

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

August 9, 2006

A special meeting (regular meeting rescheduled) of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2006, at 5:45 p.m., at the Campbell County Court House, 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
KENNETH RECHTIN
MARK HAYDEN
DAVE OTTO

Laurie Dowell	Assistant County Attorney
Robert Horine	County Administrator
Keith Hill	Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Ken Knipper	Office of Emergency Management Director
Melissa Williams	Administration Director & Acting Fiscal Court Clerk
Peter Klear	Director of Planning & Zoning
Jim Seibert	Director of Fiscal Affairs
Jennifer Teipel	Executive Director, Campbell County Cable
Scott Wortman	Cincinnati Enquirer

Meeting began with a tour of the Eastern Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant that is under construction in Alexandria, Kentucky. Judge Pendery, Commissioners Otto and Rechtin, along with Mr. Robert Horine and Ms. Melissa Williams, met at the Alexandria Courthouse at 5:45 p.m. and proceeded to the Plant Site for the tour returning to the Courthouse at 7:00 p.m.

Judge Pendery called for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Judge Pendery presented the minutes from the Fiscal Court meeting of July 19, 2006, and the Campbell County Mayor's Meeting of July 25, 2006. Commissioner Otto made a motion and Commissioner Rechtin seconded to approve the minutes of July 19, 2006, and July 25, 2006. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery then asked if there was anyone present who would like to address the Court on any other issues. There being none, Judge Pendery proceeded with the meeting agenda.

Ms. Jennifer Teipel, Executive Director of the Campbell County Cable Board, was then invited to address the Commission by Judge Pendery. Ms. Teipel thanked Fiscal Court for their strong commitment to the Campbell County Cable Board then continued by presenting background information in regards to the Cable Board. She referred members to the handout presented to them prior to the meeting. Ms. Teipel then addressed the issues of membership, franchise agreements, current telecommunication legislation and the production of "Community Media" which provides community access for government in action. Ms. Teipel pointed out awards recently received along with introducing Mr. Richard Niehause, producer for the Cable Board, to the Court. Mr. Niehause expressed his enthusiasm for the job performed by the Cable Board and thanked the Court for their support. Ms. Cheryl Bell then introduced herself as a producer and also expressed her appreciation for the support of local government. Mr. Brent Smith, also a producer for the Media Center, spoke in support of the Media Center which allows him to serve the community by providing coverage of government meetings and community events. Ms. Teipel then presented a short video for the court members viewing. Upon completion of the video, Ms. Teipel invited questions. Commissioner Hayden thanked Ms. Teipel for her hard work and dedication and requested input in regards to internet access along with regulation and control of the internet. Ms. Teipel stated that currently, the Cable Board does not have a lot of control over the internet; however, it is an issue that is being addressed within federal regulations. There being no additional questions, Ms. Teipel thanked members for the opportunity to speak with them.

Judge Pendery then requested items of Old Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams presented for second reading and passage consideration Ordinance O-10-16, which she read by title and provided a summary to the Court of its consideration. She stated that this ordinance would revise the hours when malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits, both retail package and drink license, may be sold on Sundays. The ordinance would allow the sale of all alcoholic beverages by the drink beginning at 11 a.m. on Sundays at all duly licensed locations, and allows sales to continue on New Year's Eve until 2 a.m. otherwise it reverts back to Midnight on Sunday nights. Commissioner Rechlin made motion and Commissioner Otto seconded to approve O-10-06. Mr. Hayden pointed out that the hours are being extended on Sundays until 2 a.m. only when those Sundays fall on New Year's Eve. Mr. Horine pointed out one other change being bringing in consistency between when malt beverages can be sold on Sunday versus other distilled spirits and wine on Sunday. There used to be a differentiation in that time where malt beverages could be sold at 11 a.m. and other spirits could not be sold until 1 p.m. This ordinance brings consistency with all being sold beginning at 11 a.m. There being no further consideration, all voted "AYE" and the motion was passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery next requested items of New Business be brought before the Court. Ms. Williams presented Resolution R-111-06 which she read by title and provided a summary

to the Court for its consideration. The resolution authorizes the Fiscal Court to accept the proposal of KZJ Design, Inc. to perform bridge construction inspection services on the Jerry Wright Road Bridge. She recalled the agreement where Sanitation District No. 1's contractor, Sunesis, will construct the bridge and the County will provide the inspection services. Commissioner Hayden made motion and Judge Pendery seconded to adopt R-111-06. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams requested tabling of the next item regarding appointment to the position of Part Time Kennel Technician as the individual who was to be appointed accepted a new full time position and is no longer interested. She explained advertising and interviewing will take place prior to making recommendation.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion to appoint Ms. Susan Prather to the position of Executive Secretary/Fiscal Court Clerk (grade 11C) with compensation set at \$32,424.00 annually with the appointment being effective August 10. She pointed out a copy of Ms. Prather's application and resume information, along with a recommendation, are contained within the member's agenda packet. Judge Pendery made motion and Commissioner Otto seconded to appoint Ms. Susan Prather to the position of Executive Secretary/Fiscal Court Clerk. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams requested a motion to adjust the current compensation of Patrolman Thomas Nitschke, Grade III, Patrolman to provide a merit increase now that he has successfully completed six months in the position along with receiving a positive recommendation from his supervisor. Ms. Williams pointed out that most merit increases occur within the July 1 fiscal year time frame however Patrolman Nitschke had not yet been in position for six months. Said increase in compensation is from \$19.25 grade 11C to \$19.73 Grade 11D and would be effective as of August 4, 2006. Judge Pendery made motion and Commissioner Rehtin seconded. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE", and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Williams requested a motion to appoint Mr. Thomas Hater to the Fire District #6 Board of Trustees (Melbourne) to fill the unexpired term of Gerald Tiemeier, who has resigned to become Fire Chief. Ms. Williams recalled that although this is a firefighter appointment, it is a middle of a term thereby reverting back to Fiscal Court to make the appointment. Said appointment shall be effective August 9, 2006 through June 30, 2010. Judge Pendery made motion and Commission Hayden seconded to appoint Thomas Hater to Fire District #6 Board of Trustees. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Williams requested a motion to appoint Ms. Cindy Minter to the Campbell County & Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission. Ms. Minter will fill the unexpired term of Robert Kues, who has resigned. Said appointment will be effective August 9, 2006, through June 30, 2008. Ms. Williams pointed out that Ms. Minter was present in the audience along with a copy of her resume in the binder presented to Commission members. Judge Pendery made motion and Commissioner Otto seconded to appoint

Cindy Minter to the Campbell County & Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to reappoint Mr. Rees Hardy to the Campbell County Police Merit Board for a year term, effective September 7, 2006, through September 6, 2010, was then requested by Ms. Williams. Judge Pendery made motion and Commissioner Rehtin seconded to appoint Mr. Rees Hardy to the Campbell County Police Merit Board. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion was unanimously approved.

At the conclusion of New Business, Judge Pendery requested reports from Staff. Mr. Robert Horine, County Administrator, presented Resolution R-112-06, which he read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. He stated the resolution would authorize the County Judge/Executive to purchase property located at 8330 West Main Street, Alexandria, and to execute necessary documents relating to said purchase. He further explained that the property in question was formerly the Alexandria City Building and would be purchased from the City of Alexandria for the amount of \$264,000.00, the current appraised value as determined in May of 2006. The intention of the purchase is to house the County Clerk and Circuit Clerk Court which are currently located within the Alexandria Court House. The intended move would better serve the community by providing additional space and much needed off-street parking. Mr. Horine stated that upon approval, renovation of the building would begin immediately to expedite the relocation of the involved offices. Judge Pendery reiterated the tremendous need for off-street parking along with the required storage space for the County Clerk's office which can be met through the purchase of the Alexandria City Building. Commissioner Ken Rehtin made motion and Commissioner Otto seconded to approve R-112-06. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Horine then presented Resolution R-113-06 which he read by title and provided a summary to the Court for its consideration. He stated that the resolution authorizes a contract with the Campbell County Firefighters Educational Association regarding funding for Fiscal Year 2007. He recalled that Fiscal Court previously took action on the issue earlier in the year to authorize funding for the fiscal year 2007, however, the Association pointed out that the Fiscal Court's level of support has remained at the same level, \$55,000.00, since 1999. The association has requested a moderate increase to \$58,000.00 due to increased operating expenses, probable replacement of the existing burn building and the need for additional training props and upgrades/replacement of existing props. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Hayden to approve Resolution R-113-06. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Horine explained that one additional item was being considered for this evening; however, work is not complete on the item and would be brought back before the Court at the next meeting.

There being no report from the County Attorney's Office, Judge Pendery invited the reports of the Commissioners. Commissioner Hayden stated earlier he raised concerns regarding internet predators and although there are no quick fixes, it is the obligation of the Court to protect the safety of the residents of Campbell County. He stated he is hearing increased concern among parents regarding their child's safety and he strongly urged the County Attorney, along with County police, to remain vigilant in the protection of the community from internet predators. Judge Pendery stated that education could be the best deterrent to internet crime. He suggested that an article be placed in the next issue of "What's Happening" explaining the protective software available for home computers to guard against such predators. Commissioner Otto suggested that by placing the home computer in an open and easily accessible location, such as the family room, parents can better monitor use of the computer.

Judge Pendery then presented a reminder to the Court that the next Fiscal Court meeting is to be held August 23 in Newport at 5:30 p.m. He announced that the Campbell County Senior Picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 20 at Pendery Park. Tickets are on sale at the Senior Center and at Campbell County Fiscal Court pre-sale for \$6.00 and \$8.00 at the door. He also announced that the Campbell County Animal Shelter will hold an Open House/Adopt-A-Thon on Saturday, August 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in celebration of their 20th anniversary. The Alexandria Fair is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year with the celebration beginning Wednesday, August 30 through Monday, September 4.

The report from the Fiscal Director was then called for by Judge Pendery. Mr. Jim Seibert, Director of Fiscal Affairs, entertained a motion to acknowledge the publication of the 2006 Campbell County Treasurer's Report in the Campbell County Recorder Newspaper as required by Kentucky Revised Statutes. The report was published in the August 3, 2006, edition. Commissioner Ken Rechtin made motion and Commissioner Hayden seconded to acknowledge publication. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Seibert requested the tabling of a motion to authorize staff to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP's) for new software in the Fiscal Department. He explained that new information has been submitted along with additional discussions thereby leading to the request for tabling.

Mr. Seibert then submitted a group of budget transfers to the Court for consideration. Commissioner Rechtin made motion and Commissioner Otto seconded to approve the transfers. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion was unanimously approved.

The claims for August 9, 2006, were then presented to the Court for consideration by Mr. Seibert. Commissioner Dave Otto made motion and Commissioner Hayden seconded to approve the claims presented based upon final review by the County Attorney's Office. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion then occurred regarding the tour of the Eastern Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant which occurred prior to the meeting. Commissioner Otto stated he was most impressed with the expanded capacity of the new plant along with Commissioner Rehtin stating he was impressed with the effort the Sanitation District has exerted in accommodating and buffering the plant from the surrounding community along with the residential feel and design of the buildings. Judge Pendery then provided a brief overview as to the timeline of the construction of the new plant in Campbell County.

There being no further business to come before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-10-06:	Second Reading- Revises Alcohol Sales Hours
Resolution R-111-06:	Accept Proposal for Bridge Construction
Resolution R-112-06:	Purchase of Alexandria City Building
Resolution R-113-06:	CCFFEA Contract
Claims and Transfer:	August 9, 2006

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

MELISSA WILLIAMS
Acting Fiscal Court Clerk