

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 3, 2021

A special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. through a live broadcast on Campbell Media and the Fiscal Court Facebook Page.

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GEOFF BESECKER
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

County Attorney Steve Franzen,
County Administrator Matt Elberfeld,
Assistant County Administrator Kim Serra,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Finance Director/Treasurer Marie Schenkel,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Judge Pendery.

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 special meeting of January 20, 2021 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker to approve the minutes. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

At this time, Judge Pendery asked if any comments or questions had been submitted by the public. Ms. Serra replied that none had been submitted via email or on Facebook.

There being no old business, Matt Elberfeld presented new business beginning with a first reading of Ordinance O-02-21. O-02-21 updates the official County Maintained Road List to add Birch Creek Drive (CR 1566) and Darlington Creek Drive (CR1548). These two streets in the Darlington Creek Subdivision are complete, have been inspected, meet the subdivision standards and are recommended for acceptance as County maintained roads. No vote is needed on the first reading of this ordinance.

Resolution R-09-21 was read by title. R-09-21 updates the official County Maintained Road List to change the length for Blangey Road. Mr. Elberfeld explained that previously the Fiscal Court had entered into an agreement with the property owner regarding Blangey Road. In lieu of the County performing expensive slide repairs on Blangey Road, it purchased some property, moved the road and built a T-turnaround. This was less expensive than repairing the slide and the property owner was happy with the outcome. The County Maintained Road List is updated to terminate Blangey Road at the new T-turnaround for a length of 3,450 feet from the start of the road. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-09-21, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire employees for the 2021 Facilities Maintenance, Parks and Golf season. The number of employees and hourly rates had been provided to the Fiscal Court. In accordance with past practice, most of the hourly rates increased by two percent which was the same increase given to other Fiscal Court employees. All of these employees are scheduled as needed – the work is weather dependent and demand dependent. In a few weeks the names of those to be hired will be brought to the Fiscal Court for approval. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the advancement of Lieutenant Gary Downs from Lieutenant I (\$37,287.60/hour or \$77,558.21 annually) to Lieutenant II (\$38,406.20/hour or \$79,884.90 annually) effective February 2, 2021 in accordance with the current Fraternal Order of Police working agreement. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the advancement of Major Jeremy Newberry from his permanent rank of Lieutenant II (\$38,406.20/hour or \$79,884.90 annually) to Lieutenant III (\$39,558.40/hour or \$82,281.47 annually) effective February 22, 2021 in accordance with the current Fraternal Order of Police working agreement. Mr. Elberfeld noted that Jeremy Newberry’s title is Major and he serves as the Major as determined by the Police Chief. His permanent rank according to the FOP agreement is that of Lieutenant. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Neither the County Administrator, nor the County Attorney had a report.

Commissioner Besecker reported that Farmers to Families in conjunction with the US Department of Agriculture will hold a food drive at the Bridge Church, 7906 Alexandria Pike, Alexandria, every Wednesday starting today from 3:00-7:00pm. Campbell County families in need may pick up boxes of food. The Alexandria Police Department and the Food Soldier Hunger Coalition are co-sponsors of the food drive.

Commissioner Lampe reported on the change of leadership at Brighton Center. He wished Tammy Weidinger well in her retirement after serving 39 years at Brighton Center, most recently as President and CEO. She accomplished many wonderful things at Brighton Center which is a great asset to the community. He stated that the Center is in good hands with Wonda Winkler taking over for Ms. Weidinger as President and CEO and the wonderful staff.

Commissioner Painter had no report for the meeting.

Judge Pendery announced that he presented Tammy Weidinger with a Citation from the Fiscal Court last Friday at a drive-thru retirement party for her. He stated that the Brighton Center serves tens of thousands of people in Northern Kentucky every year. It is an incredible asset to our community due in no small part to the contributions of Tammy Weidinger over the years. He congratulated her on a wonderful job and noted that Wonda Winkler, Ms. Weidinger's successor, will be a great community partner and he looks forward to working with her in the future.

Judge Pendery announced that of 32,000 people in the trials for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, one had a serious case of COVID. The vaccines are 100% effective at preventing serious consequences and death and a little less effective if trying to avoid some side effects. There is no reason to not get a vaccine and he encouraged everybody when they get the chance to get vaccinated. He assured everybody that the distribution system in the State and particularly in northern Kentucky is a well-oiled machine and statewide is capable of doing more than 200,000 vaccines a day and locally capable of doing a large multiple of what they are doing now. However, the State cannot get the supply of doses that it needs. The first two weeks the vaccine was available 53,000 doses were delivered to Kentucky, a State with over 4.2 million people. People will have to be patient as there is not enough to get around to everyone. He advised that there is a hierarchy set up by the State based on CDC guidelines outlining who should be vaccinated first and they are working their way through that. It is disappointing and frustrating for people who are trying to get vaccinated because spaces fill up rapidly or there are still people who have priority like those over age 70. The next group will be those over age 60. He asked that everybody be patient; the process is going smoothly but there is just not enough vaccine.

Commissioner Painter asked if Lakeside Christian Church on Buttermilk Pike is the only place where the Health Department is administering vaccines right now. Judge Pendery encouraged people to go to the Northern Kentucky Health Department website for information. In the next couple of weeks, how the vaccine is delivered will change. Other players are getting involved. A plan has been rolled out even though there are not enough doses to go around. They are going to have to take doses away from the hospital and Health Department in order to get pharmacies involved in administering vaccinations. Mr. Elberfeld added that that is the best advice. There will be more locations opening, but where and when is still being worked out. As soon as it is official, the Health Department and the County will get the word out. Judge Pendery again recommended visiting the Northern Kentucky Health Department's website and check back regularly if it says it is booked up. That is the best thing to do right now.

Marie Schenkel presented the Finance Director/Treasurer's report by announcing that there were no interfund transfers for this meeting. She then requested a motion to approve budget transfers dated January 29, 2021. Ms. Schenkel stated that the transfers don't increase the total size of the budget, but reallocate funds to different line items. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Ms. Schenkel then requested a motion to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order dated January 27 and February 3, 2021, and benefits claims dated February 1, 2021. County

Attorney Steve Franzen advised that he has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. Commissioner Lampe agreed with payment of the claims however, recused himself from approving any claims related to employee benefits due to his employer's relationship with those companies. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m. Judge Pendery thanked everybody for joining the meeting.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-02-21 Update the County Maintained Road List for Darlington Creek Drive and Birch Creek Drive

Resolution R-09-21 Update the County Maintained Road List for Blangey Road

Budget Transfers dated January 29, 2021

Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated January 27 and February 3, 2021 and Benefits Claims dated February 1, 2021

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk