

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

January 22, 2014

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 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 JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PETE GARRETT
BRIAN PAINTER
KENNETH RECHTIN

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Steve Franzen	County Attorney
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Matthew Elberfeld	Finance Director
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Colonel Keith Hill	Police Chief
David Plummer	Solid Waste Coordinator
Kim Serra	Human Resources Director
Cindy Minter	Planning and Zoning Director

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

Judge Pendency 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 January 8, 2014 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Painter to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendency invited comments from the public.

Kevin Gordon stated that a statewide smoking ban has been proposed to the General Assembly for its consideration during this session. He recalled that the Fiscal Court had repealed its own smoking ban and wondered if it would consider passing legislation or sending a letter to the General Assembly asking them to stay out of our business. Judge Pendency stated that as a general rule he has found it more effective to pass along advice to the state legislature privately

rather than publicly. Mr. Gordon stated that a formal communication from the Fiscal Court would speak volumes.

Kevin Gordon stated that a recent study indicates that there will be 77,000 fewer vehicles on the Brent Spence Bridge if tolls are instituted and 43,486 more vehicles traveling through Campbell County on a daily basis. The recently released Governor's transportation plan provides that \$1.78 billion of the construction and operating costs will be paid by tolls – more than 50% of the project to be paid by the taxpayers by their daily commute. He reminded the Fiscal Court that it is the only entity in this region that has not formally passed a resolution opposing the use of tolls for the bridge project. Judge Pendery stated that people in Northern Kentucky are opposed to tolls. If tolls are the point of emphasis, it sounds like you're saying that if tolls are any element of a financial plan to build the bridge then we don't want a bridge. He prefers to say that we need a new bridge and it is your responsibility to pay for it, and by the way we are opposed to tolls. Mr. Gordon volunteered to help draft a resolution to the General Assembly.

Judge Pendery introduced Tom Saalfeld, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of St. Elizabeth Hospitals in Ft. Thomas, Covington and Falmouth. Mr. Saalfeld stated that many improvements and changes have taken place since the merger of St. Elizabeth Medical Center and St. Luke Hospital, Ft. Thomas, in 2008. St. Elizabeth is now the largest employer in Northern Kentucky. He listed the various recognitions, rankings and accreditations that St. Elizabeth has received. Mr. Saalfeld described the improvements and additions that have been made at the Ft. Thomas facility including the new women's center, cancer care center, skilled nursing facility, hospice care, emergency department, endoscopy and post anesthesia care unit, daVinci Si robotic surgery, outpatient radiology and outpatient lab. He announced that the new St. Elizabeth Healthcare multi-specialty physicians' facility and Urgent Care Center opened this month; he expects that this will draw additional specialists to Campbell County. Mr. Saalfeld stated that the future plans include a new intensive care unit, new same day surgery unit and renovation of patient rooms. Mr. Saalfeld then answered questions from the Fiscal Court.

David Plummer, Solid Waste Coordinator presented an update on fall and winter activities of the Solid Waste Program. Mr. Plummer described the kinds of items and amounts taken during the Campbell County Fall Clean-Up and the Northern Kentucky Hazardous Waste event. He stated that 2014 is the sixth year for the Trash for Cash program which had 20 groups participating in 2013. The annual Christmas Tree Recycling event was held again in December 2013-January 2014. Mr. Plummer then listed upcoming events scheduled for Spring and Summer 2014.

Robert Horine presented Resolution R-08-14 by title and summary. R-08-14 authorizes execution of an agreement to accept a Community Development Block Grant for the Scholar House Project in the City of Newport, Kentucky. Mr. Horine stated that in May 2013 the Fiscal Court authorized the application for these funds to help develop the 48-unit Scholar House in Newport. He explained the purpose and use of the Scholar House. The \$500,000 received by the Fiscal Court will help pay for the child care center included in the Scholar House development. He explained why the Fiscal Court applied for these funds rather than the City of Newport; the Fiscal Court simply acts as a conduit for the funds. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-08-14, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Commissioner Rehtin asked how long it would take the Fiscal Court to spend down the funds so as to be eligible for other funding.

Dennis Elrod replied that it would be before the end of 2014. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. Judge Pendery stated that this is a great project that will try to break the cycle of dependency and provide support for single parents while they are getting an education. He thanked Tom Guidugli for originating this project. Mr. Guidugli explained the other sources of funding for the project. He thanked the Fiscal Court for its support and answered questions from the Fiscal Court members.

Melissa Williams presented old business with Ordinance O-01-14 by title and summary. O-01-14 establishes the minimum regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures, by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use, and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor, known as the Property Maintenance Code. This is a second reading of the ordinance and is recommended for adoption by Cindy Minter, Planning and Zoning Director. The Ordinance adopts the 2012 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code as the County's building inspection department's code for enforcement standards. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt O-01-14, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

New business was presented with a first reading of Ordinance O-02-14. O-02-14 amends Chapters 30, 34 and 35 of the County Code of Ordinances, and abolishes Chapter 51. Ms. Williams described the amendments to Chapters 30, 34 and 35 to reflect address and name changes and current practices. Chapter 51 which establishes rules and regulations relating to the Southern Campbell County Industrial Park Sewage Plant, is abolished since the facility no longer exists. Documents showing the deleted and added language were provided to the Fiscal Court. No vote is required on the first reading.

Resolution R-10-14 was read by title and summary given. R-10-14 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a quitclaim deed accepting title to and maintenance responsibility for various reconstructed local roads, roadbed and associated right-of-way as a result of the reconstruction of US 27 in Campbell County, Kentucky. The Fiscal Court recently received the quitclaim deed from the State of Kentucky for the roadbed and right-of-way related to the reconstruction of US 27 from the VFW in Alexandria to just south of Racetrack Road. Copies of the maps showing all of the changes can be provided to the Fiscal Court upon request. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-10-14, seconded by Commissioner Painter. In response to Commissioner Rehtin's question, Cindy Minter stated that the condition of the roadbed and reconstructed roads is sufficient to be accepted by the County. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-11-14 was read by title and summary given. R-11-14 acknowledges the acceptance of the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program Grant by the Department of Housing in the amount of \$23,759.00 for fiscal year 2013 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-11-14, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to authorize staff to advertise, interview and hire seasonal golf maintenance employees for the 2014 golf season. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Eric Meek as a Seasonal Golf Course Maintenance Worker effective February 1, 2014 with compensation set at \$10.35 per hour. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-09-14 was read by title and summary given. R-09-14 updates position descriptions and authorizes corresponding amendments to the Administrative Code. Position descriptions were updated for the following positions: Staff Accountant, Payroll Specialist, Assistant Road Supervisor, Planning and Zoning Principal Planner and Administrative Analyst/Solid Waste Coordinator. Judge Pendery made a motion to adopt R-09-14, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Michael Duple, Terry Flynn and Joseph Powers to the Campbell County Ethics Commission for a one year term effective February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint David Plummer to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments Executive Committee as an alternate for Commissioner Ken Rehtin effective January 22, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery announced that a Campbell County Mayors' Meeting will be held on January 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

Matt Elberfeld requested a motion to authorize the purchase of an E55 Bobcat Mini-Excavator from the Kentucky State Contract Agreement (MA #758 1200000390) in the amount of \$53,839.84. The equipment will replace a 1993 John Deere backhoe currently used by the Road Department, and the backhoe will be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for their use. The County is saving about \$25,000 by purchasing from the State Contract, in addition a mechanic will be trained to work on the new equipment. This purchase is budgeted. Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Elberfeld then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for January 22, 2014. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and that they all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Painter. Commissioner Rehtin recused himself from voting to approve any payments made to Senior Services of Northern Kentucky, his employer. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Commissioner Painter stated that the Road Department made a good deal on a used truck which then freed up funds for the purchase of the excavator. The new excavator has features which make it a safer piece of equipment.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Attachments:

Ordinance O-01-14 Adopt International Property Maintenance Code
Ordinance O-02-14 Amend Code of Ordinances Chapters 30, 34, 35 and 51
Resolution R-10-14 Execute Quitclaim Deed from Commonwealth of Kentucky
Resolution R-11-14 Accept Family Self-Sufficiency Program Grant
Resolution R-09-14 Update Position Descriptions
Resolution R-08-14 Accept CDBG Funds for the Scholar House Project
Claims January 22, 2014

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk