

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT
SPECIAL MAYOR’S MEETING
MINUTES**

JANUARY 28, 2025

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a Special Mayor’s Meeting for elected officials and representatives on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM, at the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. The meeting was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken.

Speakers who Presented:

1. Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky, Gina Douthat, General Manager
2. Northern Kentucky Area Development District, Tara Johnson-Noem, Executive Director

Campbell County Fiscal Court Members in Attendance:

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

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld
Assistant County Administrator, Kim Serra
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto
Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis
Planning and Zoning Director, Cindy Minter
Police Chief, Craig Sorrell
Communications & Public Outreach Coordinator, Kim Caniff
Fiscal Court Clerk, Janie Patterson

Welcome & Introductions – Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery started the Campbell County Mayor’s Meeting at 6:00 PM, and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

**Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK)
Gina Douthat, General Manager**

Gina Douthat, General Manager of Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) said their mission is to provide safe, reliable, customer-oriented transportation and is committed to providing transportation

services that address current and future community needs. TANK pledges to keep abreast of advanced technologies and to provide services which will improve traffic flow, protect the environment, and assist in the economic development of the Northern Kentucky region.

Ms. Douthat provided an update on financial and ridership trends, and said that TANK's budget for FY 2025 is \$32 million. She said service needs have changed since 2020 and there is a driver shortage which has contributed to ridership still being 30% down since pre-pandemic levels.

Ms. Douthat said TANK's priorities moving forward are to:

- Ensure sustainable funding for TANK
- Educate leaders and elected officials about TANK's role in economic development and the workforce ecosystem
- Work with leaders to ensure the community has the right model to fund transit now and into the future
- Serve the transit-dependent population by providing safe, accessible, and affordable transportation for transit-dependent residents and workforce
- Maintain a reliable workforce to deliver services and meet compliance requirements

Ms. Douthat gave an overview of TANK Plus which was launched in August 2024. She explained TANK Plus uses smaller vehicles and is a flexible, on-demand way to connect riders inside and outside fixed routes, making their transit experience more personalized and convenient.

TANK wants to keep reliable bus service on the street, adjust service and service levels based on usage and demand, focus on meeting the needs of the transit-dependent population, focus on meeting the workforce needs, and explore different service delivery models in more areas.

Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD)
Tara Johnson-Noem, Executive Director

Tara Johnson-Noem, Executive Director of Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) gave an overview about the NKADD, their staff, board members, and the services they provide across eight different counties: Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, and Pendleton. Their function is to serve as a forum, clearinghouse, technical center, and provide continuity to projects during the transition of local elected officials, and foster regional strategies, solutions, and partnerships that achieve sustainable economic growth and improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of the region.

Ms. Johnson-Noem highlighted NKADD's Community Development Planning, Local Government Services, Workforce Development, and Aging & Disabilities Services which include:

- Caregiver Programs
- Council on Aging
- Case Management (Waiver and Homecare Services)
- Home Delivered and Congregate Meals
- Homemaking, Personal Care, Respite

- Legal Services
- Nursing Home Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- SHIP Services
- Senior Center Operators
- Transportation Services

Announcements

County Attorney, Steve Franzen announced that Assistant County Attorney, Michelle Eviston, for the second time, was recognized and named the Kentucky Child Support Attorney of the Year.

Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer announced children are welcome to visit her in Frankfort to learn about what is happening in county government.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

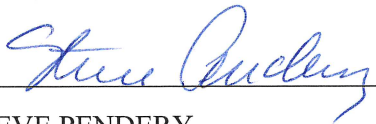
Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery announced the upcoming Mayor's Meeting dates:

- Tuesday, April 22, 2025
- Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Adjournment


The Special Fiscal Court Mayor's Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Approved:



STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:



JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk