

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance were:

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,
Community Services Manager Allyn Reinecke

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Cable Access was present to film the meeting. The meeting was also broadcast live on the Campbell Media website at <https://campbellmedia.org/live/>.

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 regular meeting of November 2, 2022 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Lampe to approve the minutes. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Detention Center GED program was named the best in the state for the second year in a row by the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. The GED program aims to assist citizens over age 18 who are currently not enrolled in high school. He then explained how the programs are ranked. The Detention Center has a dedicated classroom for education that allows for 25 hours of GED instruction each week. More than 1,000 inmates have earned their GEDs while incarcerated. The program's success can be attributed to these hardworking teachers Nichole Braun, Tricia Rohe and Gene Dobbs who were recognized for their years of service at the Detention Center. Campbell County Jailer Jim Daley stated that he appreciates the Fiscal Court's recognition. He added that the

program is run by Ms. Braun. Mr. Dobbs has been with the program for about 23 years and Ms. Rohe for about 10 years ago. The GED Program is the predecessor to all of the different programs offered by the state to help people once they get out of jail. He has always been a firm believer that education is the key; getting the GED makes a big difference when they are searching for a job. Ms. Braun thanked Ms. Rohe and Mr. Dobbs for all of their hard work at the jail. She noted that in her 24 years of working in adult education that the Hispanic population has changed in the area and they now have free English as a second language classes for anyone in the community. Judge Pendery presented certificates to Ms. Braun, Ms. Rohe and Mr. Dobbs. Mr. Dobbs stated that they are approaching 1,300 graduates. He thanked Jailer Daley and the board for their support. He can't guarantee that they've changed the lives of 1,300 inmates, but they've been given the opportunity.

Judge Pendery introduced Officer Jill Stultz, of the Kenton County Police Department and President of the Kentucky Women's Law Enforcement Network (KWLEN) along with Lieutenant Jennifer Colemire of the Covington Police Department and Treasurer of the KWLEN who took the podium to present the 2022 KWLEN Public Safety Department Award. Officer Stultz outlined the mission of KWLEN adding that the network is composed of men and women from local, state and federal agencies as well as educators, students and civilian personnel from within the criminal justice system in Kentucky. Each year a state conference is held to offer training and networking opportunities including an awards luncheon to recognize individuals who have made a huge impact on not only law enforcement but the citizens of the Commonwealth. This year's Public Safety Department Award was then presented to Campbell County Office of Emergency Management Deputy Director James Sparks. Officer Stultz stated that Deputy Sparks and his team always put the needs of community above their own by responding to call-outs any time day or night. Deputy Sparks led a team to western Kentucky in December 2021 after a tornado outbreak and then to eastern Kentucky in August 2022 after devastating floods.

Judge Pendery explained that the Campbell County Citizens' Academy is a nine-week program designed to improve civic education and increase citizen engagement in the workings of county government. The Fiscal Court appreciates their participation in this program and hopes that they received first-hand knowledge about how county tax dollars are spent and have a better appreciation of how government works. Allyn Reinecke called each participant that was present to come forward and receive a certificate acknowledging their completion of the program.

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

Paula Spicer presented new business with Resolution R-88-22 by title. R-88-22 authorizes the Judge/Executive to enter into a lease agreement with the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati/Campbell County YMCA for non-exclusive use of certain areas of Morscher Park. Commissioner Besecker made a motion to adopt R-88-22, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-89-22 was read by title. R-89-22 approves the A.J. Jolly Golf Course rates for the 2023 golf season. Commissioner Lampe made a motion to adopt R-89-22, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Mr. Elberfeld explained that all rates were raised a little to keep up with costs. The concession prices will remain the same and various golf rates were up anywhere from

\$0.50-\$2.00. The golf course is still competitive in the market. Commissioner Lampe stated that A.J. Jolly is a wonderful golf experience with new golf carts in the last year, competitive rates and the course has never been better. He gives Brian Lambdin and Tim Mason and their staffs a lot of credit for making it a first-class golf experience. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Ordinance O-12-22 was presented for a first reading. O-12-22 establishes the Campbell County Detention Center Inmate Fees. No vote was taken on the first reading of the ordinance.

A motion was requested to authorize an application for supplemental EMPG grant funds from Kentucky Emergency Management to purchase equipment for the Office of Emergency Management. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Police Officer Alex Turner effective November 11, 2022. 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 Information Technology Technician Andrew Cornuelle effective November 4, 2022. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, 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 an Information Technology Technician to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Cornuelle. Commissioner Lampe. seconded the motion. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Administrator Matt Elberfeld presented his report by requesting a motion to authorize the Fiscal Court to enter into a private Long-Term Evolution (pLTE) network service agreement with altafiber via KRS 45A.380 noncompetitive negotiations to provide public wi-fi access at AJ Jolly Park, AJ Jolly Golf Course and Pendery Park. Mr. Elberfeld explained that this is an extension of the fiber build out agreement previously entered into to put fiber into every address point in Campbell County. As part of that deal, the Fiscal Court had a credit for a public wi-fi project and after considering various options, a proposal was put together to provide free wi-fi at A J Jolly Park, golf course and campground and Pendery Park. Dispatch will allow altafiber to put equipment on its radio tower. The equipment will convert radio frequency to wi-fi. The shelters and structures that have electric at the park will have additional access points on them. There will still be areas that will not get access but the main accessed areas will have good coverage. This is a five-year agreement including equipment, installation and operating the network for five years all altafiber’s responsibility. The build out will take place over the winter and is expected to be ready next spring. Representatives from altafiber are present to answer any questions. Judge Pendery stated that altafiber has exceeded expectations in the build out so far. People at the parks want connectivity and this will address a need and make the parks more attractive. The Fiscal Court appreciates their help and generosity. Commissioner Besecker echoed those comments adding that it has been a whirlwind on the part of altafiber and their contractors to get the build out going – it is on schedule or ahead of schedule. People at the parks will use this. There will be connectivity issues at the parks but that is experienced at some level every day. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. Commissioner Painter asked about security. Mr. Elberfeld replied that like most

public wi-fi there will be an end-user license agreement, content filters and malware in place. It will be a safe and secure network to be used for the right purposes. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

County Attorney Steve Franzen congratulated and thanked those who attended the Citizens’ Academy. He hopes that they enjoyed it and will tell them how it can be improved and encourage others to attend. He encouraged people to get involved by serving on a board or running for office.

Commissioner Besecker stated that the Citizens’ Academy is a great program and hopes that the participants enjoyed it and learned from it.

Commissioner Besecker thanked Jim Luersen, his staff and the poll workers for running a great election. They did an outstanding job and the poll workers were well trained. He appreciates their work. It is important to have votes correctly counted.

Commissioner Lampe thanked those present for participating in the Citizens’ Academy. He had addressed the group at the Detention Center and mentioned the importance of the Jailer and how demanding that job is. Jim Daley does a great job at the Detention Center, but not by himself. Ms. Braun, Ms. Rohe and Mr. Dobbs are a great example of the support that he has. Think of the lives that have been impacted by getting their GED’s.

Commissioner Painter stated that now the Citizens’ Academy participants know about the Fiscal Court. It is good to have people who know what is going on in county government. He urged them to call if they hear incorrect information or if they have ideas that can make this a better place to live. He is always open for calls. He thanked them for attending the Citizens’ Academy, it will pay off.

Judge Pendery made the following announcements:

1. CVG Airport has been working to contract with more passenger airlines. Today, CVG announced that it has signed a contract with British Airways and will start flying in June 2023 from CVG to London. It is expected to add an estimated \$58 million of economic activity to Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati a year. CVG faced competition from other airports in the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana region to secure this contract. This accomplishment involved an investment by the KY Economic Development Cabinet, Jobs Ohio, Tri-ED and Ready Cincinnati to put in place the infrastructure necessary for another airline to operate out of CVG. Millions of dollars were invested, with a huge economic return on investment expected.
2. Campbell County Solid Waste is partnering with Cohen Electronics to host a Holiday Light Recycling Program from December 1 – February 1. Residents can drop off unwanted strings of lights at the Campbell County Administration Building, located at 1098 Monmouth Street in Newport, or the Campbell County Clerk’s Office, located at 8330 W. Main Street in Alexandria during normal business hours. Please only place strings of lights, free of plastic bags and other packaging products, in the barrels provided.
3. Campbell County Parks & Recreation wants feedback from 2022 A.J. Jolly Park patrons! Complete the [2022 Park Patron Survey](#) available on the County’s website at www.campbellcountkyky.gov for a chance to win a 2023 Season Pass.

Finance Director/Treasurer Laura Lewis presented her report by requesting a motion to accept the bid of Riegler Blacktop in the amount of \$934,215.90 for resurfacing of paved surfaces at the following County facilities:

- Fiscal Court auxiliary lots between Orchard and John Street (both north and south lots)
- AJ Jolly Golf Course – Terry Jolly Way, parking lot and service road to back of BBQ area
- Road Department – all paved surfaces
- OEM Annex – paved surfaces to be installed around annex
- AJ Jolly Park – Parklake Road
- AJ Jolly Park Horse Campground – all paved surfaces

The project cost was estimated at \$1.5 million in the budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the bid of Allender Enterprises in the amount of \$55,136.25 for the AJ Jolly Boat Ramp replacement project. The proposed project plan was reviewed by Cardinal Engineering and they agree with Mike Braun’s recommendation to award the bid to Allender. This project was included in the FY23 budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Ms. Lewis then requested a motion to approved the claims and claims paid per standing order dated November 9 and 16, 2022. The County Attorney advised that he 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 6:24 p.m.

Attachments:

- Resolution R-88-22 Lease Agreement with YMCA for Use of Morscher Park
- Resolution R-89-22 A.J. Jolly Golf Course Rates for 2023
- Ordinance O-12-22 1st Reading – Establish Detention Center Inmate Fee
- Claims and Claims Paid Per Standing Order dated November 9 and 16, 2022

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk