

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

July 17, 2024

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM, at the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. Campbell Media recorded the regular meeting and broadcasted it on the Campbell Media website.

Present:

County Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery
County Commissioner, Geoff Besecker
County Commissioner, Tom Lampe
County Commissioner, Brian Painter
County Attorney, Steve Franzen

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld
Assistant County Administrator, Kim Serra
Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis
Police Chief, Craig Sorrell
Fiscal Court Clerk, Janie Patterson

Regular Meeting

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Following the roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting on June 19, 2024, and the Special Fiscal Court Meeting on June 28, 2024.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting on June 19, 2024 and the Special Fiscal Court Meeting on June 28, 2024 by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Guests

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery welcomed the students present from the different High Schools located throughout Campbell County. He congratulated them for their achievements both in and out of the classroom and said that it was an honor to have them present. Judge Pendery said the Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati area is rated very highly as a place to live and work and that recently was voted the number one place in the United States for college graduates to locate. Judge Pendery said the Fiscal Court was proud of them and their many accomplishments and very happy for their achievements. Judge Pendery said not every student being recognized was able to be present.

Economic and Community Development Director, Justin Otto announced the students present and handed them their certificate of achievement. The high school students both present and absent, who were awarded a certificate for their accomplishments, are as follows:

Bellevue High School

Dominic Reinhart - Valedictorian

Marcello Herald – State Champion – Indoor long jump

Parker Kern – State Champion – Class A Wheelchair Discus

Bishop Brossart High School

Alex Gulley – National Merit Commendation

Ava Heim – National Merit Commendation

Nathan Ruth – State Champion - Class A Cross Country & 800 Meters

Ryan Clines – State Champion – 4 x 800-meter relay

Nick Heck – State Champion – 4 x 800-meter relay

Brennan Callahan – State Champion – 4 x 800-meter relay

Griffin Hill – State Champion – 4 x 800-meter relay

Ava Walters – State Champion – Shot Put Class A

Campbell County High School

Jodie Meiser – Valedictorian

Rileigh Sherman – Salutatorian

Olivia Holbrook – KHSAA Indoor Class 3A State Champion – 800 meters

Cole Johnson – National Merit Finalist

Xander Edwards – 1st place – Printmaking at Kentucky Art Education Association State Exhibition

Dayton High School

Owen Overman – Valedictorian

Kaylee Marimon – Salutatorian

Kelcie Martin - State Champion – Unified 2 x 200 Relay Race in the Unified State Track Meet

Sammy McFarland - State Champion – Unified 2 x 200 Relay Race in the Unified State Track Meet

Highlands High School

Owen Borden – Valedictorian & Presidential Scholar

Chanuthmi Abeysinghe – Salutatorian

Graham Borden – Commissioner of Education’s Student Advisory Council
Sophie Uhl – State Champion – Forensics/Dramatic Interpretation
Eliana Niese - State Champion - Data Science and Analytics Engineering
Jack Wilson – State Champion - Data Science and Analytics Engineering
Addyson Eifert – State Champion - Sports Nutrition
Liam Downie – State Champion – Sports Photography
Flynn Cook – Perfect ACT
Benjamin Gilkerson – Perfect ACT
Oliver Martin – Perfect ACT
Bradley Groneck – National Merit Finalist
Ryan Groneck – National Merit Finalist
Sophia Scherrer – National Merit Finalist
Connor Wehby – National Merit Finalist
Jackson Wilson – National Merit Finalist

Newport High School

Haley Nordwick – Valedictorian
Jyoti Davis - Salutatorian

Newport Central Catholic High School

Sam Krebs – Magna Cum Laude Honors - Ranked 2nd overall in Class of 2024
Ryan Desmond – Summa Cum Laude Honors – Walter McGaff Award Winner (top male student-athlete based on a combination of academic and athletic achievement)
Caleb Eaglin – Cum Laude Honors – Multiple record-setting school golf rounds

Recognition of Citizens/Public Officials

Darlington Creek HOA Board Member, Jon Geigor addressed the Fiscal Court and requested the Kentucky State Fireworks Law be enforced by the Campbell County Police Department. Mr. Geigor also requested for regular police patrol through Darlington Creek.

County Attorney, Steve Franzen explained why it is difficult to enforce this law. He said a possible solution is for neighbors to come together to discuss an informal agreement or solution.

Police Chief, Craig Sorrell also explained why it is difficult to enforce this law, especially during the time surrounding the July 4th Holiday. Chief Sorrell told Mr. Geigor to contact the Campbell County Police Department directly to discuss his concerns and to request more police patrol through Darlington Creek.

Old Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented old business.

O-07-24

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for the second reading of Ordinance O-07-24, “An Ordinance relating to the Campbell County Fiscal Court amending its Code of Ordinances and

specifically Ordinances O-15-94 and O-02-23 as codified in Chapter 115 relating to the Motor Vehicle License Fee to include U-Drive-It; Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing and Transportation Network Company Services and disbursement of such license fees collected to the Tri-County Economic Development Corporation.”

Motion was made to adopt Ordinance O-07-24 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and Ordinance O-07-24 passed.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

O-08-24

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for the first reading of Ordinance O-08-24, “An Ordinance updating the Official Zoning Map for unincorporated Campbell County to rezone approximately 10 acres located at 13724 Alexandria Pike (US 27) from Agricultural One (A-1) Zone to Rural Commercial (RC) Zone.”

There will be a request for a motion to adopt Ordinance O-08-24 after the second reading.

O-09-24

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for the first reading of Ordinance O-09-24, “An Ordinance of the Campbell County Fiscal Court amending Chapter 73 “Traffic Schedules” of the Campbell County Code of Ordinances to add stop signs on Greskamp Road.”

There will be a request for a motion to adopt Ordinance O-09-24 after the second reading.

R-57-24

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary of Resolution R-57-24, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court approving the Campbell County Health Department tax rate for fiscal year 2025 for the Campbell County Public Health Taxing District.”

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-57-24 by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery. All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-57-24 passed.

R-58-24

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary of Resolution R-58-24, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the Judge/Executive to extend the contracts with Rumpke of Kentucky INC. to provide recyclables collection services at designated sites and trash disposal services for county cleanups.”

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-58-24 by Commissioner Tom Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker.

Commissioner Geoff Besecker mentioned that the slight increase may not be noticeable because the amount dropped off at the collection events may be reduced due to the new great voucher program.

All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-58-24 passed.

R-59-24

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary of Resolution R-59-24, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court amending the Campbell County Police Policy and Procedure Manual.”

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-59-24 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-59-24 passed.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion that requested to allow staff to apply for the 2024 Kentucky Department of Agriculture Animal Control Advisory Board Spay/Neuter Grant Program. He said the 2024 request is for \$1,075 which is to offset Campbell County Animal Services spay and neuter costs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tom Lampe, seconded by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Personnel

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to enter into a contract with Thomas Lakes to provide Police Officer services for the 2025 fiscal year.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to increase the compensation of Housing Specialist, Paulo Villavicencio commensurate with other Housing Specialists within the Campbell County Housing Department effective July 28, 2024.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to appoint Benjamin Speeth as a full-time Housing Inspector in the Campbell County Housing Department effective July 18, 2024.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Board Appointments

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to reappoint Regina Clos, Vera Powell, Marsha Dufleck, and Pam Pangburn to the Northern Kentucky Area Development District's Council on Aging for a two-year term effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to reappoint Rebecca Kirchhoff to the Campbell County Police Force Merit Board for a four-year term beginning August 5, 2024 through August 4, 2028.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

County Administrator Report

Executive Session

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld requested a motion to go into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(c) for discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Motion to return from executive session was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

R-62-24

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary of Resolution R-62-24, "A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing counsel to file an amended complaint and authorizing the execution of the settlement participation forms."

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-62-24 by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted "Aye" and Resolution R-62-24 passed.

Judge/Executive Report

Campbell County Animal Services Open House

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery announced the Campbell County Animal Services will host an Open House on Friday, July 19th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM to show off recent building improvements. There will be a brief program and tour at 2:30 PM and light refreshments will be served.

Festival on the Lake

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery announced The Festival on the Lake at AJ Jolly Park will be held on Saturday, August 17th from 4:00 to 11:00 PM. Admission is just \$5 and parking is free. He said more information is available online by visiting www.ajjollypark.com.

Citizens Academy Program

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery announced the 2024 Citizens' Academy Program is scheduled to begin September 9th and will run through November 18th on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 8:30 PM. This nine-week program is designed to improve civic education and increase citizen engagement in the workings of county government. He said those interested can apply online at www.campbellcountky.gov no later than August 23rd.

Finance Director/Treasurer Report

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented the Finance Director/Treasurer's Report.

R-60-24 Resolution

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title summary of Resolution R-60-24, "Adoption of a Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the filing of FY 2025 Physical Security, Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Application with the Kentucky State Board of Elections (SBE) for up to \$8,300.00; authorizing and directing the Campbell County Judge/Executive to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by SBE to carry out this project; and authorizing the Judge/Executive to act as the authorized correspondent for this project."

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-60-24 by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted "Aye" and Resolution R-60-24 passed.

R-61-24 Resolution

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title summary of Resolution R-61-24, "A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the County Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to provide services to the Campbell County Fiscal Court for fiscal year 2025."

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-61-24 by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye" and Resolution R-61-24 passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to grant staff permission to request quotes or bids, if necessary, for the purchase of an inmate TV system at the Detention Center. CCDC has been awarded a 50/50 match grant of \$50,000, the match for which is included in the FY25 Commissary budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tom Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker.

Claims & Claims per Standing Order Claims

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to approve Claims and Claims per Standing Order Claims dated:

- July 3, 2024
- July 10, 2024
- July 17, 2024
- July 1, 2024 (Employee Benefits)

County Attorney, Steve Franzen commented that he had reviewed the Claims, and had determined that everything appeared appropriate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker.

Commissioner Tom 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.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Geoff Besecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Brian Painter offered a second to the motion.

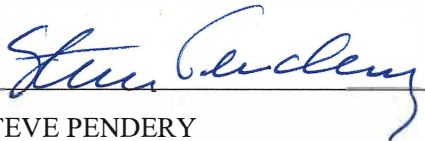
Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery said Economic and Community Development Director, Justin Otto did a great job organizing all the high school students and their awards.

All voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Attachments

- O-07-24, Amend Code of Ordinances as codified in chapter 115 relating to the motor vehicle license fee
- R-57-24, Approve Health Department Tax Rate for FY 2025
- R-58-24, Extend contracts with Rumpke to provide recyclable collection services & trash disposal services
- R-59-24, Amend Police Policy & Procedure Manual
- R-62-24, Amended Complaint and Kroger Settlement
- R-60-24, Authorizing the County Clerk filing of a FY2025 Physical Security, Help America Vote Act application with Kentucky State Board of Elections
- R-61-24, Execute a Contract with OKI Regional Council of Governments
- Claims & Claims per Standing Order Claims Dated:
 - July 3, 2024
 - July 10, 2024
 - July 17, 2024
 - July 1, 2024 (Employee Benefits)

Approved:


STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:


JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk