

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT  
MINUTES**

**October 2, 2024**

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 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 September 18, 2024.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting on September 18, 2024 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

## Guests

### **The ION Center**

Christy Dangle, Chief Operations Officer of the ION Center for Violence Prevention spoke and recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness month and thanked the Fiscal Court for partnering with them. She explained the ION Center's goal and role in the community is to help keep individuals safe who experience power based personal violence by providing shelter, including for their pets, a crisis intervention hotline, and assisting individuals through the court system. The ION Center also helps individuals to learn how to stop violence in the community.

Commissioner Brian Painter asked Ms. Dangle to describe the ION Shelter in Campbell County. Christy Dangle explained they cover 13 counties and the Campbell County shelter is located in the city of Newport, has 36 beds, and is community living, and ION will work with anyone who is fleeing domestic violence.

County Attorney, Steve Frazen asked how many of the 36 beds were full on average, and Ms. Dangle responded all of them, and if there aren't any beds available, ION will find shelter.

Commissioner Tom Lampe thanked Ms. Dangle for the services the ION Center provides.

Ms. Dangle discussed some of the various ways that the ION Center is funded including state, private, local, and grant funding.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery highlighted some of the statistics listed on the Proclamation declaring October 2024 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" before presenting it to Christy Dangle and the other ION Center staff members.

Commissioner Geoff Besecker said he and Ms. Dangle serve together with the Leadership Northern Kentucky class and are a part of an accountability group within the class.

Judge Pendery said he appreciated the ION Center coming to the meeting.

### Recognition of Citizens/Public Officials

Life-long Campbell County resident Dave Waters presented to the Fiscal Court and explained his 100-year Campbell County family lineage. He did this to reassure the Court that his request was coming from a deep-rooted Campbell County resident. Mr. Waters had completed the Campbell County Comprehensive Plan Community Survey, and there was a question regarding the boat ramp on the Ohio River. He had conducted thorough research before coming before the Fiscal Court to request that a boat ramp be built in Campbell County. He said that he was very serious about this and would volunteer his services however deemed by the county.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery told Mr. Waters that his presentation was very well done and professional which was appreciated. Judge Pendery explained that Campbell County has tried multiple times to have access to a public entry ramp along the river, but there is a lot involved. Judge Pendery said the last time the State of Kentucky helped to search for a location there was not a public place available.

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld said the Fiscal Court has reached out to the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a feasibility study and the City of California about a particular location they may have available.

### **New Business**

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

### **Personnel**

#### ***Executive Order***

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to advance Police Officer Samuel Broomall to Police Officer 3 in accordance with the current FOP working agreement effective October 6, 2024.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

#### ***Executive Order***

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to advance Police Officer Robert Latham to Police Officer 7 in accordance with the current FOP working agreement effective October 12, 2024.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

### **Board Appointments**

#### ***Executive Order***

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to reappoint James Ernst, OD (Optometrist), Kevin Hanson, PE (Engineer), and Brandon Heineke, DVM (Vet) to the Campbell County Local Board of Health each for a two-year term effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

Mr. Elberfeld said the Local Board of Health has specific spots for different types of medical professionals and an engineer.

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

#### ***Executive Order***

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to reappoint Jessica Schweitzer to the Campbell County Public Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term effective September 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

### ***Executive Order***

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to appoint Terra Ryder to the Campbell County Public Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term effective September 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery said the Library Board of Trustees has a system designed to produce representation from all over the county.

All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

### **County Commissioners’ Reports**

Commissioner Geoff Besecker said Campbell County hosted the Kentucky Secretary of State, Michael Adams for the entire day, and that he started his visit at Highlands High School and finished at Bishop Brossart High School. Secretary Adams spoke with students about all things elections and what the Secretary of State does. Commissioner Besecker said it was wonderful to have Secretary Adams here and thanked him for coming. Commissioner Besecker said Secretary Adams talked about what he’s doing to keep our election safe and secure, easy to vote in, and that County Clerk Jim Luersen has what he needs to be an efficient Clerk over the elections.

Judge Executive, Steve Pendery said out of all the election questions that resulted in recounts in the State of Kentucky, not one single vote changed. Judge Pendery said our system produces very accurate results and that should be a comfort to people.

### **Judge/Executive’s Report**

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery gave the following two announcements:

#### **Solid Waste Fall Cleanup Event**

The Solid Waste Fall Cleanup Event is scheduled for Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 8 AM to 5 PM at 3 locations:

- Frederick’s Landing Park
- Pendery Park
- Campbell County Road Department

Electronics recycling is available at each location. For a full list of accepted items and other event guidelines visit [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) .

#### **Spooktacular Halloween Event**

AJ Jolly Park is hosting the annual Spooktacular Halloween Event on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM to 2 PM. Suggested donation per vehicle is \$5. Additional information can be found by calling 859-547-3681 or by visiting [www.ajjollypark.com](http://www.ajjollypark.com) .

## Finance Director/Treasurer's Report

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

### ***R-75-24***

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title summary for Resolution R-75-24, "A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the Campbell County Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Campbell County Board of Education for Fiscal Year 2025 for the provision of bus transportation of parochial school students."

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-75-24 by Commissioner Tom Lampe, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted "Aye" and Resolution R-75-24 passed.

### ***Motion***

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to replace the entire bridge structure, MBI #007, on Plum Creek Road via the bid process. This project will replace the aging structure with a poured in place culvert.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, 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 apply for 80-20 Rural Secondary Bridge Funds to replace County Bridge MBI #007 on Plum Creek Road.

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

### ***Motion***

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to authorize staff to purchase a 2024 Ford Edge from Paul Miller Ford for the IT Director. This vehicle will replace a 2009 Ford Fusion model that has met its life expectancy. The IT Director's current vehicle will be repurposed to another IT employee as a replacement for the 2009 Ford Fusion. Estimated cost of the vehicle from the state master agreement is \$47,393 and is included in the FY2025 budget.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

### ***Motion***

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to renew the contract for tree and limb removal services with Gerrein Green LLC for the period 10/20/2024 until 10/19/2025. Ms. Lewis said it is only utilized as needed when conditions are dangerous for our Road Department.

Motion was made by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery 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:

- September 30, 2024

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

### ***Interfund Transfers***

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to approve Interfund Transfers dated:

- September 30, 2024

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

### ***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:

- September 25, 2024
- October 2, 2024
- October 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.

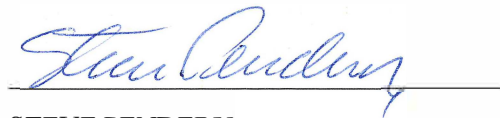
### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Geoff Besecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Brian Painter offered a second to the motion. All voted “Aye” and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

**Attachments**

- R-75-24, Execute a contract for the provision of bus transportation for parochial school students
- Budget Transfers: September 30, 2024
- Interfund Transfers: September 30, 2024
- Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order, and Employee Benefits:
  - September 25, 2024
  - October 2, 2024
  - October 1, 2024 (Employee Benefits)

Approved:



STEVE PENDERY  
Judge/Executive

Attest:



JANIE PATTERSON  
Fiscal Court Clerk,