

Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 20<sup>th</sup> Day of December 20 22

Donna Rose EI701856LD

At a regular meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse, Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 8:30 AM

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  
 Nicole Law, Treasurer  
 Pam Rohrs, Fiscal Court Clerk

County Judge Executive Mason Barnes called the fiscal court meeting to order with Pastor Chris Laster, husband of out-going County Clerk Beth Laster, beginning the meeting with Scripture and prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Deputy County Clerk Grace Dickens presented the proposed 2023 County Clerk's budget which includes a proposed 3% pay increase with no fiscal court contribution. Court members thanked Beth for her twenty years of service in the County Clerk's office with service as County Clerk during 2022. County Clerk-elect Ausfin Johnson was present during this budget presentation.

Sheriff Jere Dee Hopson presented his 2023 budget presentation which includes a proposed 2% pay increase. Judge Barnes suggested trying to bring the pay increase up to three percent as proposed by the County Clerk's presentation.

Both budgets in their finalized form will be officially presented for approval at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Fiscal Court meeting so as to be submitted to the Department for Local Government by January 15, 2023.

Jailer Eric Vaughn asked Fiscal Court to approve a couple of employees who put the jail over the established maximum of thirty-five full-time employees. One of those requested is a trainee needed to replace a retiring commissary employee, Mary Beth Farley, and the other is an employee hired to fill a one-year vacancy created by a deployed military employee. This employee has been paid the required twenty-one days and will continue to be paid his regular eight-hour holiday pay throughout his year of deployment. When this military employee returns, the jail will be expected to take necessary measures to put him back onto the regular full-time employee roster while maintaining a maximum of no more than 35 full-time employees.

Motion by Thurman Second by Downey Yes-All  
 Authorize the hiring of two jail employees, one to allow for training of the commissary position created by a retiring commissary employee and one to fill a position during the one-year deployment of a full-time employee which will temporarily put the jail over the maximum number of thirty-five allowed employees by two during these training and deployment periods.

Magistrate Chandler cautioned Jailer Vaughn about watching his financials as payroll has been running over and under on Class D revenue. The jailer reported that the GED proctor has been out and will not be returning due to health issues which is temporarily halting that revenue source to the jail. He will be working to resume that revenue source.

Motion by Chandler Second by Downey Yes-All  
 Approve the minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> regular fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Downey Second by Chandler Yes-Chandler, Downey, Poston, Thurman & Barnes  
 Approve second reading and final passage of FY22/23 Budget Ordinance No. 220.245 Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$2,411,973.47.

Tourism Director Amy Ellis addressed Fiscal Court explaining that new state legislation (HB 8) has expanded the 3% transient room tax to include short term rentals such as VRBO, Airbnb and campgrounds thus the need for new ordinances for transient room tax collection by the county. She noted that the state collects a 1% tax from these entities, and she explained that Tourism now collects on a regular basis from ten hotels and a campground. Ms. Ellis also announced that Tourism has recently purchased the building at 105 West Cedar Street (next to the County Clerk's Office) for their office space as well as maintaining satellite office space at the Sandford Duncan Inn located at 5083 Nashville Road. They have been in temporary space at the Goodnight House. The Tourism "cabin" located at 81 Steele Road will be sold.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-Chandler, Downey, Poston, Thurman & Barnes  
 Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 220.246 Repealing Ordinance No. 220.209 to enact a new transient room tax.

Motion by Thurman Second by Downey Yes-Chandler, Downey, Poston, Thurman & Barnes  
 Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 220.247 enacting a new transient room tax.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve the reappointment of Ashley Sharer to the Goodnight Memorial Library Board of Trustees to a 4-year term through December 31, 2026.

Motion by Downey Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Authorize participation in the CY 2023 Appalachia HIDTA Subaward Agreement and assuming the administrative and financial responsibilities outlined in the Subaward Conditions for \$78,500 in associated funding and authorize County Judge Executive Barnes to sign all necessary documents.

Motion by Thurman Second by Downey Yes-All  
 Approve budget transfer as presented.

\$1,500.00	01-5010-411 (co clerk janitorial) from 01-5010-205 (co clerk health ins)
\$13.00	01-5160-531 (DTF bond) from 01-5160-999 (transfer reserve)
\$1,000.00	03-5101-340 (vehicle maint/rep) from 03-5101-709 (furniture/fixtures)
\$1,000.00	01-5120-334A (Turner bldg. maint/rep) 01-5120-383 (rescue)
\$500.00	03-5101-334 (bldg. maint/rep) from 03-5101-599 (misc)
\$8,500.00	03-5101-334 (bldg. maint/rep) from 03-9200-999 (transfer reserve)

Motion by Chandler Second by Downey Yes-All

Approve bills & claims as submitted.

A&M Consultants	01-9100-569	2574.00
Adam Wilshire	02-6105-447	348.99
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-103	250.00
All Season Rent All	02-6105-441	77.00
All Season Rent All	02-6105-588	160.73
Amazon Capital	01-5120-334A	319.97
Amazon Capital	01-5135-703B	84.77
Amazon Capital	01-5160-445B	2108.99
Amazon Capital	01-5120-336	75.98
Amazon Capital	02-6005-334	22.24

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Aqua Treat	01-5081-334A	220.50
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578A	79.15
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578B	200.80
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	305.17
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	1129.41
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	488.92
Attorney at Law	Payroll	338.24
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	118.38
Barren County Business	01-5010-411	167.64
Baumann Paper	02-6105-348	218.40
Bluegrass International Truck Sales	02-6105-723A	114960.20
Bob Barker	03-5101-437	231.80
Bob Barker	03-5101-453	911.60
Bowen	02-6105-479	1588.00
Bowling Green Hydraulics	02-6105-588	384.00
Brownell's	01-5015-435	1047.33
Calvert Spring Water	01-5160-445A	55.00
Card Service Center	01-5015-319	37.08
Card Service Center	01-5015-577	37.28
Card Service Center	01-5015-340	59.88
Card Service Center	01-5015-435	1138.10
Card Service Center	01-5015-445	395.03
Chamber of Commerce	03-9100-551	100.00
Chaney's Auto Works	03-5101-340	2598.50
City of Franklin	01-5010-578	43.85
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	293.80
City of Franklin	01-5081-578B	32.29
City of Franklin	01-5120-578B	43.85
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	509.69
City of Franklin	03-5101-578	10555.85
CLM Port A Potty	01-5085-334	102.00
Command Sourcing	03-5101-411	1223.00
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5015-445	129.43
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5160-445A	37.45
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5160-445B	586.05
Consolidated Paper Group	03-5101-334	373.43
Crocker & Crocker	01-5301-332	214.00
Dezign LLC	01-5070-319	700.00
Division of Child Support	Payroll	791.59
Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	110.98
Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	190.25
Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	5108.00
Electric Plant Board	01-5010-578	644.12
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	5540.40
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578B	103.94
Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	1165.98
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	520.15
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578B	213.44
Electric Plant Board	01-5205-578	678.34
Electronics Lighting & Technologies	01-5160-340	500.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5010-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5015-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	130.15
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	145.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5080-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5160-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	123.45
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5205-573	41.15
Franklin Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	03-5101-573	164.59
Franklin Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	145.00
Franklin Simpson Chamber of Commerce	03-9100-551	100.00
Franklin Simpson Sporting Goods	03-5101-481	854.00
Friends of the Shelter	01-5205-315	4166.67
Gall's	01-5015-435	234.06
Integrity Surveillance Group	01-5160-445B	1118.00
IRS	Payroll	44519.34
J.D. Power & Associates	01-5010-445	320.00
J Edinger & Sons	02-6105-588	974.00
Jacky Hunt	01-5160-569	208.80
Jada Freeman	01-5015-569	86.48
Jere Dee Hopson	01-5015-569	92.91
KACo Benefits Group	Payroll	57192.12
KCJEA/KMCA	01-9100-569	1000.00
Kentucky Retirement	Payroll	125380.16
Kentucky Retirement	01-5001-202A	241.11
Kentucky Retirement	01-5015-205	772.16
Kentucky Retirement	03-9400-202	160.74
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	8677.66

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Kenway	03-5101-411	556.80
Konica Minolta Premier Finance	01-5070-564	153.74
Lang Company	01-5001-564	59.79
Lang Company	01-5015-564	186.91
Lang Company	03-5101-564	40.53
Laser Copy Technologies	01-5160-564	669.39
Lee Electric	01-5081-742	104.36
Lehigh Hanson	02-6105-409	3346.03
Lloyd Chandler	02-6105-447	240.00
Lowe's	01-5080-334	57.00
Lowe's	01-5120-336	27.17
Lowe's	01-5120-446	58.54
Lowe's	02-6105-481	22.15
Lowe's	02-6005-334	420.20
Lowe's	02-6105-447	468.55
Lowe's	03-5101-334	25.64
Lowe's	01-5080-408	51.88
Lowe's	01-5080-431	32.26
Lowe's	01-5015-334	7.58
Mac's Restaurant Equipment	03-5101-334	169.90
Mark's Plumbing	03-5101-334	1201.21
Mason Barnes	01-9100-576	415.60
Mefford & Phillips	01-5005-165	300.00
Mefford & Phillips	01-9100-573	39.95
Microsoft	01-5015-319	324.00
Microsoft	01-5015-435B	108.00
Microsoft	01-5160-445A	72.00
Napa Auto Parts	01-5120-336	23.78
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5080-329	1200.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5081-329	5000.00
O'Reilly's	02-6105-447	78.76
O'Reilly's	01-5015-340	524.91
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-103	250.00
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	01-5001-445	184.55
Postmaster	01-5070-563	204.10
Protegis Fire & Safety	03-5101-334	90.50
Public Entity Insurance	01-5160-531	152.70
Quill	01-5160-445B	1192.13
Rapid Fueling	01-5120-455	1233.39
Rapid Fueling	02-6105-455	286.74
Rob Groves	02-6105-481	93.68
Rubber & Gasket Company	02-6105-588	531.64
Scotty's Contracting	02-6105-405	97208.52
Scotty's Contracting	02-6105-446	618.26
Service Auto	01-5160-340	111.90
Simpson County Clerk's Office	01-5160-340	42.00
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	185109.15
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	18889.44
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	113123.90
Simpson County Law Library	01-5081-578A	85.00
Simpson County Tire	01-5135-340	74.95
Simpson County Tire	02-6105-479	55.00
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	120.33
Software Management	01-5010-319	3723.00
Software Management	01-5010-445	216.42
Superior Source	02-6105-447	149.80
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	470.30
Terminex Processing Center	03-5101-334	269.00
Terry Burnette	03-5101-429	10.00
The Fire Store	01-5120-739B	280.81
Tom Ruley	02-6105-481	39.00
Turney's Heating & Cooling	01-5080-334	8300.00
Wicked Wrench	01-5120-336	320.00
US Bank Equipment Finance	01-5001-564	153.44
US Bank Equipment Finance	03-5101-564	110.43
Verizon	01-5080-573	41.25
Verizon	01-9100-573	149.29
Verizon	01-5115-573	46.25
Verizon	01-5091-573	41.25
Verizon	01-5160-578	541.74
Verizon	02-6005-573	93.90
Vital Signs	01-5070-348	15.00
Vogelpohl Equipment	01-5120-739B	1923.92
Vonage	01-9100-573	91.31
Vonage	01-5070-573	68.51
Vonage	01-5135-573	45.65
Vonage	01-5120-573	45.65
Vonage	01-5015-573	119.19
Vonage	01-5010-573	136.94

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Vonage	01-5160-578	79.88
Vonage	01-5091-573	11.41
Vonage	01-5080-573	11.41
Vonage	02-6005-573	22.82
Vonage	75-5145-578	22.82
Wal-Mart	01-5001-445	11.08
Wal-Mart	01-5120-446	273.42
Wal-Mart	01-5015-445	160.42
Wal-Mart	01-5160-445B	170.59
Wells Fargo Financial	01-5015-564	150.00
West Payment Center	01-5015-445	266.17
West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare	03-5101-586	27515.39
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	1427.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	84.17
Yokely Machine	02-6105-592	17.00

Judge Barnes reported on the recent KYTC public meeting regarding the 31-W North road-widening project. He can provide a link if folks want to offer comment on the Cabinet's proposal for this Number 2 project for Simpson County. He reminded folks that the swearing-in of newly elected officials will be at 1:30 PM, Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at the Justice Center. County offices will be closed for the holidays December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>. His report continued with financial statistics regarding the discussion of proposed use of ARPA money. Both hazardous and non-hazardous retirement rates have slightly decreased and with some increase of occupational taxes, Judge Barnes expects that the county can project available funds through 2025 of \$300,000 plus the \$700,000 of CARES Act money could be preserved and wait for the Community Park's master plan's release and then this approximately \$1,000,000 could be used for implementation of park plans. The ARPA funds are more restrictive and have a time frame within which the funds must be spent. He asked the Court to consider this information and be prepared to take up this discussion regarding the use of ARPA funds at the beginning of the year. Judge Barnes announced that some of the ladies at the BRADD have put together a survey grouping 30 entities into eight categories that Simpson County provides either some type of tax or funding. Judge Barnes encouraged Simpson County residents from twelve years of age and up to participate in this survey. The survey will be available through the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

Fiscal Court members expressed holiday greetings and then extended appreciation and well wishes in a letter to out-going Magistrate Nathaniel Downey.

Magistrate Chandler invited the public to view his parents winning Christmas light display on Salem Road.

Magistrate Downey reported that the Nights of Lights at the community park will be open 6-9 PM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through New Year's weekend. Other Park Board news included that tennis courts at Jim Roberts Community Park are scheduled to be resurfaced with two courts being converted to pickleball and basketball courts at Lincoln Park are to be resurfaced with one of the basketball courts to be converted to pickleball as well. The master plan for the park is coming together and estimates are being solicited. Priority items for the park include a community center, splash pad and dog park. Sign-ups for baseball and softball will begin online in mid-January and continue through end of February with in-person sign-ups available at the park office during February. Rentals and league registration fees through the park are now subject to sales tax. He reported that the Boys & Girls Club search for a new CEO continues and has been narrowed down to eight with hopefully one to be selected by the end of January. The Scottsville club building is coming along and will be ready to open by January 17<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that Jim Clark, president of Boys and Girls Club of America, will be the speaker for the MLK Breakfast on January 16<sup>th</sup> and lead the march with the youth. He expressed gratitude to the community for the time he has had the opportunity to serve as magistrate for the West District.

Motion by Chandler                      Second by Downey                      Yes-All  
 Approve Fire Rescue expenditure for equipment from L&W at state contract price of \$6,819 for lights and \$6,790 for a topper and slide out tray for a pickup truck previously approved and on order.

Emergency Management Director Robert Palmer asked residents to get prepared and stay informed for the severe winter storm forecast of extreme cold, strong winds and winter precipitation for this upcoming holiday weekend.

Motion by Chandler                      Second by Downey                      Yes-All  
 Adjourn.

*M. G.*  
 COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

See Attachment File December 20, 2022