

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY
FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

March 4, 2026

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 9:00 AM, at the Campbell County Courthouse, 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky. Campbell Media recorded the meeting and broadcast it on the Campbell Media Website.

Present:

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery
County Commissioner, Geoff Besecker
County Commissioner, Tom Lampe
County Commissioner, Brian Painter
Assistant County Attorney, Pat Walsh

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto
Police Chief, Craig Sorrell
Fiscal Court Clerk, Janie Patterson

Regular Meeting

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 held on February 18, 2026.

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

Guests

Theresa Brugger, Campbell County Resident & Volunteer

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery introduced Campbell County resident and volunteer, Theresa Brugger and presented her with a Citation of Achievement for her steadfast commitment to protecting and preserving the beauty of Campbell County through years of selfless volunteer service to our community. For many years Ms. Brugger has consistently picked up litter along Campbell County's roadways because she cares deeply about her community. Judge Pendery said Ms. Brugger reflects the very best of civic pride and personal accountability.

Megan Clere Abrams, Solid Waste Coordinator

Solid Waste Coordinator, Megan Clere Abrams presented the department's 2025 annual report, highlighting program participation, collection totals, and upcoming initiatives.

Ms. Abrams reported that the County's Spring and Fall Cleanup Events, held at three locations, served more than 4,300 vehicles and collected over 520 tons, which she emphasized is more than one million pounds, of waste, including 43 tons of tires, 28 tons of electronics. The Solid Waste Voucher Program, now in its third year, generated over 670 vouchers, with 364 redeemed, allowing residents to dispose of waste outside of scheduled cleanup events. Usage was highest in unincorporated areas and the cities of Alexandria, Cold Spring, Fort Thomas, and Newport.

Ms. Abrams also reported on the regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, held in partnership with Boone and Kenton Counties, which collected over 100 tons of hazardous materials. A total of 267 Campbell County residents participated, contributing to 2,189 participants regionally. Additional recycling initiatives included the Reboot Electronics Recycling Program, which collected over 20,000 pounds of electronics at three locations. Seasonal programs included the Christmas Tree Recycling Program, which collected 201 trees that were repurposed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife as fish habitat, and the Holiday Lights Recycling Program, which collected 1,286 pounds of lights at six locations.

Ms. Abrams said that the County's drop-off recycling program continues to operate 6 sites with 20 recycling bins, and that the County continues to participate in the Hefty ReNew program, allowing residents to recycle additional plastics using specialty orange bags. She also discussed updates to the scrap metal recycling program, which now allows residents to drop off scrap metal and appliances at the Campbell County Road Department during designated hours.

Ms. Abrams reported that litter abatement efforts conducted by volunteers, community groups, and the Campbell County Detention Center resulted in the removal of more than 2,000 bags of litter, approximately 40,000 pounds of waste, 200 large items, and 140 tires, while cleaning 370 miles of roadway and two miles of riverbank. Overall, 52% of county roads were cleaned, exceeding the program's 50% goal.

Ms. Abrams concluded by outlining 2026 programs and upcoming events, including year-round recycling and voucher programs, the Spring Cleanup scheduled for May 8 and 9, River Sweep scheduled for June 13,

the Fall Cleanup scheduled October 9 and 10, and a tire collection event which will be scheduled later in the year. She also announced a pop-up Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for the first time on April 11 at Frederick's Landing Park in the City of Wilder.

The Fiscal Court thanked Ms. Abrams for the continued success of the County's solid waste and recycling programs and said that she was doing a fantastic job. They also acknowledged and thanked the many volunteers and partner organizations for supporting the County's solid waste and litter abatement programs.

New Business

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented new business.

Resolution R-12-26

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld read the title summary for Resolution R-12-26, "A Resolution of the Fiscal Court of the County of Campbell, Kentucky, stating the reasonable expectation of the County of Campbell, Kentucky to reimburse for capital expenditures from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds." Mr. Elberfeld explained this is related to the new Public Safety Building.

Motion was made to adopt Resolution R-12-26 by Commissioner Geoff Besecker, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lampe. All voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute an engagement letter with FBT Gibbons LLP to serve as bond counsel to Campbell County with respect to general obligation bond issuances. Mr. Elberfeld explained FBT Gibbons is the new name for the former Frost Brown Todd.

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

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to authorize the Judge/Executive to execute a Municipal Advisory Services Agreement with RSA Advisors, LLC to serve as the Fiscal Court's municipal financial advisor for any upcoming bond issuance.

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

Personnel

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to accept the resignation of Animal Technician Kaya Hill effective March 3, 2026.

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

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview and make a hiring recommendation for an Animal Technician to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kaya Hill.

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

Executive Session

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to meet in Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f), discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested.

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

Motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Besecker. All voted “Aye” and the motion passed.

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to terminate Kennel Technician, Jade King, effective March 4, 2026. The motion was initially read with the incorrect last name (Hill) and was restated to reflect the correct last name (King).

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

Motion

County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld presented a motion to authorize staff to advertise, interview and make a hiring recommendation for a Kennel Technician to fill the vacancy created by the termination of Jade King.

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

County Commissioners’ Report

Commissioner Tom Lampe reported on the March 2, 2026 event referred to as “Demolition Day,” which was based at Taylor Park in Newport and marked the demolition of the 4th Street Bridge over the Licking River. He stated that the demolition was conducted safely and served as a significant milestone toward

future progress. The bridge will be replaced with a multifunctional, more efficient structure designed to better meet the community's transportation needs. Commissioner Lampe also noted that motorists should anticipate temporary route changes during the construction period. In the interim, TANK will operate a free shuttle service, the "Licking River Link," which will run continuously on a 30-minute loop between Newport and Covington. Commissioner Lampe applauded the City of Newport Police Department for providing safety for the event and the engineers who meticulously dropped the bridge into the river.

County Judge/Executive's Report

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery reported that he attended a two-and-a-half-hour meeting with regional representatives and officials from Amazon regarding the company's operations at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. The facility is the company's largest air transport hub and second-largest installation worldwide and includes the world's largest robotic workspace within a building that will be the second-largest in the world when completed. Judge Pendery noted that the operation employs a significant workforce and supports many additional jobs in the region, providing substantial economic benefits.

Pop-up Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery announced the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area, in partnership with Campbell County Solid Waste, will host a Pop-Up Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Frederick's Landing Park in Wilder. Judge Pendery said more information about the event including acceptable items was available online at www.campbellcountky.gov.

Finance Director/Treasurer's Report

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

Motion

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to authorize staff to issue an Invitation to Bid for Fiscal Year 2027 Solid Waste Trash Services for County Cleanup Events and Fiscal Year 2027 Solid Waste Recycling Services.

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

Budget Transfers

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to approve Budget Transfers dated:

- February 28, 2026

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

Interfund Transfers

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

- February 28, 2026

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

Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order

Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis presented a motion to approve Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order dated:

- February 25, 2026
- March 1, 2026 (Employee Benefits)
- March 4, 2026

Assistant County Attorney, Pat Walsh commented that the claims had been reviewed, and everything appeared appropriate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Painter, seconded by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery.

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.

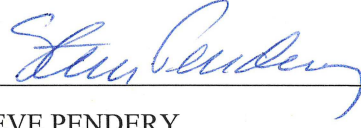
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Geoff Besecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery. All voted “Aye” and the meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM.

Attachments

- R-12-26: State the reasonable expectation to reimburse for capital expenditures from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds
- Interfund Transfers: February 28, 2026
- Budget Transfers: February 28, 2026
- Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order
 - February 25, 2026
 - March 1, 2026 (Employee Benefits)
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Approved:



STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:



JANIE PATTERSON
Fiscal Court Clerk

Date: March 18, 2026