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SIMPSON COUNTY FISCAL

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Special-called Joint,

Tuesday Day,

18th

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At a special-called joint meeting of the Franklin City Commission and Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse located at 100 Courthouse Square, Franklin, Kentucky, Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at noon

Present: Honorable Mason Barnes, Judge Executive
 Honorable Marty Chandler, East Magistrate
 Honorable Nathaniel Downey, West Magistrate
 Honorable Scott Poston, North Magistrate
 Honorable Myron Thurman, South Magistrate
 Honorable Sam Phillips, County Attorney
 Pam Rohrs, Fiscal Court Clerk (Absent)

Present: Honorable Larry Dixon, Mayor
 Honorable Brownie Bennett, Commissioner
 Honorable Jamie Powell, Commissioner
 Honorable Wendell Stewart, Commissioner
 Honorable Herbert Williams, Commissioner
 Honorable Scott Crabtree, City Attorney
 Kenton Powell, City Manager
 Cathy Dillard, City Clerk

County Judge Executive Mason Barnes and Franklin Mayor Larry Dixon called the joint session of Simpson County Fiscal Court and Franklin City Commission into order at 12:00 noon with prayer offered by Judge Executive Barnes and the pledge to the American flag led by Mayor Dixon.

F-S Fire Rescue Fire Chief Leslie Goodrum presented information regarding the establishment of a full-time fire department with firefighters on duty around the clock. The chief informed everyone that F-S Fire Rescue currently functions as an entity of county government with five full-time employees during the day Monday - Friday from 8:00a - 4:00p and 18 volunteer firefighters. The volunteer firefighters do a great job but are not always available and ISO rating is determined by that. A few years ago, a Saturday program was created on a stipend basis and optional for the volunteer firefighters to keep staff on hand that day but availability is still an issue. Chief Goodrum stated the need for five firefighters working a 24/48-hour shift with three shifts which would be a total of fifteen firefighters and still have the fire chief and chief deputy as administrative staff working their normal work week of Monday - Friday from 8:00a-4:00p. The total funding needed for this plan will be an additional \$1,100,000 to cover the payroll expenses. Also, the current building would not accommodate additional firefighters in this plan. Uniforms, radios and PPE to equip the additional employees would be another expense. County Judge Executive Mason Barnes stated that this discussion of a full-time fire department began in his first year of office and as population and industry continues to grow, we need to have a broader discussion. Simpson County PVA provided figures on the total county wide assessment values from this tax year compared to last tax year which was an increase of \$110,581,092. County Judge Executive Mason Barnes informed everyone that the current fire department budget costs \$869,672 and the city contributes \$308,842 which is 35.5 city funded. No action was taken by the City Commission nor the Fiscal Court.

Another discussion item was an increase to volunteer firefighter call-out stipend but there was no action taken by either body on this topic.

Parks Director Lisa Deavers reported that step one of Jim Roberts Community Master Plan has been completed and she presented info from those initial public findings dated October 7, 2022. She explained that Community Park will work to coordinate with Lincoln Park's Master Plan which was conducted by the REACH organization last year. Community Park Master Plan will involve both short-term and long-term goals with some possibly as long as twenty-year. The compilation of those findings may be viewed in the October 18, 2022, Joint Special-called Attachment File. The Parks Board will use the quantitative and qualitative information gleaned from the in-person meeting and online question and answer session as well as factors such as parking, congested areas, safe routes to the park and since much of the park is built on a landfill, what and where certain things can be built within the park. LOSE Design will use this information to render a drawing that the Parks Board will present to the City of Franklin and Simpson County since joint funding is involved. Judge Barnes commended the City on the contract negotiated with Kentucky Downs for funding for capital improvements at the park which had been previously discussed. No action was taken by City or County on this discussion.

Motion by Magistrate Marty Chandler
 Motion by Commissioner Jamie Powell
 Adjourn. (1:38 PM)

Second by Magistrate Nathaniel Downey
 Second by Commissioner Brownie Bennett

Yes-All
 Yes-All



COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

See Attachments File October 18, 2022 (Joint).