

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
MINUTES**

**March 5, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 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
Jim Seibert	Director of Fiscal Affairs
Justin Verst	County Attorney
Col. Keith Hill	Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Lt. Col Todd Straman	Assistant Chief, Campbell County Police Department
Lt. Barrett Champagne	Patrol Commander, Campbell County Police Department
Ken Knipper	OEM Director
Susan Prather	Fiscal Court Clerk
Jack Snodgrass	Campbell County Clerk

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

The Campbell County Police Honor Guard presented colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. The Honor Guard then retreated. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court Meeting held February 20, 2008 were presented by Judge Pendery. Motion was made by Commissioner Otto, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin, to approve the minutes as presented. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Judge Pendery invited the presentation of Col. Keith Hill, Campbell County Police Chief. Chief Hill then invited Mr. Mark Wilke and Mr. Gary Downs, together with Judge Pendery, to step forward for the administration of the Oath of Office as new Police Officers for the Campbell County Police Department. Upon completion of the Oath of Office, congratulations were offered by Fiscal Court members and Staff. Judge Pendery noted his appreciation of the Patrolman's willingness to protect the citizens of Campbell County.

Lt. Col. Todd Straman then presented Service Awards to Officers of the Campbell County Police Department. Chief Keith Hill was requested to step forward to accept his service pin for twenty-five (25) years of service with the Campbell County Police Department. Judge Pendery presented Chief Hill with his pin while Lt. Col. Straman spoke to his accomplishments. Officer Thomas Lakes was then requested to step forward for acceptance of his service pin for fifteen (15) years of service. Judge Pendery presented Officer Lakes with his pin while Lt. Straman spoke to his accomplishments. Detective David Halfhill was next to accept his service pin five (5) years of service along with Officer John "JP" Tucker. Lt. Straman spoke to each Officer's accomplishments while Judge Pendery presented their service pins. Lt. Straman acknowledged both Officer Lana Helton-Fillhardt and Detective Kimberly Williams, who were unable to attend tonight's meeting, for their fifteen (15) years of service. The Officers were offered the congratulations and appreciation of the Fiscal Court.

Next, Lt. Barrett Champagne provided details of the achievement awards to be presented at tonight's meeting. Officer JP Tucker was then requested to step forward to accept his 2007 Achievement Award for speed detection and apprehension along with safety belt and child passenger safety restraint enforcement. Lt. Champagne then requested Office Nicholas Heiert to step forward for his acceptance of a 2007 Achievement Award for impaired driving detection and apprehension together with patrol related drug violators.

Chief Hill then recognized and presented Certificates of Appreciation for the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) to include Mr. Sam Roberts, Mr. Jerry Jones, Mr. Glen Racke, Mr. Christopher Schulken and Mr. Geoffrey Lucas. He noted his appreciation to Lt. Champagne for his efforts in initiating the program. Lt. Champagne then presented an overview of the services and tasks accomplished by the VIPS which would otherwise be completed by police officers.

Next, Chief Hill explained the role of the Campbell County Police Force Merit Board and recognized its members to include Chairman Reis Hardy, Vice Chair Bill Voelker, Secretary Bill Hofstetter and members Van Needham and Alex Futscher. Mr. Hofstetter was recognized for his service to the Board.

Lt. Col. Todd Straman then presented the 2007 Annual Report of the Campbell County Police Department. He thanked the Fiscal Court for their financial assistance and continued support. He provided personnel highlights along with statistical information as to the number of calls for service and reported crimes along with traffic violations and accidents. The 2008 goals and objectives of the Campbell County Police Department were then presented by Lt. Col. Straman. Upon conclusion of his presentation, questions were invited. There being none, Judge Pendery commented that the men and women of the Police Department are motivated by ensuring the safety of citizens. He noted the Fiscal Court's appreciation to the officers, along with their spouses and family members in their support of our officers.

Judge Pendery recognized citizens or public officials wishing to address the Court. Jack Snodgrass, Campbell County Clerk, then spoke in regards to the recent elections in Ohio. He pointed out that the process of paper ballots, as utilized in Ohio, is being pushed for use by Kentucky. Commissioner Hayden commented that a report was recently announced that small hand-held electronics have been found to interfere with the operation of voting machines. Mr. Snodgrass stated that yes it was possible but he has not experienced such interference. Judge Pendery noted that Kentucky is known for handling elections efficiently.

Judge Pendery then called for the presentation of Old Business. Melissa Williams, Director of Administration, presented Resolution R-19-08 to the Court for consideration. The Resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court approving the Kentucky Highway Department's recommendations for the FY09 Rural Secondary Road Program. Ms. Williams noted the projects recommended by the Transportation Cabinet include the resurfacing of East Alexandria Pike from Low Gap North to Cold Spring limits; Flagg Springs Pike/KY 10 from KY 1997 to the culvert at mile post 7.52; Stonehouse Road/KY 1997 from KY 9 (AA Highway) to KY 547; and Clay Ridge Road/KY 1936 from US 27 to Boone Smith Road. She reminded the Court that consideration of the Road Program was tabled from the last meeting due to a conflict with a plan to replace the water main on Stonehouse Road. The project has now been coordinated between the Transportation Cabinet and Northern Kentucky Water. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Otto. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon the conclusion of Old Business, Judge Pendery called for the presentation of New Business. Ms. Williams presented Resolution R-23-08 to the Court for consideration. The Resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court requesting a transfer of funds for *Lifeline* from the Senior Citizen Payroll Tax FY08. She explained that the request was to reallocate \$2,050 from Personal Care to Homemaking Services due to higher demand. Ms. Williams noted that the amount awarded to *Lifeline* remains the same. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution R-24-08 was then presented by Ms. Williams. The Resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court requesting a transfer of funds for *The Point* from the MR/MH Payroll Tax FY08. She noted the agency has requested a transfer of \$4,840 from the Advocacy Program to the Residential Program due to the lack of students needed advocacy and higher residential costs. Approval of the request carries the recommendation of Pat Dressman, Director of Human Services. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Otto. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then presented Resolution R-25-08 for consideration. The Resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court setting the 2008 park opening and closing dates, and camping dates for the Campbell County park system. She noted the proposed schedule. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Judge Pendery. Commissioner Hayden commented that consideration should be given to extending the season at A. J. Jolly Park to permit access to the horse trails thereby increasing use of the park with minimal financial investment. Judge Pendery stated that the park remained open longer in 2007 at the request of the Northern Kentucky Horse Network and he foresees the same for 2008. He added that the additional acreage recently purchased by the Fiscal Court will allow for the continuation of the trails. Commissioner Hayden stated he encouraged the Horse Network to lay out a map and create a plan. Commissioner Otto encouraged the formation of a Recreation Committee to provide suggestions as to the parks in Campbell County. He stated that members could be appointed from the Horse Network, Sports Associations, BMX, etc. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution R-26-08 was then presented by Ms. Williams for consideration. The Resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court setting the 2008 fees at A. J. Jolly Park. She noted that the amounts remain the same as last year and carry the recommendation of Mr. Dennis Reller, Recreation Manager. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Ms. Williams presented Resolution R-27-08 to the Court for consideration. The Resolution was read by title and a summary given: a resolution of the Campbell County Fiscal Court amending the Campbell County Police Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter 13E, Non-Lethal Weapons, and 13F, Uniforms, to include policies on the use of tasers. She pointed out that Chief Hill was available for questions. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Personnel matters were then brought before the Court. Ms. Williams requested a motion to appoint the following individuals as seasonal employees to the position of Golf Maintenance Workers for Steve Myers, Superintendent: ELDEN SIEMER, CHARLES RAUCH, ROGER CHURCH, TERRY KENNEDY, RICK THOMAS, DENNY NEWBERRY, ANDREW ASHMORE, AARON MYERS, JOSIAH MYERS and MICHAEL BELEW. Said appointments are effective March 5, 2008 through the 2008 Park Season and compensation set at \$9.71/hr. Motion was made by Judge Pendery and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to appoint the following individuals as seasonal employees to the position of Camping and Concession Workers was then requested by Ms. Williams: JAMES HERALD, ELIZABETH HOLTZ, and HEIDI RAWE with compensation set at \$9.26/hr. effective March 5, 2008 through the 2008 Park Season. Dennis Reller, Park Manager, recommends the appointments. Motion was made by Judge Pendery and seconded by Commissioner Otto. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Ms. Williams requested a motion to appoint the following individuals as seasonal employees to the position of Park Maintenance Workers: TYLER BROCKER and HOWARD TUCKER with compensation set at \$9.71/hr. effective March 5, 2008 through the 2008 Park Season. Dennis Reller, Park Manger, recommends the appointments. Motion was made by Judge Pendery and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to request the Campbell County Police Merit Board to test for the position of Sergeant in the Campbell County Police Department was then requested by Ms. Williams. Motion was made by Judge Pendery and seconded by Commissioner Otto. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams then requested a motion to re-appoint Mr. William C. Voelker to the Campbell County Police Force Merit Board for a four year term effective March 27, 2008 to March 26, 2012. Motion was made by Judge Pendery and seconded by Commissioner Otto. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Ms. Williams requested a motion to authorize Staff to advertise, interview and hire for the position of Golf Maintenance Specialist. Motion was made by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon the conclusion of New Business, Judge Pendery requested reports from Staff. Robert Horine, County Administrator, had no additional items to report.

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

Commissioner Rehtin noted the newly created web site titled NKY.Helps established to promote volunteerism in Northern Kentucky. He requested that the sponsor of the site be invited to an upcoming Fiscal Court meeting.

Judge Pendery offered the congratulations of the Fiscal Court to Ken Knipper, Director of Campbell County's Office of Emergency Management, for his recent appointment as a charter member of the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC). Mr. Knipper thanked the Court for their on-going support in his endeavors on behalf of Campbell County.

Judge Pendery then reported that the Spring Clean-Up for Campbell County has been set for March 28, 29 and 30. Information pertaining to the clean-up can be found in the recent issue of *What's Happening in Campbell County*. Mr. Snodgrass, County Clerk, suggested that the County provide citizens with the opportunity to shred personal documents. He explained that a shredding company could be on site at the clean-up to provide such services. He suggested it should be after April 1 when federal and state taxes are due.

The Fiscal Director's Report was then provided by Mr. Jim Seibert, Director of Fiscal Affairs. Mr. Seibert requested a motion to accept the bids as recommended by Golf Course Superintendent Steve Myers for materials and supplies for A. J Jolly Golf Course. He noted that the bid includes Kenton County. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Otto. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert then presented Ordinance O-02-08 to the Court for second reading and passage consideration. The Ordinance was read by title and a summary given: an ordinance relating to the 2007-2008 annual budget and amendments thereof. Motion was made by Commissioner Hayden and seconded by Judge Pendery. Commissioner Rehtin noted his concerns in regards to borrowing \$13.5M for construction of the new administration building. He explained that the exact need should be determined with that amount being borrowed. Judge Pendery stated that the full \$13.5M was being considered due to interest rates. He provided assurances that Staff will be engaging the advice of experts and that borrowing will not take place until interest rates come down. Mr. Seibert commented that it is not intended to borrow the full amount. Mr. Horine explained that authorizing up to \$13.5M will allow for some flexibility. Commissioner Hayden questioned that at the time a decision is made would Fiscal Court members vote. Judge Pendery affirmed that the information would be before the Fiscal Court in need of a vote. Upon call of the vote, those voting "AYE" – Judge Pendery, Commissioner Otto and Commissioner Hayden; "NO" – Commissioner Rehtin. The motion carried.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion for the purchase of two 2008 (new) Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Package vehicles from CountrySide Ford, under the Kentucky State Contract, at the cost of \$40,532.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the transfers as presented was then requested by Mr. Seibert. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin and seconded by Judge Pendery. There being no further discussion, all voted "AYE" and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert next requested a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Verst stated, as required by law, he reviewed the Claims and all appear to be in order. Motion was made by Commissioner Otto and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. 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 Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Otto, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Attachments:**

Resolution R-19-08	FY09 Rural Secondary Road Program
Resolution R-23-08	Transfer of Senior Tax Funds for <i>Lifeline Inc.</i>
Resolution R-24-08	Transfer Mental Health/Mental Retardation Funds for <i>The Point</i>
Resolution R-25-08	Opening/Closing Dates 2008 Season for Campbell County Parks
Resolution R-26-08	2008 Park Fees
Resolution R-27-08	Amendment to Campbell County Police Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter 13E and 13F
Ordinance O-02-08	Amendment to FY08 Budget
Transfers	March 5, 2008
Claims	March 5, 2008

Approved:

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STEVE PENDERY  
Campbell County Judge/Executive

Attest:

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SUSAN A. PRATHER  
Fiscal Court Clerk