

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 19, 2020

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GEOFF BESECKER
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

Assistant County Attorney Pat Walsh,
County Administrator Matt Elberfeld,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Finance Director/Treasurer Marie Schenkel,
Police Chief Craig Sorrell,
Human Resources Director Mary Stowers

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Commissioner Painter. Cable access was present to film the meeting.

Following roll call, a quorum was declared present. Judge Pendery was absent.

Commissioner Painter announced that Judge Pendery was absent and entertained a motion for someone to chair the meeting. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to have Commissioner Painter preside over the meeting in the absence of Judge Pendery. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

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

Minutes from the Fiscal Court special meeting of February 5, 2020 were presented. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Painter called on Gary Foose who had signed in to speak about the TANK system redesign. Mr. Foose began by thanking the Fiscal Court members for their time and for their service to the County. After attending multiple TANK meetings and reading the minutes from the Fiscal Court meeting, he determined that the underlying issue of the TANK redesign is funding. He requested that the County provide a level of funding to maintain the #11 and #16 routes that go through Ft. Thomas. Under the proposal, Ft. Thomas effectively loses all bus

service other than a short segment along US 27. Mr. Foose stated that young people want walkable/public transit accessible neighborhoods with access to jobs, entertainment and recreation available on foot, by bike, etc. Ft. Thomas is uniquely positioned for that. It provides opportunity to save a tremendous amount of money for people. The cost of parking in downtown (Cincinnati) is \$1,000-\$1,200 per year. He respectfully requests that the County consider adequately funding the Routes 11 and 16 buses. Commissioner Painter thanked Mr. Foose for coming to the meeting. He has attended the meetings with TANK from the beginning and the main thing is not funding but loss of ridership – it has been slipping about 9% over the past five years. TANK’s goal is to get ridership stabilized. To do that they have a plan to decrease the footprint and increase frequency. He has voted for the TANK funding and increases most of his nine years as a Commissioner. The Fiscal Court supports the bus system. If TANK can get the system back on solid footing, they may expand once again. This is not just a Campbell County problem – comparable cities have lost 25% of their ridership. TANK’s is down only about 9% due to good management. Mr. Foose stated that the system redesign proposes to address decreased ridership by increasing frequency on certain routes. He believes that they need to do something that addresses the number of riders not more frequency. Commissioner Painter recommended that Mr. Foose look at the consultants’ study and then talk to one of the TANK Board members. He offered to send Mr. Foose a copy of Mr. Aiello’s presentation. He appreciates Mr. Foose’s points and thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Paula Spicer presented old business with a second reading of Ordinance O-03-20 by title. O-03-20 amends Title VII, Chapter 72 “Parking Regulations” of the Campbell County Code of Ordinances to prohibit parking on a portion of Bob Huber Drive. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt O-03-20, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

New business was then presented with a first reading of Ordinance O-04-20 by title. O-04-20 amends Title VII, Chapter 72 “Traffic Schedules” of the Campbell County Code of Ordinances to change the maximum speed limit on Oregon Landing. Commissioner Painter pointed out that Oregon Landing is a small road. Chief Sorrell agreed that it is narrow and does not have many houses. The road was unposted so technically the speed limit was 35mph. Prompted by a citizen inquiry, the Police Department monitored the road and found no speeding above 35 mph. He stated that 35 is too high and he recommends that it be lowered to 20mph. No vote was taken on the first reading of this ordinance.

Resolution R-12-20 was read by title. R-12-20 requests that the Campbell County & Municipal Planning & Zoning Commission review proposed text changes to the Rural Commercial (RC) Zone and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zone. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-12-20, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-13-20 was read by title. R-13-20 acknowledges review of the Campbell County LandSAR Standard Operating Guide. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-13-20, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-14-20 was read by title. R-14-20 amends the Campbell County Police Force Merit Board Rules and Regulations regarding examinations and eligibility lists. Commissioner Lampe

made a motion to adopt R-14-20, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. Chief Sorrell explained that this change will allow for intermittent testing and allow the Merit Board to select a number of applicants for oral interviews. Commissioner Painter added that the amendment has been approved by the Merit Board. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-16-20 was read by title. R-16-20 acknowledges the annual review of the Campbell County Detention Center Policy and Procedure Manual. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-16-20, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Matt Elberfeld presented Resolution R-15-20 by title. R-15-20 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with Fairmount Properties LLC for reimbursement of grant funds received for transportation infrastructure improvements. Mr. Elberfeld explained that about a year ago, OKI awarded the Fiscal Court an \$800,000+ grant for the NKU redevelopment project at Nunn Drive. The grant required a 30% match by local government. The understanding with Fairmount Properties was that if the Fiscal Court received the grant, Fairmount Properties would provide the 30% local match. They are getting ready to begin Phase II of the project where this would occur. This contract simply outlines the understanding that Fairmount will reimburse the 30% so that there is no cost to the Fiscal Court. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-15-20, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. Commissioner Besecker asked if this is for the property south of St. Elizabeth’s development, a mixed-use housing and retail development. Mr. Elberfeld confirmed that it is. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Marie Schenkel presented the Finance Director/Treasurer’s report by requesting a motion to authorize staff to take the necessary steps to replace the 2018 Ford F250 4X4 pickup truck that was totaled in a work-related accident. The County employee operating the truck was not at fault. A new truck is estimated to cost \$30,000 and will be purchased through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet master agreement. Insurance will probably cover 100% of the cost. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute any documents and contracts related to the Hillview Drive Reconstruction Project awarded to JPS Construction on September 18, 2019. Commissioner Painter pointed out that sewer work was done in this area a few years ago and a new water line was installed. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the Office of Emergency Management Director to apply for the following grants:

- (a) Personal Flotation Devices for all police officers in Campbell County from the Kentucky Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$54,000 with no required match,
- (b) Portable shower/restroom trailer from the Kentucky Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$30,000 with no required match, and
- (c) An ATV off-road vehicle from Polaris (corporate foundation grant) in the amount of \$25,000 for use by search and rescue in remote areas.

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

A motion was requested to approve budget transfers dated February 19, 2020. Ms. Schenkel explained that the transfers do not increase the overall budget they only reallocate certain funds. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Ms. Schenkel then requested a motion to approve the claims dated February 19, 2020. Assistant County Attorney Pat Walsh advised that the County Attorney has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “AYE” and the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Attachments:

- Ordinance O-03-20 Amend Parking Regulations
- Ordinance O-04-20 Amend Traffic Schedules, Speed Limits
- Resolution R-12-20 Request Review of Proposed Zoning Text Amendment
- Resolution R-13-20 Acknowledge Review of LandSAR Operating Guide
- Resolution R-14-20 Amend Police Force Merit Board Rules & Regulations
- Resolution R-16-20 Acknowledge Annual Review of Detention Center Policies
- Resolution R-15-20 Contract with Fairmount Properties LLC
- Budget Transfers Dated February 19, 2020
- Claims Dated February 19, 2020

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk