

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
(MAYORS' MEETING)
MINUTES
January 26, 2016**

A special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court and local representatives was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. Items on the Agenda were: (1) Skyward and myNKY, (2) NKADD Hazard Mitigation Plan, (3) Updates on Transportation Projects and Economic Development Projects, (4) Land Development, Economic Development Ideas and Comprehensive Planning, and (5) Other Items of Interest.

Steve Pendery	Judge/Executive
Charlie Coleman	County Commissioner
Tom Lampe	County Commissioner
Brian Painter	County Commissioner
Matt Elberfeld	County Administrator, CCFC
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk, CCFC
Cindy Minter	Planning and Zoning Director, CCFC
Seth Cutter	Economic Development Officer, CCFC
Craig Sorrell	Campbell County Police Chief
William Rachford	Mayor, Alexandria
Greg Meyers	Mayor, Highland Heights
Ronnie Walton	Mayor, Melbourne
C J Peters	Mayor, Crestview
Neal Bedel	Mayor, Silver Grove
Angelo Penque	Mayor, Cold Spring
Jim Collins	Administrator, Highland Heights
Pat Hayley	Councilperson, Southgate
Dave Rager	Sanitation District No. 1
Dax Blake	Sanitation District No. 1
Ron Lovan	Northern Kentucky Water District
Lisa Cooper	Northern Kentucky Area Development District
Bob Porter	Office of Congressman Thomas Massie
Billy Matthews	Office of US Senator Rand Paul
Shane Noem	Office of US Senator Mitch McConnell
Emily Carnahan	Northern Kentucky Area Development District
Kristine Frech	Skyward

Judge Pendery called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Introductions of all of the attendees followed.

Kristine Frech, Vice President of Skyward addressed the group about the myNKY five year strategic action plan for Northern Kentucky. She recounted Skyward's history beginning with its first plan in 1981, through Vision 2015 adopted in 2005 and its transition in June, 2015 to Skyward and implementation of myNKY. Ms. Frech recapped some of the successes of Vision

2015. She then talked about the community campaign that launched myNKY in the first six months of 2014. Ms. Frech explained myNKY's four goals: education, health, jobs and vibrancy. In 2005 the \$10 million Catalytic Development Fund was created to provide gap financing in the river cities and recently Campbell County partnered with Skyward on the NKY Start Up resource to assist start-up businesses. Ms. Frech listed the Skyward board of directors led by Candace McGraw. She then talked about the Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Coalition to prepare a workforce for manufacturing jobs in the area. Skyward is also partnering with SD1 and others to expose students to jobs in environmental science. Judge Pendery stated that before the recession it was hard to attract businesses to the area for lack of a workforce. During the recession there were 700 jobs in the northern Kentucky Industrial Park that were unfilled because our youth do not know enough about the benefits of manufacturing jobs. Due to the aging workers in those jobs who will be retiring, there will remain a shortage of workers to take their places. The secret to northern Kentucky's success is building an economy based on manufacturing. The need for a workforce for these jobs should be aggressively and successfully addressed. Ms. Frech explained the "I Made It In NKY" campaign which is aimed at getting more kids interested in manufacturing jobs.

Emily Carnahan, Community Development Specialist at Northern Kentucky Area Development District, spoke about her work on updating the regional hazard mitigation plan. This plan is required by FEMA and is updated every five years. Participation in the plan makes jurisdictions eligible for funds that can be used to mitigate property loss. Ms. Carnahan advised that a meeting was held to discuss natural hazard risks to Campbell County and to develop a risk assessment. The next part of the plan is to develop a mitigation strategy to mitigate losses. She expects that they will meet in the next month or two to discuss goals and objectives for the mitigation strategies and discuss projects. She encouraged attendance at the upcoming meetings. She stated that this does not affect any disaster recovery funding, it is strictly mitigation. Ms. Carnahan stated that all but one community has signed a Memorandum of Agreement to participate in the plan. Any projects proposed for the next five years need to be included in the mitigation plan in order to be eligible for funding. Cindy Minter stated that the new mitigation plan needs to be more detailed than past plans because it will be audited as part of the community rating system credits. Silver Grove and Melbourne have been very active in this planning process. It is important to get details in the plan so that when an event occurs they can get assistance. Judge Pendery suggested that somebody needs to visit the communities to inform them and get them to participate. Ms. Carnahan stated that she met last fall with Silver Grove and Melbourne, and she would be happy to meet with any other communities that may not be aware of this plan and its potential benefits.

Cindy Minter and Seth Cutter provided an update on Kentucky Highway Department road projects and economic development projects. Ms. Minter referred to a list of projects that was distributed noting that certain projects marked with a star means that additional legislative funding action is needed for the project to move forward. The State highway plan will be released next week and a revised list will be presented at the April Mayors meeting. Mr. Cutter advised that the KY 9 extension project is moving forward with a contract awarded to Prus Construction for Phase II. Ms. Minter referred to a flier summarizing the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act which is the five year funding bill for federal transportation programs. Shane Noem of Senator Mitch McConnell's office spoke about the office's involvement in two grant opportunities for major infrastructure projects involving freight,

specifically for a Brent Spence Bridge corridor solution. Mr. Cutter stated that OKI has released the application for SNK federal funds. Southbank Partners is looking for projects to submit for grants. Bob Porter stated that there was significant work done on the FAST bill to try to streamline some environmental requirements in order to fast-track some projects. A total of \$4.5 billion over five years is available through a nationwide bidding process with \$850-\$900 million available each year.

Mr. Cutter then referred to an economic development report that was distributed. He named new business openings and gave updates on ongoing projects. He and Ms. Minter then facilitated a discussion on how to encourage investment in communities. Ms. Minter stated that public dollars, time and private investment dollars are limited; if everyone works together they can make a lot happen. Mr. Cutter stated that they need to consider the strengths, assets, challenges and weaknesses in the communities. Ms. Minter specified transportation, infrastructure and schools as considerations. She then addressed the physical topography of the County and zoning and how it affects development. Mr. Cutter posed the question of what do the city officials see as their vision for their community – do they want development, where and how much. Once they know this, the County and other regional partners can help with their visions. Mayors Bedel, Meyers, Rachford, Peters and Penque and Ms. Hayley talked about their respective Cities. Discussion led to the need for sanitary sewers to make land more developable. In summary, Ms. Minter stated that a strategic plan is needed. She would like to find a way to partner better with the water and sanitation districts to have a vision of where growth is going to occur. Judge Pendery suggested they start by looking at the comprehensive plan and existing zoning maps. He stated that what hurts the County is that there are not sites ready for development with infrastructure in place and proper zoning. When developers come to town, they want everything to be in place. He stated that there should be a coordinated plan among the different planning agencies that results in a zoning map that better reflects what is needed for the future. Mr. Cutter echoed Judge Pendery's remarks that neighboring cities need to communicate and coordinate efforts at zoning and other issues. He then advised that he will be sending out a survey for businesses in Campbell County. He asked for help in spreading the word about this effort and looks forward to the feedback.

Judge Pendery asked for suggestions for topics for the next Mayors meeting.

The next Mayor's Meeting will be on April 26, 2016.

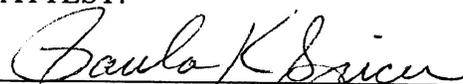
There being no further items for discussion, Judge Pendery thanked those in attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:



STEVE PENDERY
Campbell County Judge/Executive

ATTEST:



Paula K. Spicer, Fiscal Court Clerk