

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

JULY 20, 2022

A special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GEOFF BESECKER
TOM LAMPE
BRIAN PAINTER

County Attorney Steve Franzen,
County Administrator Matt Elberfeld,
Fiscal Court Clerk Paula Spicer,
Assistant County Administrator Kim Serra,
Finance Director/Treasurer Laura Lewis
Police Chief Craig Sorrell,
Economic & Community Development Director Justin Otto,
Planning & Zoning Director Cindy Minter

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 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.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court special meeting of June 30, 2022 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker to approve the minutes. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery introduced Scott Hardcorn, Executive Director of the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force. Mr. Hardcorn explained that the Strike Force serves Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties and its primary goal is to reduce the number of drugs that are brought into the area by drug trafficking organizations. He has served as Director since June 2021 after serving on the Newport Police Department and Kenton County Police Department. Mr. Hardcorn stated that Fentanyl and Methamphetamine are the most prevalent drugs that the Strike Force encounters on the street; they do not see much heroin. They are finding now that counterfeit prescription pills (such as Oxycodon, Xanax, Adderall) are a big contributing factor in the rise of Fentanyl. These pills are made in a clandestine lab, with no controls, and are extremely dangerous. The DEA has declared that 1 in 5 counterfeit pills contains a potentially lethal dose of Fentanyl. This year to date, the Strike Force has taken in 5525 counterfeit pills. Mr. Hardcorn then talked about the

DEA Prescription Drug Take Back initiative. During April 2022, the Strike Force helped dispose of 800+ pounds of prescription drugs. In addition to drug seizures, the Strike Force has seized 47 firearms from drug traffickers this year. He stated that Northern Kentucky is unique in Kentucky in that all of its agencies work together, have a lot of support from local elected officials and have great working relationships with local police and prosecutors. He advised that Commissioner Besecker toured their office a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Hardcorn then addressed comments from the Fiscal Court, Police Chief and County Attorney. He stated that there is an addiction problem in the United States. According to the DEA and Homeland Security, a lot of Fentanyl and Meth comes from Mexico with the ingredients being supplied by China. As long as people buy it, they'll keep selling it. That is why drug education is so important. The Strike Force provides drug education presentations at schools and on request. Mr. Hardcorn stated that the Strike Force has investigators from the Boone County Sheriff, Kenton County Police, Campbell County Police, Covington, Erlanger, DEA agents, AFT agent and Kentucky State Police intel analyst that work out of their office. The Strike Force has a HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) designation and receives funding from the National Office of Drug Control Policy. With this funding the Strike Force has additional intelligence systems and resources available to it. He recounted recent work with partners from the DEA where a person was flown back from Tulsa, OK, and they were able to get them indicted and tied into a large drug trafficking organization. He also noted a recent successful collaboration involving agencies in Kentucky and Ohio working together. Judge Pendery thanked Mr. Hardcorn for his presentation.

Finding that nobody had signed in to address the Fiscal Court, Judge Pendery proceeded with the agenda.

There being no old business, Paula Spicer presented new business with Resolution R-57-22. R-57-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to provide services to the Campbell County Fiscal Court for fiscal year 2023. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-57-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-58-22 was read by title. R-58-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Campbell County Conservation District and the Campbell Conservancy, Inc. for the Hawthorne St. Anne Advisory Team. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-58-22, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-59-22 was read by title. R-59-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into a lease with the Campbell County Conservation District for office space located at the Alexandria Courthouse. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-59-22, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-62-22 was read by title. R-62-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a contract with Fares J. Radel Funeral Home to provide pauper burial and indigent cremation services. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-62-22, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to enter into an employment agreement with Mark Dill to serve as a School Resource Sergeant for a one-year term effective July 21, 2022, with compensation set at a base hourly rate of \$27.33 for each hour of work performed. Sergeant Dill shall receive no benefits from the Fiscal Court. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to enter into an employment agreement with Amber Conrad to serve as a School Resource Officer for a one-year term effective July 21, 2022, with compensation set at a base hourly rate of \$24.31 for each hour of work performed. Officer Conrad shall receive no benefits from the Fiscal Court. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to enter into an employment agreement with Philip Harney to serve as a School Resource Officer for a one-year term effective July 21, 2022, with compensation set at a base hourly rate of \$24.31 for each hour of work performed. Officer Harney shall receive no benefits from the Fiscal Court. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to enter into an employment agreement with Thomas Lakes to serve as a Police Officer Grade PO8 with the Campbell County Police Department for a one-year term effective July 21, 2022 with compensation set at PO8 (\$75,920 annually or \$36.50 hourly). Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-56-22 was read by title. R-56-22 authorizes the creation of one full-time Kennel Technician position and further authorizes corresponding amendments to the Administrative Code. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-56-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery then made a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview and make a hiring recommendation for a full-time Kennel Technician. Commissioner Lampe seconded the motion. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to advance Jessica Bolton from Building Inspector I, Pay Grade 4 (\$25.93/hour) to Building Inspector II, Pay Grade 6 (\$28.00/hour) effective July 21, 2022. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Trevor Hawn to the seasonal Parks & Recreation maintenance Worker position with compensation set at \$14.00/hour effective July 21, 2022. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to advance Benjamin Racke from Road Maintenance Specialist Level II (\$28.98/hour) to Level III (\$32.61/hour) effective July 21, 2022 in accordance with the current AFSCME working agreement. 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 David Rodgers from the full-time Building Inspector III position in the Planning and Zoning Department effective July 22, 2022. 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 Charles Bixler from the part-time Building Inspector III position in the Planning and Zoning Department effective June 30 2022. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Resolution R-64-22 was read by title. R-64-22 authorizes a change in status of the part-time Building Inspector position to a full-time Building Inspector and further authorizes corresponding amendments to the Administrative Code all effective July 20, 2022. 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 two full-time Building Inspectors to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of David Rodgers and the newly created full-time position. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to designate Donald Wright, Building Inspector III, as the “Building Official” with the State and authorizing a pay adjustment to \$38.87/hour (\$80,850.00 annually) effective July 25, 2022. This action is necessary due to the resignation of David Rodgers who is currently designated as the “Chief Building Official”. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Timothy Brannock to the Campbell County Cable Board for a three-year term effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint the eight current members of the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority Board for a four-year term effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026: Fred Macke Jr., Joe Kramer, Larry Schreiber, Linda Bray-Schafer, Jacob Holbrook, Clarence Martin, Henry “Hank” Pogue V, and Brett Ruschman. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint Tracy A. Smith to the Campbell County Public Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery made the following announcements:

1. Location changes are coming August 1st to the Drop-Off Recycling locations in Campbell County. The TANK Park & Ride Lot, located at 9000 Alexandria Pike, will permanently close on August 1st due to frequent issues with illegal dumping and overall misuse of bins. The nine bins from the TANK Park & Ride will be moved to new locations including Pendery Park, the Campbell County Senior & Wellness Center, and

the Campbell County Clerk's Office/Annex Building in Alexandria. These new locations will be monitored closely and adjusted as needed. Please contact the County Solid Waste Coordinator via email at SolidWaste@campbellcountky.gov or by calling 859-547-1866 with any questions.

2. Beginning with the regular Fiscal Court meeting on Wednesday, August 3rd meetings will not live stream on Facebook. Rather, live streaming of Fiscal Court meetings will be available on the Campbell Media Website at <https://campbellmedia.org/live/>. Meetings will also be available for live streaming on Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV. Information about how to access these options will be posted on Facebook, distributed in the County E-newsletter and detailed on the Fiscal Court's website at www.campbellcountky.gov.

3. Festival on the Lake returns to A J Jolly Park on Saturday, August 6th from 4-11pm featuring live music, a kid's zone, watercraft rentals, local food and craft vendors and adult beverages available. Admission is just \$5, children 12 and under are free. Food and drinks will be available for purchase – no outside food or coolers, please.

Laura Lewis began the Finance Director/Treasurer's report by requesting a motion to accept the low bids of Mago Construction for the following road projects:

Fairlane Road resurfacing - \$279,191

Hissem Road resurfacing - \$308,958

Fischer Road mill and fill - \$18,000

All projects are included in the FY23 budget. In addition, staff has applied to use flex funds in the amount of \$150,705 for the Fairlane Road project. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the low bid of Smith Construction for pier wall installation including guardrail on Eight Mile Road in the amount of \$119,760. The project is included in the FY23 budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-60-22 was read by title. R-60-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a service agreement with TK Elevator for a one-year term effective November 1, 2022 for continued preventative maintenance on the two elevators at the County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-60-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-61-22 was read by title. R-61-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a planned maintenance agreement with Cummins Sales and Service for a three-year term effective November 1, 2022 for continued preventative maintenance on the emergency backup generator located at the County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport. Commissioner Painter made a motion to adopt R-61-22, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-63-22 was read by title. R-63-22 declares County-owned personal property, a 2003 Didge Durango, as surplus and authorizes the County Finance Director/Treasurer to sell or otherwise dispose of such property. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-63-22, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize the purchase of a compact Bobcat E35 excavator for park operations under the State master agreement in the amount of \$70,411.21. The Bobcat will replace a 2007 John Deere backhoe and a Tiger arm mower. The purchase is included in the FY23 park equipment budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve the budget transfers dated July 1, 2022. Ms. Lewis 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 Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Ms. Lewis then requested a motion to approve the claims and claims paid per standing order dated July 6, 13 and 20, 2022 and employee benefit claims dated July 1, 2022. County Attorney Steve Franzen advised that he has reviewed the claims, claims paid per standing order and employee benefit claims and determined that they all appear appropriate. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Painter. 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 3:40 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-57-22 Annual Funding Agreement with OKI
Resolution R-58-22 Agreement with Campbell Co. Conservation District & Conservancy Inc.
Resolution R-59-22 Lease with Campbell Co. Conservation District
Resolution R-62-22 Contract for Pauper Burial/Indigent Cremation Services
Resolution R-56-22 Change One Part-time Kennel Technician Position to Full-time
Resolution R-64-22 Change Part-time Building Inspector Position to Full-time
Resolution R-60-22 Service Agreement for Elevator Maintenance
Resolution R-61-22 Service Agreement for Generator Maintenance
Resolution R-63-22 Declare County-owned Property as Surplus & Authorize Disposal
Budget Transfers dated July 1, 2022
Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated July 6, 13 and 20, 2022 and Employee Benefits Claims dated July 1, 2022

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk