-sponsored by Northern Kentucky University's Public Safety Department. Those present were Chris Bellew, Jeremy Canter, Eunice Shackelford, Cindy West, Bethany Nummela-Hanel, Ross Risner, Vera Powell. Colin Trundle was unable to attend. Lt. Wilson stated he learned something each and every week along with the graduates. He thanked them for their attendance.

Next on the agenda and taken out of the routine order, personnel items were addressed. Commissioner Hayden made a motion to accept the resignation of Sgt. Steve Ellison from the police department, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously. This resignation was effective July 31, 2008.

Next on the agenda was the motion to promote Thomas Nitschke to the position of Sergeant I in the Campbell County Police Department, compensation set at grade 13E effective August 6, 2008. Commissioner Otto made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Otto administered the oath of office to Sgt. Nitschke.

Commissioner Otto made a motion to appoint Matthew Meyer and Adam Moeves to the positions of Patrolman, grade 1 with the Campbell County Police Department. Their compensation is set at Grade 9A and said appointments are effective August 4, 2008. Commissioner Rehtin seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Otto then administered the oath of office to Officers Matthew Meyer, Adam Moeves & Greg Popham. (Officer Popham is a new SRO Officer, who was previously appointed on June 18, 2008.)

Naguanda Deaton, Co-Chair of the Campbell County Senior Picnic, presented an overview of the 2008 Senior Picnic to be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 (rain date of September 18, 2008) at Pendery Park. Mrs. Deaton stated it will be the 41st annual picnic and will run from Noon to 5 p.m. A mid-day chicken meal will be served at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 the day of the picnic. Tickets are available at the fiscal court office in Newport and the Senior Center in Highland Heights. Bus transportation will be available. There will be bingo, trivia games, door prizes and dancing. Mrs. Deaton added there are only two requirements for this picnic – (1) you must be a senior citizen or fiscal court member and (2) you must plan on having a good time. Commissioner Otto thanked Mrs. Deaton for the presentation.

Next to address the fiscal court was Ms. Garnetta Klass. Ms. Klass resides on Demossville Road in Butler, which is unincorporated Campbell County. She was addressing the court to ask for assistance in getting a water line for her road. She has a Pendleton County mailing address, but stated her taxes go to Campbell County. Ms. Klass presented a petition to the court with several signatures on it from residents of Demossville Road. She stated a load of water now costs \$35 and she uses approximately two loads per month. She asked the court to consider putting a water

line on her road prior to upgrading roads such as Fairlane and Nagel. She has been in contact with Representatives Adam Koenig and Geoff Davis. She was told that the water line would cost \$78,595. Mrs. Williams has been investigating this and was advised the cost would be closer to \$102,000, based on a 2-year old estimate. Ms. Klass stated that three of the houses on her street have water from Pendleton County Water District. Commissioner Rehtin asked if any of the homes had well water and was told none of them did. A discussion followed. Commissioner Otto told Ms. Klass that the fiscal court would try to help her.

Upon conclusion of all the presentations, Commissioner Otto called for the presentation of Old Business. Mrs. Williams stated there was no Old Business before the Court.

Next, Commissioner Otto called for the items under New Business. Mrs. Williams presented Resolution R-84-08. It was read by title and a summary given. This resolution authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute contracts with the Alexandria Fair Board for the 2008 fair. The first contract authorizes the purchase of booth space that will promote Campbell County businesses, economic development, arts, crafts and/or education. The second contract will provide labor and equipment from the County Road Department to bush hog the fairgrounds. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-84-08, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Next for the court's consideration was Resolution R-85-08. It also was read by title and a summary given. This resolution authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) regarding grant funds for body armor and for patrol rifles. Total Project Amount is for \$14,964.60, with grant funds requested in the amount of \$11,274.60. The Fiscal Court previously took action on the grant when it was under the Department of Local Government's jurisdiction; the program was moved to KOHS, so the paperwork now needs to be re-executed. Assistant Chief Straman was present to address any questions or concerns. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-85-08, seconded by Commissioner Otto. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Williams then presented several personnel motions for the court's consideration. Commissioner Otto made a motion to increase the compensation of the following patrol officers effective July 6, 2008 in accordance with the current agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police:

Gary Downs	from 11A (\$18.8785/hr)	to 11B (\$19.3505/hr)
Mark Wilke	from 11A (\$18.8785/hr)	to 11B (\$19.3505/hr).

These employees were not eligible for the merit increase given to fiscal court employees on June 26, 2008 since they had not yet successfully completed six months of service.

Commissioner Rehtin seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otto made the motion to increase the compensation of Marty Hart from Patrolman Grade IV, salary grade 12D, to Patrolman Grade IV, salary grade 12E, effective August 5, 2008, in accordance with the current agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police. Commissioner Rehtin seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otto made a motion to increase the compensation of Cynthia Gallaher, Tax Technician, effective July 18, 2008 from Grade 10F to Grade 10G. Ms. Gallaher has completed six months in her current position. Commissioner Rehtin seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otto made a motion to appoint Brenda Glenn to the position of Seasonal Camping/Concession Worker effective August 6, 2008 through the 2008 Park Season with compensation set at \$9.54 per hour. Commissioner Hayden seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otto made a motion to appoint Robert Huston to the position of part time Maintenance Worker at Lakeside Terrace Senior Center Apartments effective August 4, 2008 with compensation set at Grade 6L. Commissioner Rehtin seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otto made a motion to appoint Brett Ruschman to the Campbell County Cable Board to fill the unexpired term of Dave Guidugli who resigned. Said appointment is effective August 6, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Commissioner Rehtin seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otto made a motion to reappoint Fred Macke, Jr. to the Northern Kentucky Water District Board. Said appointment is effective August 27, 2008 through August 26, 2012. Commissioner Rehtin seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otto made a motion to appoint David Boden to the Southern Campbell Fire District for a term of four years. Said appointment is effective August 6, 2008 through June 30, 2012. Commissioner Rehtin seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon the conclusion of New Business, Commissioner Otto requested reports from the fiscal court members. Neither Commissioners Rehtin nor Hayden had reports to submit.

County Attorney Verst had no report.

Commissioner Otto then requested reports from Staff. Robert Horine, County Administrator, presented Resolution R-87-08 to the Court for consideration. The Resolution was read by title and a summary given. This resolution authorizes the judge/executive to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to accept grant funds for emergency generators. Mr. Horine stated the amount of grant funds for these generators is \$15,000.00. The generators will be used at radio sites for the Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Center. They will enhance the safety of the dispatch system. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion for the court to adopt R-87-08. Commissioner Hayden seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horine announced that the county is scheduled to sell bonds next week to help finance the construction of the new county administration building. The county has been reviewed by Moody Investors Services that provide ratings for the issuance of those bonds. Mr. Horine stated that the county has received an upgrade in their financial rating to AA-3. This rating is due to the good financial management of the fiscal court and the solid economic position in the community.

Commissioner Otto then announced that on August 22, 2008 at 2 p.m. there will be a media event on Adventure Tourism for the Northern Kentucky River Region held at A. J. Jolly Park. This event is jointly sponsored by the Campbell County Fiscal Court and the Conservation District Farmland Work Group in connection with the State of Kentucky. Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo is tentatively scheduled to be present.

The Fiscal Director's Report was then provided by Mr. Jim Seibert, Director of Fiscal Affairs. Mr. Seibert asked the court for permission to authorize his staff to solicit bids for the painting of the Alexandria Courthouse. These bids would be for two different options: (1) for a complete paint job and (2) for touch-ups as needed. Commissioner Rechtin asked how long it had been since the last painting and Mr. Seibert said it was approximately four years ago. Commissioner Otto made a motion to authorize staff to solicit bids for painting, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then presented Resolution R-86-08 to the Court for consideration. The Resolution was read by title and summary given. It approves the FY2009 tax rate for the Campbell County Local Board of Health. This year's rate is 2.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to adopt R-86-08, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to acknowledge for the record that Treasurer Diane Bertke has completed the FY2008 Treasurer's Report as required by Kentucky Revised Statutes. Commissioner Hayden seconded by motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to authorize staff to purchase two Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor Package Units under Kentucky State Contract Pricing. The cost is \$20,266.00 per unit, for total cost of \$40,532.00. This is the same price as the 2008 purchase. These vehicles will be used by the police department. Commissioner Otto seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims as presented, including the supplemental claim. County Attorney Verst stated he reviewed the claims and all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Hayden and seconded by Commissioner Otto. Commissioner Rechtin questioned the different bank cards and asked if they could be consolidated for possible savings. Mr. Seibert stated he would look into this matter. Commissioner Rechtin also asked about a late charge fee. Mr. Seibert said it was from items purchased by jail personnel and could not be recouped. He will speak to them about getting their

