

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

August 6, 2025

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 9:00 AM, at the Campbell County Courthouse, 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky. Campbell Media recorded the regular meeting and broadcast it on the Campbell Media Website.

Present:

County Commissioner, Geoff Besecker
County Commissioner, Tom Lampe
County Commissioner, Brian Painter
Assistant County Attorney, Pat Walsh

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

Absent:

County Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery

Regular Meeting

Commissioner Brian Painter called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Following the roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Due to the absence of Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, Commissioner Geoff Besecker made a motion for Commissioner Brian Painter to Chair in Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery's absence, Commissioner Tom Lampe offered a second. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Brian Painter gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Commissioner Brian Painter requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting on July 16, 2025.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting on July 16, 2025 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

Resolution R-51-25

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-51-25, “A Resolution that the Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement is hereby approved and adopted, and that William Turner, Emergency Management Director and Greg Buckler, Emergency Management Deputy Director are hereby authorized to execute the agreement and to request, offer, or otherwise provide aid and assistance under the terms of the agreement for, and on behalf of, the Campbell County Fiscal Court, a public entity established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and for the purpose of entering into the agreement and thereby become a party to the Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.”

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-51-25 by Commissioner Tom Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-51-25 passed.

County Administrator’s Report

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld gave a report.

Resolution R-52-25

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-52-25, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing execution of a Quitclaim Deed for a vacant lot (lot 3) of B.O. Chalkey’s Subdivision in Silver Grove, Kentucky.”

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-52-25 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-52-25 passed.

County Commissioners’ Report

Commissioner Geoff Besecker wished returning students a successful school year and told all the teachers and principals that we are thinking of them and hope this will be a successful year.

Commissioner Tom Lampe said he seconded Commissioner Geoff Besecker.

Judge/Executive’s Report

Commissioner Brian Painter gave the following announcement.

Festival on the Lake

Festival on the Lake, the Park's biggest event of the year, will be at AJ Jolly Park on Saturday, August 16th from 4:00 – 11:00 PM. Music will be provided by Doghouse, Motown Sounds of Touch, Borderline 360, and the Mill Creek Band. In addition to music there will be food and drink vendors, crafters, watercraft rentals, and a kid's zone. For additional information please visit www.ajjollypark.com.

Commissioner Geoff Besecker said that he plans to attend.

Finance Director/Treasurer's Report

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

Resolution R-53-25

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title summary for Resolution R-53-25, "A Resolution declaring county-owned personal property as surplus and authorizing the County Judge/Executive to enter into a transfer agreement with the Bracken County Sheriff's Office for said personal property."

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-53-25 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted "Aye" and Resolution R-53-25 passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to confirm the execution of a letter of authorization by the Judge/Executive for a Kraken exchange business account to be opened by the county Finance Director/Treasurer for the purpose of aiding in police investigations or court order claims only.

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

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld gave an explanation of how this will help the Police Department manage cryptocurrency crimes and how it will help get money back to the victims. Mr. Elberfeld said the Fiscal Court is not opening a cryptocurrency account to start investing and that this is purely a transactional need for the Police Department and County Attorney's Office to make restitution for people who have been scammed. He said it is unique in this area and this account is the final step to get money back to victims.

Police Chief Craig Sorrell commented that the Police Department receives different types of cryptocurrency scam calls on a daily basis. Chief Sorrell said if anyone receives a call requesting payment by gift card or cryptocurrency that it is almost definitely a scam, and people are welcome to call the Police if they suspect they have received a scam call requesting payment.

Commissioner Brian Painter thanked Chief Sorrell, Mr. Elberfeld, and Ms. Lewis for setting up the Kraken exchange business account.

All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute a Docusign contract with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office of Highway Safety for the FY26 Highway Safety Grant funds of \$20,500 for the Campbell County Police Department. This is an annual grant the county applies for with the state. The grant is for services provided on a reimbursement basis with no local match requirement and is funded through KYTC by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to request permission to purchase an animal control truck with transport upfitting for the Animal Services Department from the state master agreement MA 758 2300000804. Two new positions were added to the Animal Services Department, and the department as a whole will be taking on additional responsibilities. The addition of the new truck will allow these employees to fulfill their various duties.

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

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion for permission to purchase three marked police fleet vehicles and three unmarked vehicles from the state master agreement MA 758 2300000804. The three marked vehicles are essential to maintaining a fleet capable of patrol operations and emergency response. Two of the unmarked vehicles will be assigned to the newly hired police social workers, and the other unmarked vehicle is for the replacement of a detective vehicle. This, in combination with other fleet adjustments, will facilitate the replacement of the current Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS) vehicle, allow the transition of an existing vehicle into the departmental pool fleet, and support the removal from service of a 2009 sedan that currently has over 110,000 miles.

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

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to accept three bids for work to be completed on a new park shelter with a bathroom structure at AJ Jolly Park. Bids were requested for cement block work, electrical work, and for plumbing work. The total of \$85,329 in addition to the cost of the carpentry work performed by CCFC staff comes in under the estimate of \$150,000 and is included in the FY26 budget. The low bids are as follows:

- Cement Block: Bausch White Masonry \$16,820
- Electrical: Geiman Burkhardt Electric \$16,909
- Plumbing: Dan Hart Plumbing \$51,600

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

Commissioner Brian Painter said the Maintenance Department was doing the work and said we are very proud of them.

Commissioner Geoff Besecker commented this will be wonderful and that it will not be ready by the Festival on the Lake.

All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Budget Transfers

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to approve Budget Transfers dated:

- July 31, 2025

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

Interfund Transfers

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to approve Interfund Transfers dated:

- July 31, 2025

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

Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order

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

- July 23, 2025
- July 30, 2025
- August 2, 2025 (Employee Benefits)
- August 6, 2025

Assistant County Attorney, Pat Walsh commented that the claims had been reviewed, and everything appeared to be 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.

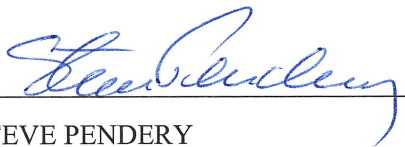
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Geoff Besecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Tom Lampe offered a second to the motion. All voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM.

Attachments

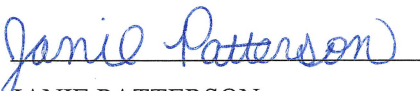
- R-51-25: Enter in to the Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement
- R-52-25: Execute a quitclaim deed for a vacant lot (Lot 3) of B.O. Chalkey's Subdivision in Silver Grove
- R-53-25: Enter into a transfer agreement with the Bracken County Sheriff's Office
- Budget Transfers: July 31, 2025
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Approved:



STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:



JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk