

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

May 18, 2011

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

Preceding the opening of the Fiscal Court meeting, a public hearing was held at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on possible uses of Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) and County Road Aid (CRA) funds. Present at the hearing were:

Steve Pendery, Campbell County Judge Executive
Pete Garrett, County Commissioner
Brian Painter, County Commissioner
Kenneth Rechtin, County Commissioner
Steve Franzen, County Attorney
Robert Horine, County Administrator
Melissa Williams, Director of Administration
Paula Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk
Jim Seibert, Director of Fiscal Affairs
Colonel Keith Hill, Campbell County Police Department

Jim Seibert opened the public hearing by explaining the history and purpose of the LGEA funds. Traditionally the County did not receive a lot of money from this fund, and will not receive any for this current fiscal year. Mr. Seibert advised that the County will receive \$616,257 in CRA funds from the State this year. He asked if there were any comments about specific uses for these funds. JR Roth representing the Northern Kentucky Concrete Industry stated that 99% of the roads in Campbell County are asphalt. He suggested that the County look at using concrete instead of asphalt on future road projects. There being no further comments, Mr. Seibert closed the public hearing.

In attendance at the regular 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

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 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 Mayors' Meeting of April 26, 2011, regular meeting of May 4, 2011 and special meeting of May 11, 2011 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett 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.

JR Roth wanted to confirm that the first reading of the budget was on the agenda, and that the budget would be available to the public after the meeting. He then asked when the Fiscal Court would take comments from the public about the budget. Judge Pendery replied that once the public sees the budget they are welcome to contact the Fiscal Court with questions or comments. There will be another Fiscal Court meeting before the second reading.

Judge Pendery called on Dale Edmondson, Executive Director, Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Center, to present his 2010 Annual Report. Mr. Edmondson started by giving a history of the Consolidated Dispatch Center which was formed in 1999. He explained the composition of the Board of Directors. He then listed the administrative staff positions and number of dispatchers and supervisors. Mr. Edmondson described the equipment that is used by the dispatchers. He advised that they have ten remote equipment sites throughout Campbell County. Mr. Edmondson relayed statistics on call data from 2010 and discussed the increase in the number of wireless versus wire-line calls. The decrease in wire-line usage and inability of local governments to place a surcharge on wireless phones has resulted in less revenue for dispatch centers. He addressed the future of telecommunications technology, and the Next Generation 911, and the challenges it will present for the Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Center. Mr. Edmondson answered questions from the Fiscal Court and the audience.

There being no old business, Melissa Williams presented new business by requesting a motion to proclaim May 2011 as Drug Court Month in Campbell County. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-49-11 was read by title and summary given. R-49-11 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute an agreement with the Southern Campbell County Fire District to excavate topsoil in preparation of the installation of an ADA compliant sidewalk at the Fire Department. In return for the County's excavation services, the Fire District will allow the Fiscal Court to use its meeting facilities. Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to adopt R-49-11, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-50-11 was read by title and summary given. R-50-11 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute an addendum to the contract with the City of Alexandria for weed cutting along City streets and for the City's assistance with crack sealing on County roads. The

County will cut weeds along the following streets in Alexandria: Poplar Ridge Road, Orchard Lane, Enzweiler Road, Sylvan Drive and at the Alexandria Community Park. In return the City will assist the County with crack sealing on County roads. The County and City of Alexandria have had this arrangement for at least ten years. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-50-11, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Ordinance O-08-11 was read by title and summary given. O-08-11 establishes the Campbell County Jobs Development Program. This program is recommended by Adam Caswell, President of the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority, to induce the location of certain new businesses into the County and to promote the expansion of existing businesses. This is a first reading, and no action is required. Mr. Caswell explained the intent of the program, the types of businesses it is aimed at, and some of the incentives. He stated that this program will distinguish Campbell County from other Northern Kentucky Counties that do not have anything like it.

A motion was requested to appoint the following individuals to the Campbell County Reapportionment Commission effective May 18, 2011: Kevin Sell, Neal Bedel and Martin Due. The Reapportionment Commissioners will be compensated at the rate of \$25 per meeting beginning with their first meeting on May 31, 2011. Ms. Williams advised that the required notice for the plan reapportionment was published in the Campbell County Recorder. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Painter stated that in January we rode along with Road Department employees while they were clearing streets of snow. At that time they told him that it was better to use salt rather than fly ash for treating the roads. This winter they will try using just salt for the roads, which will enable the County to delete the capital outlay item for a new fly ash storage building from the preliminary budget.

Commissioner Rehtin stated that he attended a recent Northern Kentucky Forum and the topic for the meeting centered around the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission, planning in Northern Kentucky and the changing demographics. He enjoys the forums and recommends it to anybody if they have the opportunity to attend.

Commissioner Rehtin thanked Judge Pendery for having guests like Dale Edmondson at the Fiscal Court meetings. It is good to get insight into different agencies such as TANK, Sanitation District No. 1 and the Water District who have attended in the past. He suggested guests for future meetings from: Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Tri-County Economic Development Authority, Northern Kentucky Area Development District, Southbank, Northern Kentucky Convention Center, and Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission.

Judge Pendery announced two upcoming events sponsored by the Campbell County Solid Waste Department: a tire amnesty to be held on May 19 through 21, 2011 and the annual River Sweep event on June 18, 2011.

Jim Seibert requested a motion to adopt a standing order for pre-approval of certain expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012. These expenses include things such as payroll and utility bills. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for May 18, 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.

Ordinance O-07-11 was read by title and summary given. O-07-11 relates to the annual budget and appropriations of Campbell County, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (FY12). Judge Pendery stated that the budget format is in a form prescribed by State law and there are other statutory requirements that must be met in the budget process. He explained that the budget is a work in progress and involves a number of meetings to reach a consensus among the Fiscal Court members. Judge Pendery stated that the budget as introduced for a first reading continues to reflect the effects of the economic downturn. He stated that expenditures will be kept as flat as possible without reducing services. There will be no new positions created, vacancies will not be filled unless necessary to maintain acceptable delivery of services, capital expenditures will be deferred whenever possible, and there will be no funding for road resurfacing for the third straight year. He listed areas of concern as: rising pension plan costs, decrease in the revenues to offset jail costs, and increasing medical insurance premiums. Judge Pendery stated that they plan to actively explore options regarding the golf course and continue to work with other cities and public agencies across Northern Kentucky to identify opportunities to deliver better services in a more cost efficient manner. He stated that this is the first reading of the budget, and there will be time for public comments and questions before the second reading on June 15, 2011. Judge Pendery advised that the real estate tax rates are not set until August/September, and any fee increases will be considered as needed. He addressed a few questions from the audience.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Attachments:

Proclamation	Drug Court Month
Resolution R-49-11	Agreement with Southern Campbell County Fire District
Resolution R-50-11	Contract with City of Alexandria
Ordinance O-08-11	Jobs Development Program
Ordinance O-07-11	Fiscal Year 2012 Budget
Claims and Supplemental Claims of May 18, 2011	

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk