

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

OCTOBER 28, 2025

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a Special Mayor’s Meeting for elected officials and representatives on Tuesday, October 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.

Topics and Speakers:

1. Kentucky Certified Child Care Community Designation Program, A Foundation for Action: Childcare Solutions:
 - State Representative Mike Clines
 - Dr. Charles Aull Vice President, Policy, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
2. Regional Trails Project:
 - Wade Johnston, Executive Director of Tri-State Trails
 - Jason Reser, Executive Director of Cincinnati Off Road Alliance

Campbell County Fiscal Court Members in Attendance:

County Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery
County Commissioner, Brian Painter
County Commissioner, Tom Lampe
County Attorney, Steve Franzen
Assistant County Attorney, Michelle Eviston
Assistant County Administrator, Kim Serra
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto
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 called the Campbell County Mayor’s Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

Kentucky Certified Child Care Community Designation Program
A Foundation for Action: Childcare Solutions

State Representative Mike Clines
Charles Aull Vice President, Policy, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Representative Mike Clines and Dr. Charles Aull presented an overview of A Foundation for Action: Childcare Solutions, a Kentucky Certified Child Care Community Designation Program.

Dr. Aull highlighted that the workforce participation among Kentucky adults aged 25 – 54 is declining and identified childcare access as a critical barrier for many working parents.

A Foundation for Action focuses on strengthening Kentucky’s 2,000+ small businesses, non-profits, and faith organizations serving families by:

- Improving transparency in childcare data and public spending
- Streamlining regulations and encouraging innovation
- Promoting community and employer engagement
- Supporting and incentivizing quality childcare providers
- Maintaining a strong childcare assistance program
- Strengthening the childcare workforce
- Sustaining current initiatives and funding new ones through state support

Regional Trails Project

Wade Johnston, Executive Director of Tri-State Trails
Jason Reser, Executive Director of Cincinnati Off Road Alliance

Wade Johnston, Executive Director of Tri-State Trails and Jason Reser, Executive Director of Cincinnati Off Road Alliance discussed ongoing efforts related to the Northern Kentucky Regional Trails Plan.

Tri-State Trails advocates for connecting and expanding the regional trail and bikeway network, maintaining trail data, assisting local governments, sharing best practices, and promoting trail use across the tri-state area.

Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance (CORA) focuses on developing and maintaining natural-surface trails that connect neighborhoods and foster community engagement. Their trail construction follows U.S. Forest Services best practices to reduce erosion, protect the land, and ensure long-term sustainability.

Both organizations highlighted that recreational trails enhance economic development, public health, and quality of life—without imposing liability on landowners or government entities. They stressed that successful trail projects depend on strong local advocacy.

The NKY Regional Trails Plan will unify trail planning efforts across Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties, connecting communities through a regional network of paved and natural surface trails. The plan will identify key opportunities to collaborate across jurisdictional boundaries and enhance trail connectivity projects toward funding and implementation. The plan objectives are to:

- Develop a comprehensive regional trails plan
- Strengthen regional collaboration
- Analyze existing conditions and trail opportunities
- Engage the public and stakeholders
- Create an implementation strategy for funding and development

Upcoming Meeting Dates

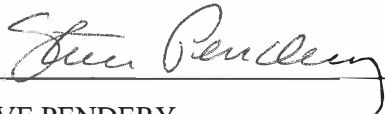
Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery announced that the 2026 Mayor's Meetings are scheduled for 6:00 PM on the following dates:

- January, 27, 2026
- April 28, 2026
- October 27, 2026

Adjournment

The Fiscal Court Special Mayor's Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Approved:



STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:



JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk