

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

August 11, 2004

A special (change of date) meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse, 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

The Fiscal Court meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Judge Pendery. A moment of silence was called for by Judge Pendery, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

In attendance at the Fiscal Court meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
WILLIAM VERST
DAVID OTTO
KENNETH RECHTIN

Laurie Dowell	Campbell County Attorney's Office
Robert Horine	County Administrator
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Affairs Director
Keith Hill	Interim Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Peter Klear	Planning & Zoning Director
Ken Knipper	Director of Office of Emergency Management
Darlana Brown	Director of Housing
Reno Deaton	Solid Waste Coordinator
Naguanda Deaton	Director of Personnel
Pat Dressman	Director of Human Services
Melissa Williams	Administration Director
Sandra Mulligan	Fiscal Court Clerk

Judge Pendery then announced that a public hearing was the first item on the Agenda and requested Jim Seibert, Fiscal Affairs Director, to conduct the hearing. Mr. Seibert opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing was being conducted for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate and for the purpose of introducing for first reading an Ordinance to set the tax rates.

Present at the hearing were:

Steve Pendery	Campbell County Judge/Executive
David Otto	Campbell County Commissioner

Kenneth Rechten	Campbell County Commissioner
William Verst	Campbell County Commissioner
Laurie Dowell	Campbell County Attorney's Office
Keith Hill	Interim Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Robert Horine	County Administrator
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Affairs Director
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Mr. Seibert stated that the County is required by the State to set the rate on property tax rates each year within 45 days after certification of the tax roll, making the deadline September 6, 2004. He noted that the most important rate in the ordinance is the real estate property tax rate, which is unchanged from the previous year. The rate is 10.50 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Mr. Seibert then asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none. He then declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Judge Pendery then proceeded with the Fiscal Court meeting.

Judge Pendery presented the minutes from the Fiscal Court meeting of July 21, 2004 and the Mayors' Meeting of July 27, 2004. It was moved by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Verst that the minutes of July 21, 2004 and July 27, 2004 be approved. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery then recognized and honored two retirees from the Campbell County Fiscal Court family. He stated that David Sandfoss, Chief of the Campbell County Police Department, was retiring after 31 years of service to the Department. He noted that when people enter into public service, there is a great sacrifice given on the part of the employee and their family. In the case of public safety officers, it is a dangerous job, and with all positions, the salaries and benefits are usually less than they are in the private sector. He thanked Chief Sandfoss for the sacrifices he has made over the years and his willingness to serve the public. He noted that Chief Sandfoss has been married to his wife, Anita, for 40 years and they have 4 daughters and 4 grandsons. He thanked Mrs. Sandfoss for her indulgence in helping Chief Sandfoss towards his successful 31-year career. Among Chief Sandfoss' accomplishments are: he began his career with the Campbell County Police Department in April, 1973 as a patrol officer; he ascended through the ranks as a Lieutenant, Assistant Chief and Acting Chief; he became the Chief of Police in May, 1994; he has been a representative on the Dispatch Center Board, the Drug Strike Task Force, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Northern Kentucky Police Chiefs Association, the Campbell County Police Chiefs Association and the Firefighters Education Association. He stated it has been a pleasure to work with Chief Sandfoss, because of his foresight and thoughtfulness.

Judge Pendery then asked if there was anyone present who would like to say a few words about their association with Chief Sandfoss. Bill Voelker of the Police Merit Board thanked Chief Sandfoss for all the work he has done over the years. He stated that the Police Department has grown in professionalism by the quality of people that Chief Sandfoss has drawn to the Department, which he feels is attributable to Chief Sandfoss' leadership. He thanked the Fiscal Court for the opportunity to serve on the Merit Board and work with a person of the quality of Chief Sandfoss.

Judge Pendery stated he believes the Police Department is in exceptional shape with very good personnel in rank and file and leadership in the Department, which is due to Chief Sandfoss' leadership and foresight. Chief Sandfoss' leadership has helped to lay the groundwork to add additional officers to the department, to put police policemen in the schools, and to get the department certified. Judge Pendery offered his congratulations and the congratulations of the Fiscal Court and presented Chief Sandfoss with an engraved watch for his many years of service. Chief Sandfoss thanked Judge Pendery for his kind words and the gift. He stated it has been a pleasure to work for the Campbell County Police Department. His career has been special to him and has meant a lot to him over the years. He feels that his job is done and it is time to move on. He believes the County is in very good shape. He is most appreciative of the confidence the County has shown in him over the years, noting that the Fiscal Court has always listened to the needs of the Police Department and helped it out when possible. Without the cooperation of the Fiscal Court, his officers and staff, none of the accomplishments attributed to him could have been accomplished. He thanked his wife and daughters for their years of support and understanding throughout his career. He stated he was happy to have this occasion take place at the Alexandria Courthouse, because it is special to him since it is where he took the Merit Board test, took the oath for Assistant Chief there, was interviewed there for the job of Police Chief, and took the oath for Chief there. Judge Pendery pointed out that Chief Sandfoss would also be retiring to Florida from the same Courthouse.

Judge Pendery next recognized and honored John David "Davie" Valz, who is retiring from the Road Department after 30 years and 6 months of service. Mr. Valz was present with his parents, and he has a brother and sister-in-law who live in the area. He noted that Mr. Valz likes to travel with his parents and that he is very fond of horse and dog races. His position at the Road Department is the only job he has ever had and he never used any sick time until 2004. He stated that Mr. Valz plans to go to Las Vegas in the near future and enjoy his retirement by traveling. He presented Mr. Valz with an engraved watch and offered his and the entire Fiscal Court's thanks and congratulations to him for his years of service to the County. Mr. Valz thanked Judge Pendery and the Court.

Judge Pendery then requested items of Old Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams presented for second reading and passage consideration Ordinance O-15-04, which she read by title and provided a summary. She explained that this Ordinance enacts and adopts Supplement 2004 S-9 to the Code of Ordinances of Campbell County, Kentucky from July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Ordinance O-15-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented for second reading and passage consideration Ordinance O-16-04, which she read by title and provided a summary. She explained that this Ordinance updates the Official List of Roads in Campbell County, Kentucky, that will be considered controlled and maintained by the Campbell County Fiscal Court and amends Ordinance O-10-04 by adding to the length of Wildflower Court. She noted that Peter Klear, Planning & Zoning Director, was present to answer any questions. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve Ordinance O-16-04. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery next requested items of New Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams advised that the first order of New Business was a motion to acknowledge a Proclamation declaring September 6, 2004 as Dale L. Furtwengler Day in Campbell County, to honor Mr. Furtwengler on his 70th birthday. She noted that Commissioner Otto presented the Proclamation to Mr. Furtwengler at a party in his honor. Commissioner Otto stated that Mr. Furtwengler was very appreciative of the Proclamation. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion and Judge Pendery seconded, to approve the motion. All voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next presented Ordinance O-18-04 for first reading, which she read by title and provided a summary. She explained that this Ordinance allows for the Fiscal Court to review all survey plats, deeds, or other means used to represent land divisions in the County prior to submittal to the Property Valuation Office and/or the County Clerk for recording, sets up policies regarding land divisions on agricultural property, and designates a review board for appeals. She noted that Peter Klear, Planning & Zoning Director, was present to answer any questions and noted that no action was necessary on the Ordinance at this meeting. Commissioner Rehtin inquired as to the appointment process for the review board. Mr. Klear responded that, rather than establishing a new board, if the Ordinance is adopted, his recommendation would be to utilize the Planning Commission and/or its staff as the review authority, and utilize the Board of Adjustments as the appellate board. Since these boards are already established and have the expertise in reviewing land division cases, this appointment process will be his suggestion. Commissioner Rehtin asked if the County Attorney’s office had reviewed the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Klear stated that County Attorney Verst was involved in the drafting of the Ordinance. He also noted that this Ordinance would mirror an addition to the County’s subdivision regulations, which the Planning Commission has already reviewed and approved. Commissioner Rehtin inquired as to whether other counties in the State were pursuing such an Ordinance. Mr. Klear stated that, of the 120 counties, some do not have planning and zoning, or may not have some of the unique characteristics that Northern Kentucky counties experience, such as land in transition. Pendleton, Grant, Boone and Kenton counties are experiencing these developments and Mr. Klear believes those counties are looking to Campbell County to see how this gets done. He noted that a similar ordinance has been done in Maysville, and Mason County also has a similar ordinance. Commissioner Rehtin asked if there were any comments had been received from the agricultural community. Mr. Klear stated he had not heard anything either for or against the issue. He is hopeful this ordinance will protect those who are active in agricultural and farming activities, so that they will be less pressured by people who buy the land and turn it over for residential development. Judge Pendery noted that, since this is a first reading, there will be an opportunity for the Fiscal Court members to get into the issue more thoroughly.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-88-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution endorses Rumpke Corporation's safety program "Slow Down to Get Around," designed to protect the safety of private and public personnel who work in roadways throughout the County and the entire nation. She noted that Greg Pitzer of Rumpke is asking the Court to consider passing this Resolution. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve Resolution R-88-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-89-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this resolution authorizes the application of a grant to the Seasingood Foundation to apply for funds to cover the costs of the Administrative Intern position that was approved in the FY05 budget. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve Resolution R-89-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-90-04, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. She stated that this Resolution authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and the Campbell County Clerk to accept a grant in the amount of \$26,750 to create digital images from microfilm of marriage records. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechtin made a motion and Judge Pendery seconded, to approve Resolution R-90-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion to accept the verbal resignation of Christina Webb, Administrative Assistant at the Campbell County Housing Department, effective July 26, 2004. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rechtin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire for the position of Administrative Assistant in the Housing Department, due to the resignation of Christina Webb. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rechtin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then requested that the motion to appoint a member to the Alexandria Fire Board be tabled, due to lack of finalization of a recommendation. Judge Pendery approved said request.

Ms. Williams next requested a motion to reappoint Janet G. Dosch to the Campbell County Public Library Board for a four-year term, effective October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2008. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Rechtin seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then next requested a motion to appoint Donald E. Grosenbach to the Campbell County Public Library Board for a four-year term, effective October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2008. Mr. Grosenbach replaces Dr. Frank Steely, who is retiring from the Board. The Fiscal Court will send a letter of appreciation to Dr. Steely for his contributions to the success of the

Campbell County Library System. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Otto seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery next requested reports from Staff. Mr. Horine stated he had nothing further to report at this meeting.

Judge Pendery then requested a report from the County Attorney's office. Ms. Dowell advised she had nothing further to report at this meeting.

Judge Pendery next requested reports from the Commissioners. Commissioner Verst reminded everyone that some of the schools are back in session and asked them to be aware of the school buses in the area and drive safely around them and the school children. He also noted that the State had doubled the fines for speeding in school zones to an approximate amount of \$175. Commissioner Otto reported that an applicant had applied for a position with the Detention Center who has trained dogs in jails for use by the handicapped. Commissioner Otto stated that he had reported at a previous meeting on the Paws with Purpose program and would like to see Campbell County institute this program at the Detention Center. The program will allow for training by inmates in the new Restrictive Custody Center of these dogs and provide for a worthwhile community service. He believes this will help to boost the morale and raise self-esteem of the inmates who are interested in training the dogs. Commissioner Rechtin expressed his thanks to Davie Valz for his years of service to the County and stated he had attended Mr. Valz's retirement party that some of his co-workers held in his honor at A.J. Jolly Park. He stated that he had met Mr. Valz's parents and they are a wonderful and loving family. He also thanked Chief Sandfoss for his years of service and stated that, while he had not had a long opportunity to work with him, he is truly a gentleman and did an excellent job while he was with the Department.

Judge Pendery then announced as a reminder that, due to scheduling conflicts, the August 18 regularly scheduled meeting of the Fiscal Court would be held on August 25, 2004, 5:30 p.m., at the Campbell County Fiscal Court Conference Room in Newport. He also stated that the September 1 and September 15 meeting dates were being moved to September 8, 7:00 p.m., at the Campbell County Courthouse in Alexandria and September 22, 5:30 p.m., at the Campbell County Fiscal Court Conference Room in Newport. He then announced the tickets for the Campbell County Senior Citizens Picnic were on sale. The picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2004, at Pendery Park. Cost of the tickets is \$6.00 pre-sale or \$8.00 on the day of the picnic. He then reported that a quarterly Mayors' meeting was held on July 27, 2004. In that session, Mark Policinski, the new Director of OKI, discussed transportation planning for the entire region. OKI will be involved in a corridor study that will take in I-471 and parts of I-275. The County will then have documentation and some engineering work that will be useful in getting changes made within that corridor. This is a federally mandated first step in a process to obtain funding for solutions to traffic problems in that area.

Judge Pendery then asked for a report from the Fiscal Director. Mr. Seibert presented Resolution R-87-04, which he read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. He stated that this resolution authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute a funding agreement with the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments for FY05 in the amount of

\$29,031. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rechlin made a motion and Judge Pendery seconded, to approve Resolution R-87-04. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then presented Ordinance O-17-04 for first reading, which he read by title and provided a summary. He explained that this Ordinance sets the 2004 tax rates for Campbell County and that a public hearing had been held prior to the start of the Fiscal Court meeting for public input. He noted that there were no comments from the public at the hearing. He stated that the property tax rate remains the same as last year at 10.50 cents per \$100 valuation. He advised that no action was necessary on the Ordinance at this meeting, and action would be taken on second reading at the next Fiscal Court meeting.

Mr. Seibert next requested a motion to authorize the purchase of a 4-wheel drive, Ford Half-Ton Pickup Truck w/Topper off of the Kentucky State Contract in the amount of \$19,800 for the Campbell County Animal Shelter. The funding for this purchase has been included in the Capital Project Budget for FY05 and the new truck will replace a 1994 vehicle. There being no further discussion, Judge Pendery made a motion and Commissioner Verst seconded, to approve the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then requested approval of the Claims being presented at this meeting. Ms. Dowell stated that Mr. Verst had reviewed the claims and that they appeared to be appropriate. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Otto made a motion that the claims be approved and paid. Commissioner Verst seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Commissioner Rechlin, seconded by Commissioner Verst, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted "AYE" and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attachments:

Proclamation:	Proclaims September 6, 2004 as Dale L. Furtwengler Day
Ordinance O-15-04:	Adoption of Supplement 2004 S-9 to the Code of Ordinances
Ordinance O-16-04:	Update of Official List of Roads
Ordinance O-17-04:	Approval of 2004 Tax Rates
Ordinance O-18-04:	Home Rule Statute and its Application to the Division of Land
Resolution R-87-04:	Agreement with Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments for FY 05
Resolution R-88-04:	Endorsement of "Slow Down to Get Around" Program
Resolution R-89-04:	Authorization of Grant Application

Resolution R-90-04: Grant Agreement with Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
Claims: August 11, 2004

Approved:

/s/ Steve Pendery
STEVE PENDERY
Campbell County Judge/Executive

Attest:

/s/ Sandra L. Mulligan
Sandra L. Mulligan
Fiscal Court Clerk