

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

January 22, 2025

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a special meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 5:30 PM, at the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. Campbell Media recorded the special 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
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto
Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis
Police Chief, Craig Sorrell
Fiscal Court Clerk, Janie Patterson

Regular Meeting

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

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 Special Fiscal Court Meeting on January 8, 2025.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Special Fiscal Court Meeting on January 8, 2025 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Brian Painter. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented one item of new business.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to accept the resignation of Major Jeremy Newberry of the Campbell County Police Department effective January 31, 2025.

Police Chief, Craig Sorrell said Major Newberry will be retiring with over 20 years of service and will be recognized at the Fiscal Court Meeting scheduled for February 5, 2025.

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

Guests

Promote Police Sergeant Donald Dornheggen

Police Chief, Craig Sorrell introduced Police Sergeant Donald Dornheggen and gave a brief explanation of some of the many responsibilities that he has taken on including the Police Cadet Program, and the Drone Program. Chief Sorrell said Sergeant Dornheggen was an outstanding Detective, and that he did a great job on some very difficult cases. Chief Sorrell said the Police Department has a highly competitive process and he knew Sergeant Dornheggen would be a contender. Chief Sorrell was very pleased to promote Sergeant Dornheggen to the position of Captain in the Campbell County Police Department.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery offered congratulations on behalf of the Fiscal Court. He said Campbell County has an outstanding Police Department and that it is a compliment and an honor that Mr. Dornheggen is being promoted. Judge Pendery said he and the Fiscal Court are proud of him.

Recognition of Citizens/Public Officials

Campbell County Resident, Ken Rehtin approached the Fiscal Court to say thank you and that he sincerely appreciates the work in regards to the Restricted Custody Center (RCC). Mr. Rehtin asked that the Fiscal Court also express his thanks to Jailer, Jim Daley. He said there is really a need and the Fiscal Court recognized that need and stepped up and helped with the work of the joint venture between Holy Spirit and Saint Paul’s, and when the daily activities came in conflict, the Fiscal Court stepped up again and offered the RCC for that.

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery said it was very kind of Mr. Rehtin to come in person and that Mr. Rehtin also being involved in public service knows it is unusual to hear from people who are happy.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented the remainder of new business.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Campbell County and Northern Kentucky Health Department to partner on e-cigarette (vape) recycling in Campbell County schools.

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

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to enter into contract addendum #2 with the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky (ESNKY) to provide additional funding for the temporary overflow cold shelter in Campbell County effective January 17, 2025. The Fiscal Court previously approved \$20,000 for this program which has been expended and staff recommends an additional \$40,000 be made available. The contract is on a per night unit cost reimbursement and requires County Administrator approval prior to each night of service.

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

Personnel

R-05-25 Resolution

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-05-25, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the elimination of the full-time OEM Deputy Director – Operations position, the addition of three part-time OEM Response Officers, updating the job title of OEM Deputy Director – Administration to OEM Deputy Director, and authorizing corresponding amendments to the “Authorized Position List” of the Campbell County Administrative Code.”

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-05-25 by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-05-25 Passed.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview, and make hiring recommendations for three part-time Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Response Officer positions authorized in Resolution R-05-25.

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 Michael Curtis to Police Officer 8 in accordance with the current FOP working agreement effective November 22, 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 Police Sergeant Donald Dornheggen to the position of Captain in the Campbell County Police Department effective January 26, 2025.

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

Board Appointments

Executive Order

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read a motion to appoint Angela Johnson, Michael Sutton, and James Morgan, Jr. to the Campbell County Ethics Commission each for a one-year term effective February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.

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

Judge/Executive Report

Campbell County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Aging Services Tax Funds

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery announced that organizations interested in receiving Campbell County Payroll Tax Funds to service the citizens of Campbell County in the areas of Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, or Aging Services must download, complete, and email the Fiscal Year 2026 MH/ID/AG Tax Fund Application, which is available on the Campbell County website.

Finance Director/Treasurer’s Report

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

R-06-25 Resolution

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis read the title summary for Resolution R-06-25, “A Resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the Judge/Executive to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) for operations at the Campbell County Senior Center for FY 2025.”

Ms. Lewis explained NKADD has awarded \$63,712 in funding for the Senior Center operations and wellness programming for Fiscal Year 2025 and will reimburse the county with federal funding on a monthly basis for providing units of service to seniors in the county.

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-06-25 by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted “Aye” and Resolution R-06-25 Passed.

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to acknowledge for the record that the 2025 bond renewals are in place for the County Judge/Executive and the County Sheriff.

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 acknowledge for the record that the 2025 bond renewals are in place for the Other Elected and Appointed County Officials and Employees of Campbell County.

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

Claims & Claims per Standing Order

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis requested a motion to approve Claims and Claims per Standing Order dated:

- January 15, 2025
- January 22, 2025

County Attorney, Steve Franzen commented that the claims had been reviewed, and everything appeared to be appropriate.

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

Adjournment

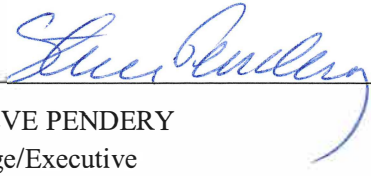
There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Geoff Besecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Brian Painter offered a second to the motion.

All voted “Aye” and the meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Attachments


- R-05-25: Admin Code Revisions, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
- R-06-25: Execute a MOA with the NKADD for operations at the Campbell County Senior Center
- Claims & Claims per Standing Order:
 - January 15, 2025
 - January 22, 2025

Approved:



STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:



JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk