

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

A special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. through a live broadcast on Campbell Media and the Fiscal Court Facebook Page.

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE  
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GEOFF BESECKER  
TOM LAMPE  
BRIAN PAINTER

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Judge Pendency.

Judge Pendency asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court special meeting of February 3, 2021 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Lampe to approve the minutes. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

At this time, Judge Pendency asked if any comments or questions had been submitted by the public. Ms. Serra replied that none had been submitted via email or on Facebook.

Matt Elberfeld presented old business with a second reading of Ordinance O-02-21. O-02-21 updates the official County Maintained Road List to add Birch Creek Drive (CR 1566) and Darlington Creek Drive (CR1548). These two roads will complete the build out of Darlington Creek Subdivision. They were built to subdivision specifications, inspected and are recommended for addition to the County road list. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt O-02-21, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

New business was then presented beginning with Resolution R-10-21. R-10-21 authorizes a contract with Zachary S. Smith, Attorney at Law, to serve as an Administrative Hearing Officer for the Campbell County Housing Department. Mr. Elberfeld explained that the County has had

similar agreements with attorneys in the past. Mr. Smith will be paid \$200 per hearing only when a hearing is held. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-10-21, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-11-21 was read by title. R-11-21 acknowledges the annual review of the Campbell County Detention Center Policy and Procedure Manual. No changes have been made to the manual since last year. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-11-21, seconded by Judge Pendery. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Christine Baker from the position of HR Specialist II-Detention Center effective March 15, 2021. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Millie Mullaguru from the position of HR Specialist II effective February 12, 2021. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Will Weber from the position of Economic Development Specialist effective February 19, 2021. Mr. Elberfeld advised that Mr. Weber has been named the President of Southbank Partners. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed. Judge Pendery stated that Mr. Weber is going to a job with more responsibility. He appreciates what Mr. Weber has done for the Fiscal Court and is looking forward to working with him in his new capacity.

Mr. Elberfeld stated that the next few items deal with elected officials’ salaries and there are various ways on how those salaries are set.

A motion was requested to acknowledge and accept the annual compensation for Judge/Executive Steve Pendery and Jailer James Daley at \$124,579.81 as set in accordance with KRS 64.5275 by the Kentucky Department for Local Government for the 2021 calendar year. The salaries for these two positions are determined by the State and the amounts are sent by letter to the County. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to set the annual compensation from the Fiscal Court for County Attorney Steve Franzen at \$50,300.28 as calculated by the Kentucky Department of Local Government. This is a 1.4% increase from the previous twelve-month period based on the CPI. The Fiscal Court receives a letter from the State advising that it can provide an increase of up to 1.4%. The traditional practice is that the elected officials compare the CPI adjustment with the increase received by Fiscal Court staff. If staff received greater than the CPI, it is accepted, but if staff received less, the elected officials take the same amount as staff. This past year, Fiscal Court staff received a 2% increase so Mr. Franzen has elected to take the 1.4%. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to set the annual compensation from the Fiscal Court for County Coroner Mark Schweitzer at \$50,593.19 as calculated by the Kentucky Department of Local

Government. This is also a 1.4% increase. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to set the annual compensation for the Campbell County Commissioners at \$41,564.64 as calculated by the Kentucky Department of Local Government. This too is a 1.4% increase over the current compensation. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Neither the County Administrator nor the County Attorney had reports for the meeting.

Commissioner Besecker thanked Sheriff Mike Jansen for speaking to his criminal justice class a couple of weeks ago. Sheriff Jansen explained what he and his deputies do for the community. It was a great lesson for the students and it is evident that Sheriff Jansen loves his community and talking with the students.

Commissioner Besecker stated that today Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams spoke to his AP government class. Secretary Adams shared all of the things that the State has adopted and may continue to adopt through the legislature regarding how the elections were held last year during the COVID pandemic. Based on their comments, he believes that the students feel very secure in the fact that Kentucky is set up for free and fair elections in the future. He thinks that there will be some great things coming forward providing the legislature passes them and that there is bi-partisan support for those items. He thanked Secretary Adams and his staff for setting up the visit.

Commissioner Lampe, on behalf of anybody who has traveled on the roads in the County in the last few weeks, thanked Road Supervisor Luke Mantle and his road crew for the hard work and long hours spent clearing roads of snow. He received good feedback from people on how the roads were taken care of compared to other cities’ roads.

Commissioner Painter stated that he usually visits with the road crews a couple times per year. In the summer they talk about having had a good snow season because they had a lot of overtime. They did not get much overtime last year due to the mild winter. If you were to talk to them now after the recent snow fighting they are probably not too happy about the weather this year. However, in June or July they will be happy about the overtime pay that they received. They look forward to the money but not the exhaustion and danger they put themselves in. He agreed with Commissioner Lampe that he has heard many good comments about their work. Judge Pendery stated that he and Commissioner Besecker agree with the comments about the great work done by the Road Department.

Judge Pendery asked if anybody had questions about the pandemic and the County’s ability to respond to it with vaccinations. Commissioner Painter asked if Kentucky is still getting 56,000 doses a week or if it is going to increase. Northern Kentucky is well equipped to give the vaccines if it has the dosages. He thanked Judge Pendery for keeping up on the latest developments. Judge Pendery announced that they learned this morning that there is another increase in the number of doses to be delivered to Kentucky. Since mid-January there have been announcements for increases in the number of doses to be delivered around the country. The initial 53,000 vaccines for Kentucky as a whole meant about 5,000 for northern Kentucky the first few weeks that vaccinations were taking place. There was a 16% increase followed by

another small percentage a little later. The next increase will be about 29%. Mr. Elberfeld agreed that statewide there will be more, but it hasn't been determined how much is coming to the Health Department and St. Elizabeth. Judge Pendery stated that with a 29% increase Kentucky could be getting closer to 100,000 per week for the State which would translate to roughly 10,000 doses to northern Kentucky. Some things to consider: our fair share does not get to northern Kentucky and the people who are receiving and administering the vaccine has changed (it was primarily St. Elizabeth Hospital and the Health Department), Kroger and other pharmacies are getting involved as intended. Originally only enough doses were to be given to the Hospital and Health Department to provide to people who are less able to make the trip for a vaccine – shut-ins, elderly, or travel restricted persons. Another concern is once you have vaccinated a group one time, they still need a second dose. About 10% of the northern Kentucky population has been vaccinated so far; 10,000 doses will get us another 10% in a month. There have been minimal problems with deployment and the vaccination process itself. He commended the County's Emergency Management staff for organizing and successfully administering vaccines this week at the Fire Training Center. There is a big enough population in Kentucky over age 60 or 70 that it will be awhile before the general population sees the vaccination. People still need to be patient; we are getting there. Commissioner Painter thanked him for the report.

Ms. Schenkel presented the Finance Director/Treasurer's Report by requesting a motion to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order dated February 10 and 17, 2021. Assistant County Attorney Pat Walsh advised that the County Attorney has reviewed the claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. 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 5:58 p.m. Judge Pendery thanked everybody for joining the meeting.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-02-21 Update the County Maintained Road List for Darlington Creek Drive and Birch Creek Drive  
Resolution R-10-21 Contract for Administrative Hearing Officer Services  
Resolution R-11-21 Annual Review of Detention Center Policy & Procedure Manual  
Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated February 10 and 17, 2021.

Approved:

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STEVE PENDERY  
Judge/Executive

Attest:

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Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk