

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

September 4, 2024

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 9:00 AM, at the Campbell County Courthouse, 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky. Campbell Media recorded the regular meeting and broadcast it on the Campbell Media website.

Present:

County Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery
County Commissioner, Geoff Besecker
County Commissioner, Tom Lampe
County Commissioner, Brian Painter

County Attorney, Steve Franzen
County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld
Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis
Assistant County Administrator, Kim Serra
Police Major, Jeremy Newberry
Fiscal Court Clerk, Janie Patterson

Absent:

Police Chief, Craig Sorrell

Regular Meeting

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Following the roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting on August 21, 2024.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting on August 21, 2024 by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Guests

Swearing in of Police Officers

Police Major, Jeremy Newberry introduced the two newest Police Officers to the Campbell County Police Department, Erik Schnitzler and Storm Painter. Major Newberry said they are both lifelong Campbell County residents and attended Campbell County High School.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery read the Oath of Office and swore them in. He said we are fortunate to live in a place that respects the law, and we will hold them up to the rest of the community as an example of people doing the right thing for the right reasons. Judge Pendery congratulated them personally and on behalf of the community and the Fiscal Court.

Certificate of Appreciation to Bruce Siry who is retiring from the Volunteers in Police Service

Police Major, Jeremy Newberry introduced Bruce Siry, who is retiring from the Volunteers in Police Service, and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service. Mr. Siry started volunteering for the Campbell County Police Department in November 2011.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery thanked Mr. Siry for his many years of service.

Recognition of Citizens/Public Officials

Campbell County resident Tom Ramler thanked the Campbell County Police Department for the work that they have been doing. He also thanked Judge Pendery, the Fiscal Court, and specifically Commissioner Geoff Besecker for the improvement on 4-Mile Road. Mr. Ramler asked for an update on a classification count and any recommendations from the State Transportation Department. Mr. Ramler said thank you from the citizens and residents of Camp Springs.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to authorize staff to apply for an Environmental Stewardship Project Grant offered by UK Cooperative Extension Services – Campbell County, to provide funds for collection containers and proper recycling of e-cigarettes collected through participating middle and high schools during the 2024 – 2025 academic year.

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

County Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Geoff Besecker said he had attended the Alexandria Fair and Horse Show. He said due to rain and lightning the opening parade was unfortunately cancelled but the weather was fantastic throughout the rest of the weekend. On behalf of the Fiscal Court he thanked everyone and the community for their participation, and the Fair Board for constantly improving the park and the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Brian Painter gave an update on the Festival on the Lake. He said there were 1,875 paid attendees at the event which was tremendous, and he said beverage sales were good.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery thanked everyone involved in the Festival on the Lake and the Alexandria Fair and Horse Show. He said a lot of hard work goes into those events and it makes our community a place we can gather together and celebrate life.

Judge/Executive's Report

Campbell County Senior Citizens' Picnic

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery announced the 57th Annual Campbell County Senior Citizens' Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th at Pendery Park from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. He said pre-sale tickets are available at the County Administration Building in Newport or the County Senior & Wellness Center in Highland Heights for \$10. The picnic theme is "Pirates at Pendery Park," and there will be dancing, live music, vendor tables, games, and a catered chicken meal.

Finance Director/Treasurer's Report

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented the Finance Director/Treasurer's Report.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to authorize staff to submit two applications for the 2024 KACO Insurance Safety Grant Program through the online application process. She said the program offers a \$10,000 maximum reimbursement with a 20% minimum local match requirement. Two projects have been identified by the Road Supervisor and the Police Chief and are recommended for the application.

Motion was made by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute a letter to proceed with an agreement with Trane Energy Services for a no cost energy assessment and feasibility study for Campbell County facilities including the Campbell County Detention Center. Ms. Lewis said our utility cost, particularly electric, have been increasing over the past five years. Jerry Schmits with Trane Energy Services was present to answer any questions.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery thanked Jerry Schmits for being present and for the offer.

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

Budget Transfers

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to approve Budget Transfers dated August 31, 2024.

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

Interfund Transfers

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis stated there were no Interfund Transfers and County Attorney, Steve Franzen said a vote was not needed.

Claims & Claims per Standing Order Claims, and Employee Benefits

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to approve Claims and Claims paid per standing Order, and Employee Benefits dated:

- August 28, 2024
- September 4, 2024
- September 1, 2024 (Employee Benefits)

County Attorney, Steve Franzen commented he had reviewed the Claims, and had determined that everything appeared to be appropriate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker.

Commissioner Tom 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.

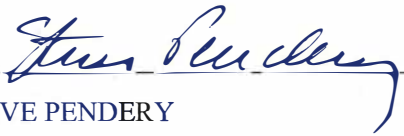
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Geoff Besecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Tom Lampe offered a second to the motion. All voted “Aye” and the meeting adjourned at 9:29 AM.

Attachments

- Budget Transfers: August 31, 2024
- Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order, and Employee Benefits:
 - August 28, 2024
 - September 4, 2024
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Approved:



STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:



JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk,