

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

AUGUST 1, 2012

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse located at 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria, Kentucky.

**COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
PETE GARRETT
BRIAN PAINTER
KENNETH RECHTIN**

Steve Franzen	County Attorney
Robert Horine	County Administrator
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Keith Hill	Campbell County Police Chief
Jack Snodgrass	County 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 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 regular meeting of July 18, 2012 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Garrett to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery announced that Sheriff John Dunn retired and that Kentucky law provides that the Judge/Executive appoint an interim sheriff. He has appointed David Fickenscher to fill the term. Mr. Fickenscher has a great law enforcement background and Judge Pendery expects that he will serve about three months until a new sheriff is elected. Several other people in the Sheriff's office are also retiring, including the Chief Financial Officer. Judge Pendery announced that Jim Seibert will take a leave of absence from his position as Fiscal Director for Campbell County and work in the Sheriff's office. The Fiscal Court is grateful to Mr. Seibert for his willingness to take on this job on a temporary basis. Finally, Judge Pendery congratulated David Fickenscher on his appointment and John Dunn on his retirement.

Judge Pendery called on Penny Hoskin and Donovan Hornsby of the Campbell County Conservancy, Inc. to present their report. Ms. Hoskin began by explaining that the Conservancy

is a 501(c)(3) corporation and presently owns four properties of varying size. She described the properties. She explained the membership of the Conservancy which includes six members appointed by the Fiscal Court. Ms. Hoskin believes that the Conservancy has a bright future and she would like to get more cooperation from the small towns and let them know how their planning decisions affect other landowners. She then introduced Donovan Hornsby the Conservancy's new Chairman. Mr. Hornsby, a Ft. Thomas resident, stated that he became interested in the Conservancy because he wants to insure that his children and others have the opportunity to play in the woods and enjoy natural areas as he had as a child. Before joining the Campbell County Conservancy, he helped to form the Ft. Thomas Forest Conservancy. He is looking forward to working with the Campbell County Conservancy and would like to develop a vision and strategic plan for the group. One of the challenges that he sees is recruiting and retaining volunteers. Mr. Hornsby introduced Mark McGinnis a member of the Conservancy who was in attendance. Ms. Hoskins stated that the Conservancy is currently working on four properties, and that their next move is to actively look for other properties. Mr. Hornsby stated that one of the challenges is to bring awareness to the mission of the Conservancy. Ms. Hoskins talked about the Hawthorne Crossing project and explained conservancy easements. Mr. Hornsby pointed out that property owners can take certain tax deductions. The Conservancy meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Conservation District Office. Ms. Hoskins closed by explaining about the Hawthorne Crossing project and how they acquired the property. She also talked about the 100 acres of wetlands at St. Anne Convent which has many hiking trails.

Judge Pendery invited comments from the public.

Ken Moellman asked what happened to the greens at A J Jolly Golf Course. Judge Pendery replied that they are unsure why the greens died, but believe it was due to a chemical treatment that has been used many times before; they do not know why it affected the greens in this manner this time. Robert Horine advised that the golf course will close no later than August 12 which will allow time to reseed the greens this fall and be ready for play next spring. He explained the treatment applied to the greens and how they deteriorated afterward. Mr. Horine stated that a letter was sent to the season pass holders and that Flagg Springs Golf Course will honor passes for A J Jolly Golf Course. Season pass holders will also be offered discounts when renewing their season passes next year. He further explained that the repairs will be done by the existing golf course staff and the materials required are not significant. He admitted that the County will lose revenue for the rest of the season.

Jack Snodgrass, County Clerk, reminded the Fiscal Court of the presidential election in November and that he is expecting a 75% turnout. He stated that they are in need of additional poll workers for the November 6 election. He stated that workers are paid \$125 and must be a registered democrat or republican. Mr. Snodgrass then advised that there may be a special election in Campbell County and 47 other counties to fill the term of Congressman Geoff Davis depending on what the Governor decides. A special election will likely cost Campbell County \$65,000. He has requested the Secretary of State to look into a law that will allow "satellite" precincts due to low turnout in a special election which may save the County thousands of dollars. Judge Pendery stated that the Fiscal Court has not taken any action yet on increasing the pay for poll workers.

Melissa Williams presented new business beginning with Resolution R-84-12 by title and summary. R-84-12 approves a transfer of Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Tax Funds for the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky for FY 2013. The Children's Home of Northern Kentucky requested a transfer of \$6,500 of Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Tax Funds from its Intensive In-Home Services Program to the Residential Treatment Program. This transfer is recommended by Pat Dressman, Human Services Director. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-84-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

R-85-12 was read by title and summary given. R-85-12 authorizes the County Judge/Executive to execute a contract with the Alexandria Fair Board for the 2012 Alexandria Fair and Fairgrounds. Under this Agreement the County will pay \$750 for 10 Fair booths to promote Campbell County at the 2012 Alexandria Fair. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-85-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to advance Thomas Nitschke from Sergeant I to Sergeant II with compensation set at step 14H, \$27.7461 per hour effective August 8, 2012 in accordance with the current Fraternal Order of Police working agreement. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to advance Matthew Meyer from Police Officer Grade 2 to Police Officer Grade 3 with compensation set at step 11A, \$19.2580 per hour effective August 4, 2012 in accordance with the current Fraternal Order of Police working agreement. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Richard Lucas on an interim basis to the position of Fiscal Director with compensation adjusted to Grade 17O, \$3,348.73 biweekly, effective August 1, 2012. This appointment is being made due to Jim Seibert leaving to fill a position in the Sheriff's office. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. Commissioner Rehtin asked how this action will impact the budget. Judge Pendery stated that the same work will be done, but with less people. It is anticipated that this arrangement will only last about three months. Mr. Seibert will be paid by the Sheriff. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Veronika Brannock on an interim basis to the position of Wellness Fitness Coordinator with compensation adjusted to \$20.26 per hour for the period of June 12, 2012 through June 30, 2012 and to \$20.87 for the period of July 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012. Said temporary appointment is effective June 12, 2012. Ms. Brannock will take on additional duties while filling in for Sarah Manhardt who is on maternity leave. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to accept the resignation of Taunya Saner from the position of full-time Animal Technician at the Animal Shelter effective July 31, 2012. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire for the position of full-time Animal Technician at the Animal Shelter. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Rehtin stated that they need to know quickly how replacing the greens at the golf course will impact with budget.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Mayor's Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fiscal Court Chambers of the County Administration Building.

Judge Pendery announced that a dedication ceremony for the new Campbell County Courthouse addition will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Judge Pendery announced that the Campbell County Senior Picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. at Pendery Park. This year's theme is "Pirates at Pendery". Tickets are on sale now for \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the picnic.

Judge Pendery then announced that Uhl Road Bridge located at the intersection of Owl Creek and Uhl Road will be closed from August 6 through August 15, 2012 while the bridge is being replaced.

Robert Horine requested a motion to authorize staff to solicit bids for asphalt paving, repair and striping work on the following County parking lots: 1098 Monmouth Street, 8330 West Main Street and the Animal Shelter lot. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-83-12 was read by title and summary given. R-83-12 approves the Campbell County Health Department tax rate for the fiscal year of 2013 for the Campbell County Public Health Taxing District. The Directors of the Campbell County Board of Health adopted a tax rate of 2.1 cents per \$100 of assessed value and requested that the Fiscal Court approve this rate which is the same rate as last year. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-83-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to acknowledge that the Fiscal Year 2012 Treasurer's Report has been submitted as required by the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Horine then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for August 1, 2012. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and that they all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Attachments:

Resolution R-84-12 Transfer of Mental Health Payroll Tax Funds
Resolution R-85-12 Contract with Alexandria Fair Board
Resolution R-83-12 Approve Local Health Department Tax Rate for FY2013
Claims and Supplemental Claims August 1, 2012

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer
Fiscal Court Clerk