

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

April 11, 2007

A special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse, located at 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
DAVE OTTO
KENNETH RECHTIN
MARK HAYDEN

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
James Seibert	Director of Fiscal Affairs
Justin Verst	County Attorney
Col. Keith Hill	Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Ken Knipper	OEM Director
Peter Klear	Director Planning and Zoning
Pat Dressman	Director of Human Services
Susan Prather	Fiscal Court Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Cable Access was present to film the meeting.

Judge Pendery called for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court special meeting held March 28, 2007 were presented by Judge Pendery. Commissioner Otto made motion and Commissioner Hayden seconded to approve the minutes of March 28 as presented. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Pendery then invited Officer Ryan Markus, a new hire with the Campbell County Police Department, along with Col. Keith Hill, Police Chief, to step forward for the administration of the Oath of Office. Upon completion of the Oath of Office, congratulations were offered by Fiscal Court members and Staff. Judge Pendery noted his appreciation of Officer Markus' willingness to protect the citizens of Campbell County.

Next, Judge Pendery recognized citizens or public officials wishing to address the Court. Mr. Pat Lucas, Wilder, Kentucky, questioned the reason behind the lack of participation by Campbell County with the NACO Drug Prescription Card Program. Mr. Horine explained that the Program is offered to those citizens who do not participate in other prescription insurance programs and that not all Counties have elected to participate. He explained that the County is continuing to evaluate the benefits of utilizing the Prescription Card.

Dr. Mike Schaffer, Kramer Drive, was next to address the Court. Acting as the representative for property owners on Kramer Drive and Charlotte Drive, he requested that the roadways be accepted and maintained by the County. He thanked Commissioner Hayden for his time and effort in meeting with the residents to hear their concerns prior to tonight's meeting. Dr. Schaffer then provided a brief history of Kramer Drive adding that the maintenance issue has been ongoing for over thirty (30) years. He stated that the residents wish to develop an on-going dialog with the County to evaluate the situation. Judge Pendery explained that the issue has not been visited within the last several years and that the County would be happy to enter into a dialog with Mr. Horine acting as the contact person. Commissioner Hayden pointed out that structure repairs need to be assigned to the cost and specifications utilized. Dr. Schaffer stated the project would be cost prohibitive to the residents. Discussion continued with Dr. Schaffer noting that some research indicates the roadway was previously accepted by the County. Mr. Buck Seibert, 13470 Kramer Drive, distributed photographs depicting the current condition of Kramer Drive and Charlotte Drive. He noted his concerns regarding the ability of emergency vehicles to travel the road along with decreasing property values. Commissioner Hayden stated that consideration should first be given to cost then to the specifications utilized prior to assuming a position. Commissioner Rehtin provided his opinion that the situation requires a comprehensive review of all private roadways within the County; not just Kramer Drive. Commissioner Hayden stated he has experienced a level of commitment from the residents of Kramer Drive not shown by other residents. It was again urged by Commissioner Rehtin that the review be utilized as a model as others will come forward with similar requests.

There being no Old Business before the Fiscal Court, Judge Pendery called for New Business to be presented.

Ordinance O-04-07 was presented to the Court by Ms. Melissa Williams for first reading. The Ordinance was read by title and a summary given: an Ordinance updating the Official Zoning Map for Unincorporated Campbell County to rezone an approximate 0.75 acre area located at 5406, 5418 and 5424 Skyline Drive and an approximate 0.4 acre area located at 5305 Dodsworth Lane, both as described in the attached maps, from Residential Rural Estate (R-RE) to Residential One-C (R-1C). She stated that the request has been presented by the Campbell County Planning Department and Household Finance Corporation II. The zone change is recommended for approval by the Campbell County and Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Peter Klear, Director of Planning and Zoning, was available for questions. As the ordinance was presented for first reading, no action was required.

Ms. Williams next presented Resolution R-40-07. The resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court recognizing a national award presented to the Campbell County Senior Center from the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging for “Best Practices in Programming for Senior Citizens” and honoring the Staff at the Campbell County Senior Center for the work that led to such award. Judge Pendery invited the Staff of the Senior Center, Mr. Larry Broering, Ms. Marsha Dufeck and Ms. Sarah Ritchie, to come forward to accept the plaque honoring their achievements. Pat Dressman, Director of Human Services, was also in attendance. On behalf of the Fiscal Court, Judge Pendery offered congratulations for the latest in a long line of awards. Ms. Dufeck noted her appreciation to the Fiscal Court for their help in fulfilling a vision presented in 2002 with the opening of the Wellness Center. She invited members of the Fiscal Court to visit the Center at their convenience. Mr. Broering noted that the Senior Center is unique in that such centers generally do not offer wellness facilities as provided in Campbell County. Motion was made by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. There being no further discussion, all voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams presented Resolution R-41-07 to the Court for its consideration. The resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court amending Chapter 13B of the Campbell County Police Policy Manual to add a policy for Firearms Qualifications for Honorably Retired Campbell County Police Officers. It was moved by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. Chief Hill explained that the Federal Government passed a law allowing honorably retired police department officers to carry a concealed firearm upon passing a yearly qualification. He stated that the Police Department will offer the course but that all paper-work will be processed through the Federal Government. There being no further discussion, all voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to proclaim April 15 through April 21, 2007 as Volunteer Appreciation Week in Campbell County was then requested by Ms. Williams. Citizens were urged to join with the County in recognizing the many contributions that volunteers make to our community and to thank them for making Campbell County a better place to live, work and do business. Motion was made by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. There being no further discussion, all voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Matters of Personnel were then brought before the Fiscal Court. A motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer Mickey R. Collins, effective March 26, 2007, was then requested by Ms. Williams. Motion was made by Judge Pendery and seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. There being no further discussion, all voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams presented Resolution R-39-07 to the Court for its consideration. The resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court authorizing the offering of light duty to eligible employees while receiving Worker’s Compensation during their recovery from work related injury. Motion was made by Judge Pendery and seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. There being no further discussion, all voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon the conclusion of New Business, Judge Pendery called for reports from Staff. Mr. Robert Horine, County Administrator, stated that a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place earlier in the day for the new Water Fill Station located on Aqua Drive in Cold Spring. He pointed out that as 1,600 households do not have access to public water, the Fill Station provides a much needed service for Campbell County. The station is coin operated with a cost of twenty-five cents for seventy-one gallons of water. He encouraged use of the facility and noted the appreciation of the Fiscal Court for the efforts of the Northern Kentucky Water District.

Justin Verst, County Attorney, had no report to submit.

Commissioner Rehtin stated he recently met with a group of citizens who filed suit against the City of Cincinnati as a result of their use of force in the riots of 2001. He reported that the City of Cincinnati has achieved ninety-three percent (93%) of their goals as assigned through the task force. Commissioner Rehtin explained that some have attributed such success to the use of taser guns by the Police Force in that their use has decreased injuries to the officers and decreased the need for use of deadly force. He encouraged Mr. Horine and Chief Hill to investigate the potential of utilizing taser guns at the Campbell County Police Department.

Commissioner Hayden noted that credit is due to the Legislation for the passage of House Bill 191 permitting inmates requiring specialized medical care, or long-term medical care, to be transferred to a state prison thereby relieving county jail systems of the expense. He also noted the significance of HB191 requiring insurance companies to maintain medical treatment to the policy holder while incarcerated. Commissioner Otto noted that although the State is now willing to house such inmates, many times the population numbers prohibit the intake of additional prisoners.

Commissioner Hayden noted that he hosted a second “listening session” on April 7 and invited any citizen wishing to speak with him to attend future sessions to take place the first Saturday of each month, 7:30 a.m., at the Alexandria Court House.

Judge Pendery then announced that the Fiscal Court will resume its regularly scheduled meeting dates with the next meeting to take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. at the Campbell County Fiscal Court Building.

The Fiscal Director’s Report was then provided by Mr. Jim Seibert, Director of Fiscal Affairs. A motion was requested by Mr. Seibert to acknowledge receipt of Jailer Greg Buckler’s Fiscal Year 2008 budget prior to April 1 as required by Kentucky Revised Statutes. It was moved by Judge Pendery and seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. There being no further discussion, all voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the Public Official Bond for Steven Taylor, Campbell County Constable, as required by the Kentucky Revised Statutes was then requested by Mr. Seibert. It was moved by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. There being no further discussion, all voted “AYE” and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Verst stated he reviewed the claims presented and all appear to be in order. It was moved by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. In reference to House Bill 191 previously mentioned, Commissioner Otto pointed out that medical expenses were incurred by the Detention Center in the amount of \$23,000. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, it was moved by Commissioner Otto, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Attachments:

- Ordinance O-04-07 Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 5406, 5418 and 5424 Skyline Drive and 5305 Dodsworth Lane
- Resolution R-39-07: Light Duty Program for Eligible Employees
- Resolution R-40-07: Recognition of Campbell County Senior Center
- Resolution R-41-07: Amendment to Chapter 13B of the Campbell County Police Policy and Procedure Manual
- Proclamation: Volunteer Appreciation Week
- Official Bond for Steven Taylor, Campbell County Constable
- Claims: April 11, 2007

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Campbell County Judge/Executive

Attest:

SUSAN A. PRATHER
Fiscal Court Clerk