

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

September 5, 2012

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse located at 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
PETE GARRETT
BRIAN PAINTER
KENNETH RECHTIN

Steve Franzen	County Attorney
Robert Horine	County Administrator
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Richard Lucas	Interim Fiscal Director
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Keith Hill	Campbell County Police Chief

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 August 15, 2012 and the special meeting of August 24, 2012 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Painter to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery called on Mark Stallons, CEO of Owen Electric and Allen Ahrman, Board member, to begin their presentation on Owen Electric's services in Campbell County. Mr. Stallons announced that 2012 is the 75th Anniversary of Owen Electric. Electric co-ops are located in 80% of U.S. counties and there are 26 co-ops in Kentucky. Mr. Stallons cited statistics about Owen Electric which now has 57,000 members. He listed the 7 members which compose the Board of Directors. Mr. Stallons then gave a history of Owen Electric which started in 1937 after the 1935 Rural Electric Act was signed by President Franklin Roosevelt. He cited the progress and innovations that have been made over the years and answered questions from the Fiscal Court.

Judge Pendery asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Fiscal Court.

Ken Moellman asked for an update on the golf course. He asked several questions regarding costs being covered by insurance, if there is an estimate of the costs of repairs, an estimate of lost revenue from the golf course, if anybody has been disciplined as a result of the damaged greens and if a detailed report been compiled of the total cost of repairs and loss of revenue. Judge Pendery and Robert Horine responded to his questions with: the costs will not be covered by insurance, the repair costs involve only the cost of seed, fertilizer and use of existing golf course employees, they do not have an estimate of lost revenue or total cost of repairs, and no one has been disciplined for the damage.

Charles Coleman recalled that Judge Pendery made a statement that the same chemical that damaged the greens had been used in the past. Judge Pendery stated that in the beginning they understood that everywhere a certain sprayer was used the grass died; this chemical in the sprayer had been used many times in the past. They then tried to determine whether there were other conditions that caused the grass to die. Since then, there was some testing done which seems to establish that there was a chemical that should not have been applied.

Charles Coleman stated that he is concerned about a political article that is on the front page of the current edition of *What's Happening* and why the other side of the story wasn't printed. Judge Pendery stated that the Fiscal Court does not pay for pages taken by other governmental groups; the individual groups provide their own content for the articles and pay for their own space. Melissa Williams explained each group writes their own content, sends it to the publisher for editing and then pays for the space. The payment covers, editing, publication and mailing.

Jim Pfister asked that when the item comes up on the agenda, that somebody explain why Campbell County needs a mutual aid agreement with a county in Indiana.

Kevin Gordon stated that it is unusual that the library is a ballot issue. He further stated that when you are in the media, you must be careful to give equal time to issues. In the future if there is an issue like the library, the Fiscal Court or people in charge of putting the paper together be aware of that and edit it appropriately. The article in *What's Happening* about the library is definitely a political piece. Melissa Williams advised that the Fiscal Court does not edit the publication and does not see it until it is mailed to everybody. Judge Pendery pointed out that the Fiscal Court only pays for the content it places in the publication. The Fiscal Court does not exert editorial influence and will not do so in the future.

Kevin Gordon asked if an analysis has been done on contracting for IT and Human Resources services as opposed to the current in-house services. Judge Pendery replied that it was a good decision to keep IT and Human Resources in-house. He stated that the Human Resources Director has more expertise than anyone that the Fiscal Court has had in that position before. Judge Pendery stated that he believes that the contracting of COBRA services was the right thing to do also; it lessened the Fiscal Court's liability.

Kevin Gordon asked if Professional Fundraising Concepts that is using space in the Courthouse, is paying occupational license fees and withholding on its employees. Robert Horine stated that the lease of space is with the library and he is unsure whether Professional Fundraising was

required to obtain a license or not. Mr. Gordon asked if there could be an update at the next Fiscal Court meeting.

Kevin Gordon asked if there has been an analysis of expected usage vs. actual usage of the new horse barn and whether it is being rented as much as expected. Robert Horine stated that they expected that the fall would be a prime time for use of the horse campground. This is the first season for the horse campground and they will assess it's success at the end of the season.

Kevin Gordon then asked about the ongoing payment to the Campbell County Fire Protection Association for the maintenance of the training facility. He asked for the history of this arrangement; he understood that this was all started before the fire districts were established and had their own taxing ability. He asked if outside agencies used the facilities as well. Judge Penderly stated that it is less expensive for all of the fire service agencies to use a central training facility and pool their resources. Mr. Gordon suggested that the maintenance of the facilities be funded by the fire districts on a pro rata share based on the number of people in each district. Robert Horine advised that the contribution this year is \$60,000, the same amount as the last five years.

Charles Coleman asked who is leasing space in the Alexandria Courthouse. Robert Horine replied that the library was leasing the space in the Courthouse. They do pay payroll taxes and he will have to look at the lease to see who is responsible for paying the utilities for the space.

There being no old business, Melissa Williams presented new business with a first reading of Ordinance O-10-12 by title and summary. O-10-12 amends Campbell County Ordinance O-19-87 as amended and last amended by Ordinance O-18-11, relating to the Campbell County Detention Center Policy and Procedure Manual sections on Prisoner Rights and on Admission; Searches and Release. Jailer Greg Buckler is updating the Manual and submits the changes to the County Attorney for review before submitting them for adoption by the Fiscal Court. No vote is required on this first reading.

Resolution R-100-12 was read by title and summary given. R-100-12 adopts the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Plan 2013-2017 update. After adopting this plan at the last Fiscal Court meeting, staff was advised that the dates were incorrect. This resolution contains the correct dates. Commissioner Rechlin made a motion to adopt R-100-12, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-104-12 was read by title and summary given. R-104-12 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Kentucky eScrap to supply electronics recycling at the 2012 Fall Campbell County Clean-up. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-104-12, seconded by Commissioner Rechlin. In response to a question, Ms. Williams advised that there is no cost to the County for this service. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-101-12 was read by title and summary given. R-101-12 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Campbell County Fire Protection Association for FY 2013 funding. Commissioner Rechlin made a motion to adopt R-101-12, seconded by

Commissioner Garrett. Commissioner Rechlin stated that a budget proposal was submitted by the Fire Protection Association with the Contract; he would like to see the prior budget and the budgets for the last 3-5 years. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-102-12 was read by title and summary given. R-102-12 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute an Interstate Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Dearborn County, Indiana Board of County Commissioners to provide mutual aid and assistance in time of emergency or disaster. Kentucky law now allows interstate agreements for mutual aid and William Turner, Office of Emergency Management Director recommends entering into this agreement. Judge Pendery stated that if a serious emergency occurred in either county it would be helpful to have access to additional equipment. This contract lays the groundwork to be able to get assistance if needed. The contract covers workers' compensation and liability issues for both parties. It also helps to have this contract in place when FEMA funds are available. Dearborn County was the first to approach Campbell County for this arrangement since the law passed in Kentucky; there will likely be more counties inquiring about it. Commissioner Rechlin made a motion to adopt R-102-12, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-103-12 was read by title and summary given. R-103-12 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute a Block Grant funding application with the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services to award grant monies through Senate Bill 66 Funds for Campbell County ambulance services. The County applies for these funds annually. The funds are divided equally among any agencies that have life squads who have applied. Commissioner Rechlin made a motion to adopt R-103-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the removal of Jerry Allender from the position of Road Maintenance Worker III effective September 5, 2012. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire for the position of Road Maintenance Specialist. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire for the position of Fiscal Director. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to advance Nicholas Blank from Patrolman Grade I to Patrolman Grade II with salary adjustment from Grade 9A (\$17.4675/hr) to Grade 10A (\$18.3409/hr) effective September 11, 2012 in accordance with the current Fraternal Order of Police working agreement. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rechlin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Ashley Stinson to the position of full time Animal Technician at the Campbell County Animal Shelter with compensation set at Grade 6L, \$12.74 per hour

effective September 5, 2012. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Sharon Seiter from the position of full time Animal Technician effective September 5, 2012. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Tina Feters to the position of full time Animal Technician at the Campbell County Animal Shelter with compensation set at Grade 6L, \$12.74 per hour, effective September 5, 2012. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire for two part time Kennel Technicians for the Animal Shelter. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Steve Franzen announced that a Child Support workshop will be held on September 13 at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Fiscal Court Building.

Commissioner Garrett complimented the Police Department on the new logo on the new police cruisers. Chief Hill stated that they got input from all officers and the logo was done by a local company.

Judge Pendery announced that the Senior Picnic will be held on September 19, 2012 beginning at Noon at Pendery Park.

Judge Pendery requested a motion to change the Fiscal Court meeting scheduled for September 19, 2012 to September 20, 2012 due to the Senior Picnic. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Richard Lucas requested a motion to accept the bid of Quast Paving in the amount of \$29,616.00 for paving and repair of various parking lots. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to solicit bids for the replacement of the California Crossroad Bridge over 12 Mile Creek. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the purchase of radios for the Road Department from Mobilcomm, Inc. using the State Contract pricing in the amount of \$15,388.83. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Lucas then requested a motion to approve the claims as presented for September 5, 2012. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and that they all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Rechtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Commissioner Rehtin 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, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-10-12 Amend Detention Center Policy & Procedure Manual
Resolution R-100-12 Adopt Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management 5-Year Plan
Resolution R-104-12 Memorandum of Understanding with Kentucky eScrap
Resolution R-101-12 Contract with Campbell County Fire Protection Association
Resolution R-102-12 Interstate Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement
Resolution R-103-12 Application for Ambulance Service Grant
Claims September 5, 2012

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer
Fiscal Court Clerk