

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 3, 2021

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse, 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY
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,
Economic & Community Development Director Justin Otto

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Cable Access was present to film the meeting. The meeting was also broadcast live on the Fiscal Court Facebook Page.

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

Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Judge Pendery requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Fiscal Court regular meeting of October 20, 2021. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Painter to approve the minutes. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery called on Julie Kirkpatrick, President/CEO of meetNKY to begin her presentation. Ms. Kirkpatrick gave a report on tourism and meetNKY's new collaborations with the Northern Kentucky Chamber and Northern Kentucky Tri-ED. Their mission is to build a place where people want to work, live, visit and thrive. The three have aligned their missions in four key areas: workforce, health, transportation and align the region on advocacy. She first provided an update on the Northern Kentucky Chamber its new Vice President of Public Affairs, grants awarded by GROW NKY, and its upcoming Government Forum, Eggs'N Issues and the annual dinner. Ms. Kirkpatrick talked about the effects of COVID-19 on tourism. The tourism industry in northern Kentucky lost \$700,000,000 of economic impact and hotels were down to 12% occupancy during the worst part of the pandemic. Leisure travel has returned to Northern Kentucky and conventions are starting to return. She then talked about the strategic planning

process begun by meetNKY and the popularity of the B-Line. MeetNKY is working with Southbank Partners and the Northern Kentucky Area Development District to advance work on the Riverfront Commons. Ms. Kirkpatrick then gave an update from Northern Kentucky Tri-ED which is starting a new program in 2022 called “Build & Expand Northern Kentucky”. According to Lee Crume, the project pipeline in Northern Kentucky is very strong. The biggest challenges are lack of sites and workforce issues. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that the three northern Kentucky counties are growing but not as fast as Columbus, Nashville and Indianapolis; one reason is that the population growth is slowing and getting older, and without good population growth, Northern Kentucky will not be able to keep up or bring in new businesses. Commissioner Lampe stated that hospitality along with healthcare and education suffered its greatest challenges during COVID. He appreciates the positive comments on the recovery and looks forward to working with her. Commissioner Painter asked how Campbell County compared with Boone and Kenton Counties as far as population statistics. Mr. Kirkpatrick does not have the exact data, but will get it for him. Judge Penderly pointed out that 10% of the State’s population lives in Northern Kentucky yet it gets 20% of the State’s tourism. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that Kentucky markets bourbon and horses. Northern Kentucky has capitalized on that by getting on the B-Line and opening Turfway Race Track. She added that outdoor/adventure tourism is a big trend now. Commissioner Besecker thanked Ms. Kirkpatrick for attending. He asked about ways to work with Northern Kentucky’s universities and Gateway to retain people in this area. Ms. Kirkpatrick advised that one initiative of the Chamber’s Grow NKY program is to work with NKU President Vaidya and Gateway President Figueroa and an alliance with the Cincinnati Chamber to not lose talent. She believes that we need to do a better job educating and building alliances with students while in secondary education rather than post-secondary education. Judge Penderly thanked Ms. Kirkpatrick for attending the meeting.

Finding that nobody had signed in to address the Fiscal Court, Paula Spicer presented old business with a second reading of Ordinance O-18-21. O-18-21 enacts and adopts the 2021 S-43 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances to include certain ordinances and resolutions adopted between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt O-18-21, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. In response to Commissioner Besecker’s question, Mr. Elberfeld advised that this action simply codifies ordinances/resolutions that have already been adopted. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

New business was presented beginning with a request to proclaim the month of November 2021 as “Earthquake Preparedness Month” in Campbell County. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Eric Richie as a full-time Road Maintenance Specialist I at the Campbell County Road Department effective November 29, 2021 with compensation set at \$22.77 per hour in accordance with the current AFSCME working agreement. Motion was made by Judge Penderly, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Christopher Moore as a full-time Road Maintenance Specialist I at the Campbell County Road Department effective November 29, 2021 with compensation set at \$22.77 per hour in accordance with the current AFSCME working

agreement. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Animal Control Officer Suzi Brown effective November 3, 2021. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to promote Hailey Mueller to the full-time Animal Control Officer position at the Campbell County Animal Shelter effective November 4, 2021 with compensation set at \$16.25 per hour. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to promote Kendra Cross to the full-time Animal Technician position at the Campbell County Animal Shelter effective November 4, 2021 with compensation set at \$16.25 per hour. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and make a hiring recommendation for a part-time Kennel Technician. This position is vacant due to the promotion of Kendra Cross. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Jacqueline Hurd as a full-time Accounts Payable Specialist at the Campbell County Finance Department effective November 4, 2021 (with a start date on or after November 4, 2021) with compensation set at \$23.00 per hour. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

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

Commissioner Besecker commended the contractor that just finished work on a road project in Grants Lick. They were very professional and tried to keep traffic flowing during the work. He was glad to see that there was a Geotech staff person on site. They installed 60 concrete piers. He thanked them and the Road Department for moving on the road slip projects.

Commissioner Lampe thanked the Boone County Water Rescue Team for hosting an event a couple of weeks ago on the Ohio River. All of the Fiscal Court members attended. The Team provided an overview of its capabilities including demonstrations. This all-volunteer organization provides a high level of safety and security for Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties often under challenging conditions. He thanked them for their efforts and all of the volunteers that do such good work for the communities.

Commissioner Painter stated that the Spooktacular Halloween event at A J Jolly Park was a great success and acknowledged Donna Grey of the Campbell County CDC in the audience. Ms. Grey stated that the family-friendly event was very well attended and everything went well; it is one of the County’s most popular events.

Judge Pendery made the following announcements:

1. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 9AM to 2PM at UC Health Stadium, 7950 Freedom Way, Florence, KY. This event is free and open to residents of Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties. Participants should visit www.nkyhhw.org for more information and to print and complete a registration form prior to attending the event.
2. The Fiscal Court offices will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day, and on November 25 and 26, 2021 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Marie Schenkel presented the Finance Director/Treasurer's report by requesting a motion to authorize staff to solicit bids for the design, delivery and construction of a new playground at A J Jolly Park which will include ADA accessible and inclusive features. The project will be funded with ARPA funds. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Ms. Schenkel estimated the cost of the project at \$200,000. Commissioner Painter noted that the site for the playground is between the firewood area and restroom facilities by the guard shack. Mr. Elberfeld explained the benefits of that location: the current restroom will be removed when the new one is built, it is close to the parking lot in the event that there is a child in a wheelchair or that uses a mobility device, and the ground is relatively flat and will accommodate the rubber surface of the playground. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-82-21 was read by title. R-82-21 declares certain County-owned personal property as surplus and authorizes the County Finance Director/Treasurer to sell or otherwise dispose of such property. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-82-21, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Commissioner Painter then asked if the County gets good prices by selling its surplus property on GovDeals. Mr. Elberfeld stated that it does, and he is amazed at how much is paid for some items and how far some people come to pick them up. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve interfund transfers dated October 29, 2021. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve budget transfers dated October 29, 2021. Ms. Schenkel stated that the transfers don't increase the total size of the budget, but reallocate funds to different line items. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Ms. Schenkel then requested a motion to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order dated October 27 and November 2 and 3, 2021 and employee benefit claims dated November 1, 2021. Assistant County Attorney Pat Walsh advised that the County Attorney has reviewed the claims and claims paid per standing order and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. Commissioner 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.

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 7:34 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-18-21 2nd Reading to Adopt Code of Ordinances Supplement

Resolution R-82-21 Declare Property as Surplus & Authorize its Sale/Disposal

Interfund Transfers dated October 29, 2021

Budget Transfers dated October 29, 2021

Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated October 27 and November 2 and 3, 2021 and

Employee Benefits Claims dated November 1, 2021

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY

Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk