

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
MINUTES**

**October 6, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 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:  
DAVID OTTO  
KENNETH RECHTIN  
MARK HAYDEN

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Jim Daley	County Attorney
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Director
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Keith Hill	Police Chief

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

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

Minutes from the Fiscal Court meeting of September 16, 2010 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Otto, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin, to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Chief Keith Hill introduced Officer David Halfhill who is being promoted to Sergeant in the Campbell County Police Department. Chief Hill stated that Officer Halfhill came to Campbell County Police Department almost eight years ago and has served as a detective, as a member of the SWAT and on the bike patrol.

A motion was requested to promote David Halfhill to the position of Sergeant I in the Campbell County Police Department with salary adjustment from Grade 12G (\$24.0083/hr) to Grade 13G (\$26.4092/hr) effective October 6, 2010. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. Sergeant Halfhill then introduced his wife and daughters.

Judge Pendery called on Dr. Chris Lorentz from the Thomas More College Biology Field Station to present his report. Dr. Lorentz explained that the Biology Field Station is an off-site teaching and research facility located on KY Route 8 across from New Richmond, Ohio, in the center of the Ohio River watershed. The 50-acre facility includes student and faculty housing, laboratories and classrooms. Dr. Lorentz stated that Thomas More College acquired the former site of Lock and Dam 35 in 1967, renovated the facility in 1997 and greatly expanded its programs in 1998. The Field Station has a pump in the river allowing 24 hour/7 day monitoring of river water which includes an early warning detection system alerting of any potential contaminants. Dr. Lorentz described some of the research performed and college courses offered at the Field Station. They also offer outreach programs to the public and field trips for grade school and high school students. The Field Station partners with other universities and agencies for research purposes. Dr. Lorentz stated that they are currently undergoing a \$1.5 million capital campaign to expand their laboratories, equipment and housing to accommodate more students and projects. He explained that the "Fishing Rodeo" is a contest to allow individuals to demonstrate their fishing skills, win prizes and have a cookout.

Judge Pendery invited comments from the audience. No one in the audience wished to speak, and there was no old business, so Melissa Williams proceeded with new business.

Resolution R-110-10 was read by title and summary given. R-110-10 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Campbell County Firefighters Educational Association for FY 2011 Funding. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-110-10, seconded by Commissioner Otto. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-111-10 was read by title and summary given. R-111-10 authorizes the Northern Kentucky Area Development District to execute a contract with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of Campbell County Fiscal Court and other coalition partners for a Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant for the Licking River Greenway. Ms. Williams stated that the \$200,000 grant will be used to assess multiple brownfield sites in Campbell and Kenton Counties for contamination by petroleum substances. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-111-10, seconded by Commissioner Otto. Commissioner Hayden asked if any County funds are involved. Robert Horine replied that the grant is funded 100% by federal EPA funds. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to adjust the compensation of Patrolman Zachary Rehtin from Grade III, 11C (\$20.2329/hr) to Grade III, 11D (\$20.7387/hr) effective October 10, 2010 in accordance with the current agreement with the FOP. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Otto. Commissioner Rehtin did not participate in the vote. Commissioners Otto and Hayden and Judge Pendery voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to adjust the compensation of Patrolman Ryan Markus from Grade IV, 12B (\$21.2199/hr) to Grade IV, 12C (\$21.7504/hr) effective October 28, 2010 in accordance with the current agreement with the FOP. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint David Lusher as Acting IT Director effective September 27, 2010 on an emergency interim basis with compensation adjusted from Grade 11G (\$36,871.00) to Grade 15A (\$48,458.00) annually. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to adjust the compensations of Sergeant Dennis Lehmkuhl and Sergeant Thomas Nitschke from Sergeant Grade I, 13G (\$26.4092/hr) to Sergeant Grade I, 13H (\$27.0694/hr) effective October 6, 2010. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Otto. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to reappoint the following members to the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority for four year terms each effective October 19, 2010 through October 18, 2014: Elmer Haas, Jr., Linda Bray-Schafer, Fred Macke, Jr., Clarence J. Martin, Henry "Hank" Pogue, V, and Larry Schreiber. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Rose Pfaff to the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) effective October 28, 2010. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Otto. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery announced that a Northern Kentucky Forum would be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Southgate Community Center to debate the Commissioner vs. Magistrate form of government in Campbell County. The question to change the form of government will be on the November ballot.

Judge Pendery announced that the Fourth Annual Camp Springs Herbst Tour (Stonehouse Tour) will take place on Sunday, October 17, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Judge Pendery announced that the next Campbell County Mayors meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building in Newport, Kentucky.

Jim Seibert requested a motion to authorize staff to solicit bids for cleaning services for the Campbell County Administration Building at 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Otto. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims as presented for October 6, 2010. County Attorney James Daley stated that he has reviewed the claims and all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Otto, seconded by Commissioner Hayden. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery announced that for the first time in almost two years, the County's quarterly payroll tax collections have gone up; indicating that local businesses and the economy have regained their footing and the economy is slowly growing.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Otto. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

**Attachments:**

Resolution R-110-10 Contract with Campbell County Firefighters' Education Association  
Resolution R-111-10 Contract for Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant  
Claims of October 6, 2010

Approved:

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STEVE PENDERY  
Judge/Executive

Attest:

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Paula K. Spicer  
Fiscal Court Clerk