

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

June 20, 2012

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, 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
Peter Klear	Planning and Zoning Director
David Plummer	Solid Waste Coordinator

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 Fiscal Court regular meeting of June 6, 2012 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Garrett to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery called on Adam Caswell, President of the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority to present his report on UpTech. Mr. Caswell began by announcing that he will be leaving the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority as of July 1, 2012 and thanked the Fiscal Court for their support during his time with the Authority. He then briefly described UpTech, a business accelerator whose goal is to attract high tech businesses to the area and the benefits that these businesses will receive. UpTech has invested in eight businesses which opened earlier this month. Five of the winners introduced themselves and briefly described their

businesses. Mr. Caswell named the other three winners who were unable to attend. Judge Pendery welcomed the winners. He stated that the Fiscal Court is proud and happy to have them here and offered the County's help if needed. Commissioner Rehtin pointed out that no government money is provided to these businesses; it is an investment from the community.

Judge Pendery invited comments from the public.

Kevin Gordon, Wilder, spoke about the history of Lakeside Terrace stating that it had been a self-sustaining asset of the County for 43 years. At some point he believes that the County decided that they did not need to upgrade or modernize the apartments as they became vacant, and determined that hopefully they could sell Lakeside when the loan was paid off in February 2010. He stated that nothing has been done to dispel rumors that Lakeside Terrace will be sold to Northern Kentucky University for use as dormitories. Mr. Gordon then talked about the meeting with residents on May 22, 2012 where they were told that Lakeside Terrace would be closed as of February 2013, and advised that some of the people present at this meeting are residents of Lakeside Terrace. He suggested that the Fiscal Court consider renovating the facility similar to what was done at Golden Towers. Frank Redden and several other residents of Lakeside addressed the Fiscal Court with issues such as waiting lists at other senior citizen apartment buildings, what they like about living at Lakeside Terrace and costs of moving. Vivian Huston, Jill Fessler and Brady Webster, who have relatives or friends living at Lakeside told the Fiscal Court about their concerns. Charlie Coleman, Father Jerry Reinersman, Erik Hermes and other individuals also expressed concerns and questioned the Fiscal Court's estimate to renovate the facility. Judge Pendery addressed their questions and explained how the Fiscal Court came to its decision to close the facility. Commissioner Rehtin agreed that the building is no longer suitable for its current use and requested that the Fiscal Court assign a case worker to each resident to assist them in finding new housing.

There being no old business, Melissa Williams presented new business with a first reading of Ordinance O-07-12 by title and summary. O-07-12 updates the official list of roads in Campbell County, Kentucky, that will be controlled and maintained by the Campbell County Fiscal Court, and amending Ordinance O-03-11 to add the following roads to said official list: Alexandria Pike, Bud Pogue Way and Cooper Bain. Also modifying the lengths of the following existing County roads: Bob Huber Drive and South Licking Pike. No vote was taken since this was a first reading.

Resolution R-68-12 was read by title and summary given. R-68-12 authorizes the Judge/Executive to apply for an extension of the 2011 Spay and Neuter Grant from the Department of Agriculture's Animal Control Advisory Board. The Fiscal Court received a \$2,000 grant to provide vouchers for spay/neuter services to individuals adopting dogs or cats from the Animal Shelter. This request will extend the deadline for use of these funds until December 31, 2012. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-68-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-69-12 was read by title and summary given. R-69-12 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. These funds will be used to assist the County with the cost of replacing the California Cross Road bridge. Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to adopt R-69-12, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-70-12 was read by title and summary given. R-70-12 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a professional services agreement with Cardinal Engineering Corporation in the amount of \$16,700 for design of the California Cross Road bridge replacement. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-70-12, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-71-12 was read by title and summary given. R-71-12 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a professional services agreement with Civil Solutions Associates in the amount of \$3,500 for design of the California Cross Road bridge replacement. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-71-12, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to grant a three percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all non-represented eligible employees of the Campbell County Fiscal Court effective July 1, 2012. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to grant a three percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all non-supervisory employees of the Road and Recreation Departments, excluding seasonal employees, effective July 1, 2012 pursuant to the working agreement with AFSCME Local 286. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Hal M. Wendling to the Tri-ED (Tri-County Economic Development Corporation) Board of Directors for a three-year term effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Chuck Heilman to the Sanitation District No. 1 Board of Directors for a four-year term effective July 15, 2012 through July 14, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Fred Macke Jr. to the Northern Kentucky Water Service District Board for a four-year term effective August 27, 2012 through August 26, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Cindy Minter to the Campbell County & Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission for a four-year term effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Tony Pfeffer to the Campbell County & Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission for a four-year term effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rechlin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Painter stated that the Fiscal Court is trying to be consistent in efforts to reduce costs in the budget. For instance, the Commissioners voted to not increase their pay rate; they wanted to take care of the employees first. He can point to cost savings measures in the last year and one half and they are working on more ways to reduce. Commissioner Painter stated that personally he sees government overspending as a threat to our liberties. He stated that the County must keep the roads maintained and it must push back on unfunded mandates from Frankfort. It takes time and a lot of effort to scale back and he thanked everybody for their efforts to reduce spending.

Commissioner Rechlin advised that Adam Edelen, the State Auditor was in town last week to talk about special districts in Kentucky. There are more special districts in northern Kentucky than any other part of the State; he named some of these special districts. Commissioner Rechlin thought that all of the special districts filed uniform financial reporting statements, but that is not true. It is unknown exactly how many special districts are in Kentucky and how much they tax. These are taxing authorities that have no direct recall system. He stated that there are no teeth in the state statutes regulating these districts. There needs to be an accounting of how many districts there are and how much taxes are being collected and spent. The Auditor wants to create an online database of these districts so that anybody can look at it. He encouraged the special districts to respond to the Auditor with the requested information. Commissioner Rechlin further stated that elected officials should be appointed to special district boards to provide more accountability.

Judge Pendery requested a motion to hold a special Fiscal Court meeting on Friday, June 29, 2012 at 12:00 noon for the purpose of approving the final payment of claims for FY 2012 and for any other needed end of fiscal year purpose. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechlin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery announced that dog tags are now on sale at the Campbell County Animal Shelter and at the County Administration Building for \$5. All dogs and puppies over six months old are required to have a tag due annually on July 1st. This year citizens can print the application form from the County's website and bring or mail it in.

Judge Pendery announced that the 2012 Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour sponsored by the Campbell County Farmland Work Group will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a free self-guided auto tour of 13 working farms in Campbell County.

Jim Seibert requested a motion to award bids for materials used by the Campbell County Road Department for Fiscal Year 2013. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin, seconded by Judge Pendery. Commissioner Painter asked if the alternate bid on culvert pipe has an asphalt coating because it was higher. He was told that it does. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-67-12 was read by title and summary given. R-67-12 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute a contract with Stand Energy Corporation to supply natural gas for use at the Campbell County Detention Center. Mr. Seibert explained that Stand Energy can provide natural gas at a lower rate, but only at the jail due to metering charges. The County should be able to save a significant amount on natural gas costs. Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to adopt R-67-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Ordinance O-06-12 was presented for a second reading by title and summary. O-06-12 relates to the annual budget and appropriations of Campbell County, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (FY13). Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt O-06-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Commissioner Painter stated that the County solicited for bids for road paving and asked if the bids would be submitted before the tax rate is set. Mr. Seibert stated that the bids should be in before the rate is set; the County won't get the rate from the State until August. If the bids are too high, they can chose to not pave certain roads. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-63-12 was read by title and summary given. R-63-12 authorizes the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Public Properties Corporation budget for the Golf Course, Housing Department, Lakeside Terrace Senior Apartments and the Public Properties Fund. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-63-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Commissioner Painter stated that the golf course is expensive to operate. He is pleased that we have the A J Jolly Park Community Development Council to look at ways to further develop the Park and investigate public/private funding arrangements. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims as presented for June 20, 2012. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and determined that all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Commissioner Rechtin 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, Judge Pendery made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-07-12	Update Official List of County Maintained Roads
Resolution R-68-12	Application for Extension of FY2011 Spay/Neuter Grant
Resolution R-69-12	Agreement for Department of Rural and Municipal Aid Funding
Resolution R-70-12	Contract with Cardinal Engineering

Resolution R-71-12 Contract with Civil Solutions Associates
Resolution R-67-12 Contract with Stand Energy Corporation
Ordinance O-06-12 Fiscal Year 2013 General Fund Budget
Resolution R-63-12 Fiscal Year 2013 Public Properties Corporation Budget
Claims of June 20, 2012

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk