

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

February 23, 2012

A special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Thursday, February 23, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at Northern Kentucky University Student Union, Room 104, Nunn Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky. In attendance were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
PETE GARRETT
BRIAN PAINTER
KENNETH RECHTIN

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Steve Franzen	County Attorney
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Director
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Dale Edmondson	Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Director
Gary Moore	Boone County Judge/Executive
Charles Kenner	Boone County Commissioner
Robert Neace	Boone County Attorney
Jeff Earlywine	Boone County Administrator
Lisa Buerkley	Boone County Assistant County Administrator
Steve Arlinghaus	Kenton County Judge/Executive
Beth Sewell	Kenton County Commissioner
Jon Draud	Kenton County Commissioner
Kris Knochelmann	Kenton County Commissioner
Garry Edmondson	Kenton County Attorney
Mark Kreimborg	Kenton County Deputy Judge/Executive
Joe Shriver	Kenton County Administrator
Doug Bramlage	Kenton County Treasurer
Bill Mark	Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Introductions were made.

Dr. James Votruba, President of Northern Kentucky University, welcomed the group to the Northern Kentucky University campus. He distributed packets of information about NKU to the attendees. Dr. Votruba stated that he addressed the Kentucky General Assembly about the great progress that NKU has made in the last 15 years, but the school is now at a tipping point. He discussed the challenges that NKU faces due to underfunding by the State and unfunded mandates. Dr. Votruba then discussed the search for a new President. He expects that the search

committee will begin interviews in March and have an appointment in early April. Dr. Votruba stated that he will remain in the Northern Kentucky area and will teach in the doctoral program in education leadership here at NKU.

Dinner was then served.

Judge Pendery reconvened the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Judge Pendery opened a discussion on legislation pending before the General Assembly. A list of bills of interest to local governments was provided to the attendees. He announced that they learned just before the start of this meeting that SB 151 regarding casino gaming failed by a vote of 16-21. Other Senate Bills discussed related to: constable duties, appointments to library boards, interstate mutual aid, petition for dissolution of the Area Planning Commission, and unclaimed canteen funds in jails. Those present were urged to contact their legislators in support of SB 30 allowing local legislative bodies to limit constable duties. Discussion then moved on to House Bills and Resolutions regarding: cremation of unclaimed bodies, the angel investor tax credit, requiring pawnbrokers to report purchases, creation of a standard form for filing local government taxes, establishing cancer as an occupational disease for firefighters, registration and regulation of metal recyclers, study of Special Districts and the study of economic development potential of rural areas.

Dale Edmondson, Director of the Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Center, reported on the regional emergency communication/911 system. He stated that about 35-50 people have met about a consolidated dispatch system, however the discussion has mostly revolved around radio communications and interoperability. Mr. Edmondson explained how radio frequencies are grouped into bands which are part of a radio spectrum. He stated that the FCC which regulates radio spectrum for state and local public safety agencies will likely mandate use of D-block spectrum (700 MHz) for these agencies. The FCC now requires that all systems be changed to narrowband channels by 2013. Mr. Edmondson stated that they have been talking with Butler County, Ohio and the Cities of Louisville and Lexington who are using or are changing to a 700-800 MHz band width. The system is very expensive; some of the systems in use have been bought with federal grants. Butler County, Ohio has the best system and is willing to allow other agencies in the SOSINK area use the "brain" of their system. Mr. Edmondson also addressed digital vs. analog systems.

Bill Mark, Director of the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force (NKDSF) addressed the group. He explained that the NKDSF was formed when the Boone, Campbell and Kenton County Fiscal Courts entered into an interlocal cooperation agreement in 1992. The NKDSF, an accredited law enforcement agency, is overseen by a Board of Directors, has a permanent staff of three people and has two officers from each County assigned to it. Mr. Mark listed funding sources for the agency. In addition to its drug enforcement work, the NKDSF provides community services such as drug collection boxes, training for drug investigators and meth lab clean up and training. Mr. Mark highlighted cases that they participated in from 2008 through 2011 then summarized the amounts of drugs seized, their value and number of arrests from 2007 through 2011. He stated that methadone is a bigger drug problem in the rural areas of Kentucky and heroine is more prevalent in the urban areas. 63 percent of heroine problems in Kentucky are in Northern

Kentucky – a reflection of the heroine epidemic in the Greater Cincinnati area. The NKDSF works closely with agencies in Ohio on drug investigations as well as with local agencies.

Judge Pendery asked for suggestions for future agenda items. Kris Knochelmann suggested economic development efforts and the work that Tri-ED does in the area.

Robert Horine recommended that the attendees take a look at Griffin Hall College of Informatics if time permits before they leave the campus.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer
Fiscal Court Clerk