

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT  
MINUTES**

**October 16, 2024**

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 5:30 PM, at the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. Campbell Media recorded the regular meeting and broadcast 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  
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto  
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 5:33 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 October 2, 2024.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting on October 2, 2024 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

## Guests

### **Students at Campbell County schools who participated in the Governor's Scholar Program, Governor's School for the Arts, and the Governor's School for Entrepreneurship**

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery welcomed the students present from the different High Schools located throughout Campbell County. He said we were celebrating some of the brightest and most driven young minds in Campbell County who had participated in the Governor's Scholar Program, the Governor's School for the Arts, and the Governor's School for Entrepreneurship. Judge Pendery congratulated them and said each of these programs demand commitment and hard work.

Assistant County Administrator, 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**

- Jaylah Dowell – Governor's Scholar Program

#### **Bishop Brossart High School**

- Elly Clift – Governor's School for the Arts for Creative Writing
- Ethan Haubner – Governor's Scholar Program
- Luka Bertsch – Governor's Scholar Program
- Kaitlyn Kramer – Governor's Scholar Program

#### **Campbell County High School**

- Emily Campbell – Governor's School for the Arts for Visual Art
- Alexandra Hess – Governor's School for the Arts for Musical Theatre
- Madyson McCrann – Governor's School for the Arts for Vocal Music
- Colton Bryan – Governor's School for Entrepreneurship & Governor's Scholar Program
- Dhruv Patel – Governor's School for Entrepreneurship
- Aine Beam – Governor's Scholar Program
- Isabel Gray – Governor's Scholar Program
- Karli Haigis – Governor's Scholar Program
- Derek Prewitt – Governor's Scholar Program
- Alex Randall – Governor's Scholar Program
- Malvin Tsetse – Governor's Scholar Program
- Ethan Vogel – Governor's Scholar Program
- Ben Weber-Horowitz – Governor's Scholar Program

#### **Highlands High School**

- Liam Delaney – Governor's School for the Arts for Film + Photography
- Sophia Hamilton – Governor's School for the Arts for Film + Photography
- Brianna Horner – Governor's School for the Arts for Dance

- Anne Kuhnhein – Governor's School for the Arts for Dance
- Sylvie Martin – Governor's School for the Arts for Vocal Music
- Abigail McKinley – Governor's School for the Arts for Instrumental Music-Strings
- Chase Pawsat – Governor's School for the Arts for Instrumental Music-Strings
- Jenna Richey – Governor's School for the Arts for Film + Photography
- Hayden Rolf – Governor's School for the Arts for Film + Photography
- Aisley Street – Governor's School for the Arts for Dance
- Addison Tallent – Governor's School for the Arts for Drama
- Nick Wilson – Governor's School for Entrepreneurs
- Marshall Anstaett – Governor's Scholar Program
- Lily Arnberg – Governor's Scholar Program
- Felicity Berling – Governor's Scholar Program
- Hannah Clifton – Governor's Scholar Program
- Chelsea Crisler – Governor's Scholar Program
- Kate Fausz – Governor's Scholar Program
- Sophia Hamilton – Governor's Scholar Program
- Abigail Herald – Governor's Scholar Program
- Natalie Hurles – Governor's Scholar Program
- Oliver Martin – Governor's Scholar Program

**Newport Central Catholic High School**

- Madison Wolf – Governor's Scholar Program

**New Business**

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

***Motion***

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to enter into an agreement with Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky (ESNKY) for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025 to provide funding for a temporary overflow cold shelter in Campbell County as needed. The Fiscal Court approved \$20,000 for this program in April 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

**Personnel**

***Motion***

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to accept the resignation of full-time OEM Deputy Director - Operations, James Sparks effective December 6, 2024.

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

***Motion***

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview, and make a hiring recommendation for a full-time OEM Deputy Director - Operations to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of James Sparks.

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

**County Administrator’s Report**

***Motion***

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to enter into an agreement with Brandstetter Carroll Inc. to provide architectural, engineering and consulting services for a potential new Campbell County Public Safety building. Phase one of the proposal includes programming, site selection study, and conceptual design and will be performed for a lump sum of \$140,000. Possible future phases will be performed at a fee of 8% of construction costs, with the lump sum fee serving as a credit against future billing. The Fiscal Court will use remaining ARPA funds for the initial phase of the agreement.

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

**County Commissioners’ Reports**

Commissioner Geoff Besecker said it was great to celebrate and recognize our Governor Scholars. He thanked Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto and Communications and Public Outreach Coordinator, Sarah Etler for organizing their recognition. Commissioner Besecker said he had the opportunity to celebrate Holly Hill’s 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that Governor Andy Beshear was also there. Commissioner Besecker said it is a labor of love that the Board pours into the facility and the program.

**Judge/Executive Report**

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery gave the following two announcements:

**Spooktacular Halloween Event**

AJ Jolly Park is hosting the annual Spooktacular Halloween Event on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM to 2 PM. Suggested donation per vehicle is \$5. Additional information can be found by calling 859-547-3681 or by visiting [www.ajjollypark.com](http://www.ajjollypark.com).

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**

The Northern Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is scheduled for Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 AM – 2 PM at the Thomas More Stadium. This is a tri-county event with Boone, Campbell, and Kenton County for proper disposal of household hazardous items. for a complete list and to print your registration form visit [www.campbellcountky.gov](http://www.campbellcountky.gov). Please contact Solid Waste at 859-547-1866 with any questions prior to the event.

## Finance Director/Treasurer Report

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

### ***Motion***

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion for permission to purchase a 2.5-ton single axle plow dump truck for the Road Department from the June 2024 Tri-County bid hosted by Boone County for \$243,851. Ms. Lewis said the truck is included in the FY2026 capital plan and would be considered in the planning process for the FY2026 budget. The unit will replace unit 113 that is a 2007 GMC C-7500 with a rust related early failure to its frame reducing remaining useful life.

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

### ***Motion***

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute a 10-year agreement with protection clauses for termination and severability with Axon Enterprises for necessary equipment for the Campbell County Police Department. Ms. Lewis said the contractor has provided body-worn cameras with cloud storage for the CCPD successfully since 2015. The cost for year 1 to begin upon equipment delivery expected in early 2025 is included in the FY2025 budget as part of the previous camera agreement.

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

### ***Claims & Claims per Standing Order***

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

- October 9, 2024
- October 16, 2024

County Attorney, Steve Franzen commented that the claims had been reviewed, and everything appeared to be appropriate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

## Adjournment

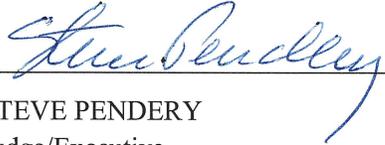
There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Geoff Besecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Brian Painter offered a second to the motion.

All voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

**Attachments**

- Claims & Claims per Standing Order:
  - October 9, 2024
  - October 16, 2024

Approved:

  
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STEVE PENDERY  
Judge/Executive

Attest:

  
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JANIE PATTERSON  
Fiscal Court Clerk