

CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT MINUTES

April 21, 2010

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Fiscal Court Chambers at 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

**COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
KENNETH RECHTIN**

Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
James A. Daley	County Attorney
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Director
Keith Hill	Chief of Police
David Plummer	Solid Waste Coordinator
Peter Klear	Planning and Zoning Director

Judge Penderly stated that he would save the recognition of any citizens that would like to address the Fiscal Court until later in the meeting.

Judge Penderly announced that they would proceed with the guests that were present.

Judge Penderly presented Fran Reitman with a plaque in recognition of her years of service on the Campbell County and Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission. Ms. Reitman served on the Commission from 1998 through March 2010. Ms. Reitman is also a member of the Campbell County Board of Adjustments and is the County's representative on the Sanitation District No. 1 Board.

Next, Judge Penderly called on Dr. G. Edward Hughes, President and CEO of Gateway Community and Technical College to begin his presentation. Dr. Hughes explained that Gateway is one of sixteen community and technical colleges that make up the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) which is designed to increase access to post-secondary education throughout the Commonwealth. These 16 colleges, spread out over 65 campuses, means that an individual in Kentucky is within about a 30 minute drive of either a main campus or extension campus. KCTCS focuses on three things: workforce preparation, transfer of education, and preparing individuals for college and workforce readiness. Dr. Hughes outlined Gateway's vision, strategic plan and a brief history of KCTCS. Over the last 7-8 years, Gateway has built several new buildings and has plans for a new urban campus. The school has

experienced rapid enrollment growing 500% since 1998. Their focus is on high wage, high growth jobs. Almost 20% of Gateway's student body is Campbell County residents. Among its other partners, Gateway works with McCormick Area Technical Center in Campbell County. About one third of the students in technical programs in one of the four area technology centers come from McCormick. Students in these programs can start earning credits while they are in high school. Dr. Hughes stated that Gateway works with 10-15 Campbell County businesses by providing customized training generally at the business site. They also provide Continuing Education Units (CEU) for individuals in licensed professions who require ongoing training to retain their license. Dr. Hughes announced that Gateway will open the Center for Advanced Manufacturing in June 2010 at its Boone County campus, and plans to develop a new campus in Covington to increase access to residents of the Campbell County urban core.

Tim Nolan, citizen, asked how many people Gateway employs, and how many of them are in Campbell County. Dr. Hughes stated that they have about 108 full time employees; he is not sure of the number in Campbell County. Mr. Nolan then asked if Gateway has a facility in Campbell County other than at McCormick. Dr. Hughes replied that they do not. Mr. Nolan asked Dr. Hughes if he was not embarrassed to speak at this meeting and talk about having 20% of their students from Campbell County, yet they are doing nothing for Campbell County. Dr. Hughes stated that they are doing a number of things for Campbell County residents. Mr. Nolan stated that Gateway does not pay any taxes to Campbell County. Judge Pendery suggested that Mr. Nolan may want to talk to Dr. Hughes privately. Commissioner Rechtin stated that he sees advertisements on television for other colleges, and asked if they are competition for Gateway; there has been a lot of growth in the for-profit sector. Dr. Hughes admitted that there has been an introduction of a number of for-profits in the Tri-State area, but they are really not competition. Gateway's goal is public access to post-secondary education. Their best form of financial aid is to keep tuition low, provide scholarships and enable students to extend PELL grants. Dr. Hughes pointed out that even with all of the colleges and universities in this area, we still have a baccalaureate rate far below the national average. Commissioner Rechtin asked if there is a standard that must be met to enter Gateway's pre-college program. Dr. Hughes stated that there is no set standard; Gateway will assist students to obtain a GED, provide literacy training or whatever skill-building they may need to be successful in college. He explained that every student takes a placement test and students are not allowed to move beyond 12 credit hours until their English, math and reading skills are adequate for college work. Commissioner Hayden asked how Gateway accommodates students who work and wish to attend school at night. Dr. Hughes stated that about 90% of their students work at least one job; many students attend classes only at night or weekends, and about one quarter of the students take courses on-line. Gateway also subsidizes students who use TANK to get to and from school. Dr. Hughes stated that the barriers of success for students are childcare, transportation and the ability to pay tuition. One of Gateway's goals is to have a childcare facility either on or near every campus. Judge Pendery thanked Dr. Hughes for his presentation.

At 6:15 p.m., Judge Pendery requested a roll call to establish that there was a quorum. Commissioner David Otto was absent. In attendance were:

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Judge Pendery suggested that the Fiscal Court first will consider a resolution that was listed under the County Administrator's report. Resolution R-58-10 was read by title and summary given. R-58-10 names the connector road between Old Alexandria Pike and US 27 as "Cooper Bain Road". Elaine Randall, a teacher at Reiley Elementary School, explained how fourth grade student Victoria Thomas expressed her idea to have the new connector road named in memory of Janie Bain a popular teacher at Reiley who died in 2009. Victoria Thomas read the letter that she composed requesting that the road be named in honor of Ms. Bain. Janie Bain's sister thanked Victoria for her idea and for honoring her sister's memory. Commissioner Hayden made a motion to adopt R-58-10, seconded by Commissioner Rechlin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. Judge Pendery offered to allow the school to have a ceremony when the street sign is installed and offered to attend the ceremony.

Minutes from the regular Fiscal Court meeting held on April 7, 2010 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechlin, seconded by Commissioner Hayden, to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no old business, Melissa Williams presented new business beginning with a Proclamation declaring May 2010 as Drug Court Month in Campbell County. Judge Pendery read the Proclamation and then presented it to Paul Dierig, Program Supervisor for the Kenton/Campbell County Drug Court. Mr. Dierig recognized the Campbell County Police Department for the assistance that they provide to the Drug Court workers.

A Proclamation was then presented to proclaim the week of April 18 through April 24, 2010 as Volunteer Appreciation Week in Campbell County. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechlin, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Ms. Williams presented Ordinance O-04-10, which was read by title and summary given, for a first reading. O-04-10 enacts and adopts the 2010 S-20 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the County of Campbell, Kentucky (July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009). This supplement contains legislation adopted by the Fiscal Court through December 31, 2009. It is a first reading and requires no action at this time. Tim Nolan, citizen, asked if the Fiscal Court complied with KRS 67.030 and advertised that the Court is meeting outside of the County seat before considering this ordinance. James Daley replied that this issue is the subject of pending litigation and therefore would not discuss it. The ordinance will be advertised after its first

reading. Mr. Nolan asked if this meeting was advertised for tonight since it is being held outside of the County seat. Mr. Daley stated that the Fiscal Court has no response.

Resolution R-49-10 was read by title and summary given. R-49-10 authorizes the execution of a Standard Service Agreement and Easement between Insight Kentucky Partners II, LP and the Campbell County Public Properties Corporation to provide cable TV service at Lakeside Terrace Apartments. This is a renewal of the agreement with Insight and will apply to the units using cable TV service as of April 1, 2010. The monthly rate for these users will increase from \$10.00 to \$13.50. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-49-10, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. JR Roth, citizen, asked why cable is not present to tape the meeting; he was told that cable had been notified of the meeting, but it was not known why they were not here. He then asked if cable TV service at Lakeside Apartments was subsidized and if anybody could get the same rate for cable TV service that the residents of Lakeside Terrace Apartments are getting. Ms. Williams replied that the service is not subsidized and that the reduced rate was only available to residents of the Lakeside Terrace Apartments.

Resolution R-52-10 was read by title and summary given. R-52-10 acknowledges acceptance of the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program Grant in the amount of \$47,852.00 for Fiscal Year 2009 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant funds are used to pay the salary and benefits for the Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator in the Housing Department. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-52-10, seconded by Commissioner Hayden, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-50-10 was read by title and summary given. R-50-10 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute an Agreement between the Campbell County Extension Service and the Campbell County Recreation Department to provide mowing and trimming services to the Campbell County Extension Environmental Center during 2010. This is an annual agreement by which the Recreation Department mows and trims at the Extension Service's Environmental Center in AJ Jolly Park, and in return the Extension Service will mow and trim at the Campbell County Senior Citizens Center adjacent to the Extension Office. This arrangement saves both entities from transporting equipment and workers to other areas. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-50-10, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-51-10 was read by title and summary given. R-51-10 authorizes the Judge/Executive to accept grant funds from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Animal Control Advisory Board to be used to spay or neuter dogs and cats adopted from the Campbell County Animal Shelter. The amount of the grant funds is \$500 which allows continuation of the program that gives individuals who adopt a dog or cat a \$25 voucher toward spay or neuter of the animal. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-51-10, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-53-10 was read by title and summary given. R-53-10 approves a transfer of Senior Citizen Tax Funds from the Salvation Army to Cardinal Hill for Fiscal Year 2010. The Salvation Army has discontinued its adult day care program and the clients have been transferred to Cardinal Hill. It has been requested that the funds for the program also be transferred to

Cardinal Hill. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-53-10, seconded by Commission Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-54-10 was read by title and summary given. R-54-10 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute an amended agreement with the Camp Springs Volunteer Fire Department to provide gravel transportation services for the Camp Springs Volunteer Fire Department. This agreement provides that the County Road Department will haul and spread gravel bought by the Camp Springs Volunteer Fire Department at the Fire Department's lot, and in return the Fire Department will allow the Road Department to park equipment on its lot if needed. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-54-10, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-55-10 was read by title and summary given. R-55-10 authorizes the annual preventative maintenance inspection agreement with Federal Field Services, LLC for inspection and testing of outdoor warning sirens. The cost of this annual agreement is \$4,200. Commissioner Hayden made a motion to adopt R-55-10, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. JR Roth, citizen, asked how many sirens are covered under the agreement. Melissa Williams stated that there are a total of 19 sirens. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-56-10 was read by title and summary given. R-56-10, pursuant to KRS 64.530, sets the compensation of County Commissioners, County Coroner, and County Attorney for the term of elected office beginning January 1, 2011. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-56-10, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Melissa Williams requested a motion to appoint the following seasonal employees for the 2010 Park Season effective April 5, 2010: Luke Buechel and Larry Smith as Park Maintenance Workers at an hourly rate of \$9.91. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to recommend to the Campbell County Local Board of Health the reappointment of Emma Shipp, RN to the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Board for a two year term effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Dale Edmondson and David Guethlein as Campbell County Fiscal Court's representatives on the SOSINK Steering Committee, and further appointing William R. Turner and Todd Straman as alternate representatives. William Turner, OEM Director, recommends these appointments. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. Jim Pfister, citizen, asked what SOSINK stands for, and if it is a conflict of interest to have the Emergency Management Director as a representative on the Committee. Judge Pendery stated that Mr. Turner, as the County's Emergency Manager, should be a representative or alternate on the Committee. Chief Keith Hill explained that SOSINK stands for Southwest Ohio, Southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky. It is a regional board that distributes Federal Homeland Security Funds equally in the region.

Ms. Williams presented two items for the County Administrator in his absence. Both deal with Evergreen Cemetery Company, a non-profit company that will be using inmates to maintain the cemetery. In order to do that, they need a van to transport the inmates. The Fiscal Court became aware of a vehicle that was available from the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) that it could obtain and then lease to Evergreen Cemetery Company. Evergreen will provide insurance coverage on the vehicle, pay for any maintenance costs and return the van to the County when they no longer need it. A motion was requested to accept title to a 2002 Dodge Grand Caravan offered by the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rechlin. Commissioner Hayden asked about the agreement between Evergreen Cemetery and the jail regarding use of the inmates. James Daley explained that inmates are part of the work release program that provides assistance to non-profit agencies. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-57-10 was read by title and summary given. R-57-10 authorizes a vehicle lease to Evergreen Cemetery Company. Judge Pender made a motion to adopt R-57-10, seconded by Commissioner Rechlin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery advised that Campbell County is lagging behind other Northern Kentucky Counties in the percentage of people participating in the census. James Daley and Jim Seibert both stated that they did not receive a census questionnaire. JR Roth stated that he received a 400-question questionnaire that he does not intend to return.

Judge Pendery announced that Campbell County Solid Waste is sponsoring a "Shred Day" on May 1, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Campbell County Library in Cold Spring. This event allows citizens to dispose of personal documents in a safe and effective manner.

Judge Pendery announced that the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Action Coalition, Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing and the Northern Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste Action Coalition are sponsoring an event on April 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Toyota Headquarters in Erlanger to allow citizens to dispose of unwanted hazardous waste.

Finally, Judge Pendery announced that a Campbell County Mayors meeting will be held on April 27, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fiscal Court Chambers.

Jim Seibert presented Resolution R-46-10 which was read by title and summary given. R-46-10 requests the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to reimburse the Fiscal Court for transportation of non-public school students for the 2009-2010 school year. Commissioner Rechlin made a motion to adopt R-46-10, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims as presented for April 21, 2010. County Attorney Jim Daley stated that he has reviewed the claims and all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechlin, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A citizen asked why occupation license fees are mailed to Columbus, Ohio, and not to the local office. Judge Pendery replied that there is a locked box in Columbus for security reasons; he stated that this method was suggested by the auditors. Jim Seibert stated that when they bid for banking services the bank's (Chase Bank) locked box was located in Columbus. He stated that it doesn't make much difference because it goes directly into the County's account. The citizen stated that the County is doing business with people in Ohio, who are getting paid by Kentucky people, but are not paying local payroll tax. He stated that there are banks in Kentucky such as Farmers Bank in Frankfort who he believes handles all of the State's business. Mr. Seibert stated that the County is likely to advertise for bids for banking services soon; he was waiting for the banking crises to settle down. He stated that it would likely be in the next fiscal year. The citizen asked if it was cheaper than having people in the office do the work. Mr. Seibert explained that it is more secure to have outside people handling money. Judge Pendery stated that the auditors suggest that an external agency handle the money, and when you bid for banking services and accept the low bid, you may have circumstances like this. The citizen stated that all of the property taxes go to the Sheriff, do they have the same situation. Mr. Seibert stated that he does not believe that the Sheriff has a locked box; they handle their money directly. The Sheriff is a state office, not a county office. Commissioner Rehtin stated that every year the Sheriff's auditors recommend that the responsibility be segregated and that payments be sent to a locked box.

Erik Hermes asked for an update on the energy conservation project for the County's buildings regarding electric and lighting. Melissa Williams advised that Robert Horine has been in discussions on this issue but does not have a recommendation at this time; he will likely have a report in May or June.

JR Roth commented on the "spy in the sky" in the room, and asked if meetings are both audibly and visually recorded. Judge Pendery stated that there are security cameras scattered around the building. Melissa Williams advised that unless cable is present to tape the meeting, it is only recorded for audio.

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

Attachments:

Resolution R- 58-10	Name Connector Road as Cooper Bain Drive
Proclamation	Drug Court Month – May 2010
Proclamation	Volunteer Appreciation Week – April 18-24, 2010
Ordinance O-04-10	Adopt Supplement to Code of Ordinances
Resolution R-49-10	Renew Agreement for Cable TV at Lakeside Terrace Apartments
Resolution R-52-10	Accept Family Self-Sufficiency Program Grant Funds from HUD
Resolution R-50-10	Agreement with Extension Service for Mowing/Trimming Services
Resolution R-51-10	Accept Grant Funds for Spay/Neuter Program
Resolution R-53-10	Transfer Senior Citizen Tax Funds to Cardinal Hill
Resolution R-54-10	Amend Agreement with Camp Springs Volunteer Fire Department
Resolution R-55-10	Maintenance Agreement for Inspection of Outdoor Warning Sirens

Resolution R-56-10 Set Compensation for County Commissioners, Coroner and Attorney
effective January 1, 2011
Resolution R-57-10 Lease of Vehicle to Evergreen Cemetery Company
Resolution R-46-10 Request Reimbursement for Transportation of Non-public School Students
Claims of April 21, 2010.

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Campbell County Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer
Fiscal Court Clerk