

**CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FISCAL COURT  
SPECIAL MAYOR’S MEETING  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 28, 2026**

The Campbell County Fiscal Court held a Special Mayor’s Meeting for elected officials and representatives on April 28, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. The meeting was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken.

**Topics and Speakers:**

1. Campbell County Solid Waste
  - Megan Clere Abrams, Campbell County Solid Waste Coordinator
  
2. Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy, Northern Kentucky Helpline, CARES, Police Social Worker Coordination
  - Amanda Peters, Director of the Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy (NKYODCP)

**Campbell County Fiscal Court Members & Staff Present:**

County Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery  
County Commissioner, Brian Painter  
County Commissioner, Tom Lampe  
County Commissioner, Geoff Besecker  
County Attorney, Steve Franzen  
Assistant County Attorney, Michelle Eviston  
County Administrator, Matt Elberfeld  
Assistant County Administrator, Justin Otto  
Finance Director/Treasurer, Laura Lewis  
Police Chief, Craig Sorrell  
Planning and Zoning Director, Cindy Minter  
Public Works Director, Luke Mantle  
Solid Waste Coordinator, Megan Clere Abrams  
Fiscal Court Clerk, Janie Patterson

**Welcome & Introductions**

Judge/Executive, Steve Pendery called the Campbell County Special Mayor’s Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

**Topics & Speakers**

**Topic:** Campbell County Solid Waste

**Speaker:** Megan Clere Abrams, Campbell County Solid Waste Coordinator

Megan Clere Abrams, Campbell County Solid Waste Coordinator provided an overview of Campbell County Solid Waste programs, recycling initiatives, litter abatement efforts, and upcoming events. She reviewed the County's year-round and seasonal programs, including the Drop-Off Recycling Program, Spring and Fall Cleanup events, Voucher Program, Scrap Metal Recycling, Electronics Recycling, Holiday Lights and Tree Recycling, Trash for Cash, River Sweep, Waste Tire Collection Event, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, School Vape Recycling Program, and Latex Paint Hardener Program. She also discussed the six free recycling locations throughout Campbell County, and the Hefty ReNew pilot program, which allows residents to recycle hard-to-recycle materials.

Ms. Abrams demonstrated the County's online recycling search tool and waste sorting game developed through a recycling grant in partnership with Routeware. She stated the search tool provides disposal and recycling information for more than 240 materials and noted the tool has generated significant public engagement. She highlighted litter collection statistics from Solid Waste crews, detention center crews, and volunteers.

Ms. Abrams reviewed participation statistics and tonnage totals from the County's Spring and Fall Cleanup events and Voucher Program. She noted that in 2025 the Voucher Program distributed 673 vouchers, with 364 redeemed, resulting in the disposal of approximately 121 tons of material. She provided updates on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, Waste Tire Collection Event, and the School Vape Recycling Program conducted in partnership with the Northern Kentucky Health Department and several Campbell County schools. She announced upcoming 2026 Solid Waste events and encouraged continued community participation in County recycling and cleanup programs.

**Topic:** Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy, Northern Kentucky Helpline, CARES, Police Social Worker Coordination

**Speaker:** Amanda Peters, Director of the Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy (NKYODCP)

Amanda Peters, Director of the Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy (NKYODCP) provided an overview of NKYODCP, including regional partnerships and behavioral health initiatives serving Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties. She explained that the organization coordinates substance misuse policy initiatives and regional response efforts through collaboration among public health, public safety, and community partners.

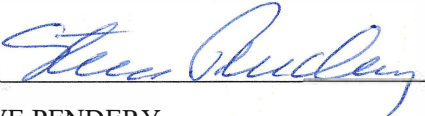
Ms. Peters discussed several regional initiatives, including CAREs (Coordinating All Recovery Efforts), the Northern Kentucky Helpline, Sequential Intercept Model Mapping, and the Police Social Worker and Law Enforcement Navigator programs. She noted that since March 2019, the Northern Kentucky Helpline has received more than 19,000 calls, distributed naloxone kits, and coordinated transportation assistance for treatment services.

Ms. Peters reviewed diversion and deflection efforts designed to connect individuals experiencing mental health and substance use disorders with treatment and recovery services rather than incarceration. She highlighted regional partnerships supporting recovery housing, crisis response, treatment coordination, reentry services, and community education initiatives through the Northern Kentucky CAREs program and related behavioral health initiatives.


**Attachments**

- R-25-26: Approve funding for the County Attorney's Office for Fiscal Year 2027
- R-26-26: Authorize an agreement with Carrot Fertility, Inc.
- Interfund Transfers: April 30, 2026
- Budget Transfers: April 30, 2026
- Claims & Claims Paid per Standing Order
  - April 22, 2026
  - April 29, 2026
  - May 1, 2026 (Employee Benefits)
  - May 6, 2026

Approved:

  
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STEVE PENDERY  
Judge/Executive

Attest:

  
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JANIE PATTERSON  
Fiscal Court Clerk

Date Approved: May 20, 2026