

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

July 20, 2011

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

PETE GARRETT

BRIAN PAINTER

KENNETH RECHTIN

Robert Horine

County Administrator

Steve Franzen

County Attorney

Melissa Williams

Director of Administration

Jim Seibert

Fiscal Director

Paula Spicer

Fiscal Court Clerk

Colonel Keith Hill

Campbell County Police Department

Peter Klear

Director of Planning and Zoning

Naguanda Deaton

Human Resources Director

Sarah Collins

Housing Department Director

Linda Eades

Occupational Tax Department Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Commissioner Rechtin. Cable Access was present to film the meeting.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Painter to appoint Commissioner Rechtin to preside over the July 20, 2011 meeting in the absence of Judge Pendery. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Minutes from the regular meeting of July 6, 2011 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Garrett to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Rechtin highlighted the career of Patrolman Chris Juniet and asked him to come forward so that he could present him with a watch in recognition of his retirement from the Campbell County Police Department. Officer Juniet was accompanied by his wife Carol.

Commissioner Rechtin asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Fiscal Court.

Kevin Gordon asked, in light of the loss of jobs at Trauth Dairy, if there has been any effort on the part of the County or City of Newport to contact Dean Foods to see if there was anything that the County could have done to save those jobs or bring more jobs to Campbell County. He further suggested that the County follow up with the company to see what it should do to keep or attract businesses. Robert Horine stated that Newport has been the primary communicator with Trauth Dairy for a number of years, and they had no forewarning of what was being considered at the corporate level. Mr. Gordon stated that maybe the corporate headquarters in Dallas is not familiar with Newport and its assets. He stated that some effort should be made to make contact and try to get them to stay in Newport and offer alternatives to moving the jobs. Commissioner Rehtin stated that some sort of "exit interview" would be a good idea. Mr. Horine stated that Adam Caswell, President of the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority, has been in contact with Trauth Dairy to insure that they retain a presence in Campbell County and keep them satisfied. Mr. Gordon suggested that members of the Commission or staff set up a schedule of making visits to businesses in Campbell County to see if there is anything that the County can do for them or to be more business-friendly.

Melissa Williams presented old business with a second reading of Ordinance O-11-11 by title and summary. O-11-11 updates the official zoning map for unincorporated Campbell County to rezone an approximate 2.456 acre area, located at 5192 US 27, as described in the attached map, from I-2 (Industrial Two) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial). This zone map change was requested by the Campbell County Conservation District and is recommended by the Campbell County & Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt O-11-11, seconded by Commissioner Painter. In response to a question as to whether a building permit has been issued, Peter Klear explained the two-step process. He stated that the zoning has to be changed first, then the development plan would be submitted to the Planning Commission, and if approved, the developer would apply for a building permit. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Ordinance O-12-11 was presented for a second reading by title and summary. O-12-11 relates to the reapportionment of the boundaries of the County Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, and Constables of Campbell County, Kentucky in accordance with KRS 67.045. Melissa Williams stated that the boundaries of the three districts were reapportioned based on the findings of the Reapportionment Commission. Copies of the map showing the new boundaries were available for viewing. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt O-12-11, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Ms. Williams advised that the new boundaries take effect immediately, but will not affect elected offices until the 2014 election. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. Ms. Williams thanked the members of the Reapportionment Commission, Neal Bedel, Kevin Sell and Martin Due, for their time and effort.

Ms. Williams presented new business beginning with Resolution R-78-11 by title and summary given. R-78-11 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a purchase of Service Agreement with the Northern Kentucky Area Development District for operations at the Campbell County Senior Center for FY 2012. Pursuant to this agreement the NKADD will provide a total of \$80,215 in funding for the Senior Center with \$74,446 for Center operations and \$5,769 for the Wellness Center. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-78-11, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-79-11 was read by title and summary given. R-79-11 acknowledges the acceptance of the 2010 Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Grant in the amount of \$24,166.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds are used to support the salary of the FSS Program Coordinator for calendar year 2011. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-79-11, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-80-11 was read by title and summary given. R-80-11 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Alexandria Fair Board for the 2011 Alexandria Fair and Fairgrounds. This contract allows the Fiscal Court to purchase up to 10 booths at the Alexandria Fair for \$750 to promote Campbell County at the Fair. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-80-11, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Commissioner Painter asked the County Attorney if it was a conflict of interest for him to vote on this resolution since he is on the Fair Board. Mr. Franzen stated that he did not see a conflict. JR Roth stated that he has to pay \$300 for a booth at the fair and then asked how much the Fiscal Court has to pay to man the 10 booths. Ms. Williams explained that the County does not man the booths; the Fair Board assigns the booths to individuals or businesses. Commissioner Painted stated that the booths are usually used to showcase arts and crafts made in Campbell County. Mr. Roth stated that it is wrong that the County is subsidizing the booth fee for some people, while he has to pay. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-81-11 was read by title and summary given. R-81-11 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Campbell County Firefighters Educational Association for FY 2012 funding. The Fiscal Court will pay a total of \$60,000 to the Association for maintenance and operation of the fire training facilities and for firefighting equipment. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-81-11, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

R-82-11 was read by title and summary given. R-82-11 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Newport, Kentucky, in connection with a Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Williams explained that the total amount of the grant awarded to the City of Newport is \$13,733. The Memorandum of Agreement provides that the County will receive \$3,100 of that amount. It will be used to upgrade the cameras in police cruisers. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-82-11, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Chief Hill stated that he thinks that Newport is using their funds for tasers. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to advance LeeRoy Hancock and Charles Boesch from Road Maintenance Specialist Level II to Road Maintenance Specialist Level III with compensation set at \$24.4316/hour effective July 21, 2011, in accordance with the AFSCME Working Agreement. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the letter of intent to retire from Sergeant Bill Birkenhauer, Campbell County Police Department, effective July 31, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Allyn Reinecke to the position of Part-Time Human Services Specialist with compensation set at Grade 10A (\$15.72/hour) effective July 25, 2011. Robert Horine explained that Ms. Reinecke is a recent graduate of Northern Kentucky University and will be attending graduate school. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint George Kees to the Alexandria Fire District Board of Trustees for a three-year term effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Robert Horine announced that the Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour will be on Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is the third year for the Farm Tour and there will be 15 farms participating.

Mr. Horine announced that the next Campbell County Mayors' meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

Commissioner Garrett asked if the Fish and Game Department had been contacted regarding a boat ramp at Pendery Park. Robert Horine stated that they have talked to the Fish and Wildlife Department and they are interested in putting a boat ramp on the Ohio River. He will schedule a meeting.

Jim Seibert read Resolution R-77-11 by title and summary. R-77-11 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to provide services to the Campbell County Fiscal Court for fiscal year 2012 in the amount of \$29,810. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-77-11, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. Commissioner Painter stated that this is not his favorite subject. He stated that by next year they may have to take a hard look at this expenditure especially if money is still tight; he doesn't know the real benefit gained from this contract. He acknowledged that there are some regional planning efforts regarding replacement of the Brent Spence Bridge which is very important to the community so he will not oppose it this year. Commissioner Rehtin suggested that Commissioner Painter meet with OKI's Director. Commissioner Painter stated that he plans to attend one of their meetings. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to approve funding for the County Attorney Steve Franzen's Office for FY 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Commissioner Rehtin thanked Mr. Franzen for submitting a report to the Fiscal Court stating that it is the most extensive report that they've received from the County Attorney's office. Mr. Franzen stated that managing the County Attorney's office is a big operation and he is still working on it. The office has 30 employees and gets funding from several different areas. He stated that Campbell County is involved in more lawsuits than either Boone or Kenton Counties. He looks forward to getting some of this behind him, and he'll then have a better idea of how the office needs to be funded for a long range plan. In response to a question, Mr. Franzen stated that the amount of funding is \$196,122.50. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for July 20, 2011. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Painter.

JR Roth stated that about a month ago he was asked to vote for a representative for the Central Campbell Fire District. He stated that there was a three-hour time to vote on a paper ballot that went into a shoebox. He has a lot of questions about the validity of the process, and wondered why this election is not on the regular ballot. Steve Franzen does not have any knowledge of the process used to elect Fire District representatives. Melissa Williams advised that the election process for fire districts is set out in the Kentucky Revised Statutes. It addresses the day on which the election is to take place, advertisement of the election and other requirements. Ms. Williams stated that each fire district has an attorney and suggested that Mr. Roth attend one of the fire district meetings and ask them to explain the process. Commissioner Rehtin agreed that it may be beneficial for Mr. Roth to attend one of the meetings.

Having previously made a motion and second to adjourn, all voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-11-11	Zoning Map Amendment
Ordinance O-12-11	Reapportionment of District Boundaries
Resolution R-78-11	Contract with Northern Kentucky Area Development District
Resolution R-79-11	Accept HUD Self-Sufficiency Program Grant Funds
Resolution R-80-11	Contract with Campbell County Fair Board
Resolution R-81-11	Contract with Firefighters Educational Association
Resolution R-82-11	Memorandum of Understanding with City of Newport
Resolution R-77-11	Contract with Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments

Claims and Supplemental Claims of July 20, 2011

Approved:

KENNETH L. RECHTIN
Commissioner

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer
Fiscal Court Clerk