

Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 20th Day of February 20 24

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At a regular meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse, Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 8:30 AM

Present: Honorable Mason Barnes, Judge/Executive
 Honorable Jeffrey Burr, West Magistrate
 Honorable Marty Chandler, East 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 Magistrate Poston leading in prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

BRADD's Associate Director of Planning & Development, Emily Hathcock, informed Fiscal Court of a free 3.5-hour training opportunity at the Cave City Convention Center April 9th regarding workshops related to community and economic development within the BRADD.

Chad Konow representing the Simpson County Conservation District presented the District's FY24/25 budget. Mr. Konow reported that last year's request was for a \$90,000 Fiscal Court contribution but \$85,000 was the actual revenue from Fiscal Court for their FY23/24 budget. The District requested a \$100,000 Fiscal Court contribution this year.

Motion by Thurman Second by Burr Yes-All
 Acknowledge receipt of the FY24/25 Simpson County Conservation District Budget as presented by Chad Konow with a request for a \$100,000 contribution from Fiscal Court.

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-Poston, Thurman, Burr & Barnes Abstain-Chandler
 Approve minutes of the February 6th regular fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Poston Second by Burr Yes-Poston, Burr, Chandler, Thurman & Barnes
 Approve first reading of FY23/24 Budget Ordinance 220.255 Amendment No. 3.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All
 Approve the amendment to the Graves Gilbert Clinic Agreement to cover physicals for full-time firefighters.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chandler to approve first reading of an ordinance to revise the Administrative Code to include language pertaining to accrued leave for new-hire hazardous duty employees (firefighters and law enforcement) who are hired from another agency to offer an incentive for recruitment. This motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-Poston, Thurman, Burr & Barnes Abstain-Chandler (due to conflict of interest)
 Approve the revised job description which includes oversight and management of issuance of both building and electrical permits for Jonathon Chandler as Chief Building Official for Simpson County since he has achieved level 3 certified building inspector and state certified electrical inspector status which will allow him to perform residential and commercial building and electrical inspections required for expanded jurisdiction for Planning and Zoning Regulations and which will allow local permitting and, therefore, an increase in revenue locally for jobs that would have previously required permitting by the State.

*Mr. Chandler was originally hired June 7, 2022, and started on June 21, 2022, as full-time Building Inspector and Simpson County Codes Enforcement Officer by Resolution No. 2022-06-07EMP-PZ.

Motion by Burr Second by Chandler Yes-All
 Approve cash transfer of \$525,734.58 from ARPA Fund to General Fund.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All
 Approve budget transfer.

\$143,380.32	84-9300-999 (transfer to other fds) from 84-9200-999 (ARPA)
\$143,380.32	01-9100-741A (emergency comm equip) from 84-9300-999 (transfer to other fds)
\$382,354.26	84-9300-999 (transfer to other fds) from 84-9200-999 (ARPA)
\$382,354.26	01-9100-741B (county clerk bldg) from 84-9300-999 (transfer to other fds)
\$1,928.67	01-5015-340 (vehicle maintrep) from 01-9200-999 (transfer reserve)
\$2,000.00	03-5101-429 (fuel) from 03-9400-205 (health ins)
\$1,500.00	01-5001-565 (printing, forms, etc.) from 01-5001-445 (office supplies)
\$3,500.00	03-5101-386 (medical contract) from 03-5101-398 (home incarceration)
\$17,000.00	03-5101-386 (medical contract) from 03-9400-205 (health ins)
\$17,000.00	03-5101-425 (food contract) from 03-9400-205 (health ins)
\$13,000.00	01-5116-398 (electrical insp contract) from 01-5040-314 (tax equalization)
\$1,000.00	01-5120-334A (main station bldg maint) from 01-5120-121 (voluntser stipend)

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
 Approve bills and claims as presented.

AAA Systems	01-5010-334	40.00
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-103	500.00
All Season Rent All	02-6105-588	10.98
Amazon Capital	01-5070-445	269.99
Amazon Capital	01-5070-348	85.04
Amazon Capital	01-5001-445	20.58
Amazon Capital	02-6105-447	71.38
Amazon Capital	03-5101-334	242.09
Aqua Treat	01-5081-334A	220.50
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578A	74.12
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578B	241.08
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	370.52
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	1116.55
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	370.17
Barren County Business Supply	01-5010-445	107.40
Barren River Emergency Management	01-5135-445	40.00
Bluegrass Integrated Communications	01-5010-563	135.85
Bowen Tire	01-5080-340	23.50
Bowen Tire	03-5101-340	23.50
Boxhub	03-5101-334	2345.00

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Caleb Grace	01-5120-336	210.00
Card Services Center	01-5015-319	21.19
Card Services Center	01-5015-577	107.28
Card Services Center	01-5015-445	343.24
Card Services Center	01-5015-435	264.89
CLM Port A Potty	01-5085-334	105.00
City of Franklin	01-5010-578	43.85
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	99.39
City of Franklin	01-5081-578B	32.28
City of Franklin	01-5120-578B	43.85
City of Franklin	01-5205-578	85.51
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	138.28
City of Franklin	02-6005-578	33.67
City of Franklin	03-5101-578	9111.67
CMS Uniforms	01-5120-481	358.98
Compass Minerals	02-6105-471	10909.88
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5080-411	127.60
Dezign LLC	01-5070-319	700.00
Division of Child Support	Payroll	69.23
Econo Signs	01-5081-742	70.56
Electric Plant Board	01-5010-578	934.64
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	8798.83
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578B	118.02
Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	1427.14
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	466.34
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578B	215.40
Electric Plant Board	01-5205-578	1345.93
Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	367.12
Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	4976.87
Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	300.58
Electronic Lighting & Technologies	01-5015-340	220.00
Embry's Garage	01-5120-336	13790.98
Estep Window Cleaning	01-5010-411	75.00
Farmer's Hardware	01-5160-435	9.95
Fed-Ex	01-5001-563	89.77
Fire Specialty	01-5120-336	1656.75
Franklin Electric Board	01-5020-578	130.15
Franklin Electric Board	01-5081-578A	123.45
Franklin Electric Board	01-5205-573	41.14
Franklin Electric Board	01-5010-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Board	01-5015-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Board	01-9100-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Board	01-5120-578A	165.00
Franklin Electric Board	01-5080-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Board	01-5160-578	109.00
Franklin Electric Board	75-5145-578	26.00
Franklin Electric Board	02-6005-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Board	03-5101-578	145.00
Franklin Favorite	01-5001-302	55.22
Friends of the Shelter	01-5205-315	4437.50
Gall's	01-5015-435	115.05
Garry Lowery	03-5101-576	28.97
Glasgow HVAC	03-5101-334	317.53
Global Dust Control	01-5010-411	52.50
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411A	23.75
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411B	7.75
Gov Connection	01-5085-725	2465.03
Graves Gilbert Clinic	02-9400-205	95.00
Greene Military	01-5120-481	1840.00
Gregg Johnson	03-5101-576	25.60
Gregory's Plumbing	03-5101-334	1833.21
Hardtime Products	03-5101-411	200.00
High Tech Rescue	01-5120-336	149.90
High Tech Rescue	01-5120-739F	848.50
IRS	Payroll	45987.59
Jeffrey Burr	01-9100-576	469.52
KACO All Lines Fund	02-6105-441	72.50
Kellwell Food Management	03-5101-425	26060.42
Kentucky Coroner's Association	01-5020-551	225.00
Kentucky Emergency Management Assoc	01-5135-569	100.00
Kentucky Retirement	Payroll	130309.07
Kentucky Retirement	01-5001-202A	210.06
Kentucky Retirement	01-5015-205	833.64
Kentucky Retirement	03-9400-202	140.04
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	7066.84
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5080-352	125.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5081-352	375.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5010-352	125.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5015-445	10.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	75-5145-322	72519.99

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Key Oil Company	01-5015-340	599.50
Kenway	03-5101-411	2268.39
Konica Minolta Premier Finance	01-5070-564	138.73
Lang Company	01-5120-588A	32.00
Lang Company	01-5001-564	40.07
Lang Company	03-5101-564	51.39
Lang Company	01-5015-564	110.22
Leslie Goodrum	01-5120-574	203.00
Lowe's	01-5120-446	31.94
Lowe's	03-5101-334	75.78
Lowe's	01-5080-406	26.90
Lowe's	02-6105-481	22.76
Lowe's	02-6105-447	347.52
Lowe's	02-6105-588	9.12
Mason Barnes	01-9100-576	485.90
Meade Equipment	02-6105-455	255.80
Mefford & Phillips	01-9100-573	39.95
Mefford & Phillips	01-5005-165	300.00
Napa Auto	01-5120-336	566.19
Napa Auto	01-5015-340	206.96
Napa Auto	02-6105-447	196.92
Napa Auto	02-6105-588	46.84
Napa Auto	02-6105-592	697.48
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-336	152.62
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-574	203.00
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-334A	321.20
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5080-329	1500.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5081-329	5000.00
O'Reilly's	01-5160-340	25.58
O'Reilly's	02-6105-447	61.96
O'Reilly's	03-5101-340	47.08
O'Reilly's	03-5101-336	45.98
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-103	500.00
Pitney Bowes Inc	01-5015-445	91.29
Postmaster	01-5070-563	181.49
Quill	01-5070-445	12.23
Quill	01-5001-445	68.74
Quill	03-5101-445	134.98
Rapid Fueling	01-5120-455	1009.69
Scott Poston	01-9100-576	472.53
Scotty's Contracting & Stone	01-8011-741	131016.86
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	187931.06
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	22224.09
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	105435.59
Simpson County Clerk's Office	01-5015-445	19.00
Simpson County Property Evaluation	01-5030-367	18858.75
Simpson County Tire	01-5135-592	728.94
Simpson County Tire	01-5015-340	809.76
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	78.88
Software Management	01-5010-319	3738.00
South Central Drug Task Force	01-5160-548	5000.00
Southern Kentucky Electrical	01-5116-398	63965.00
Southern States	01-5085-334	116.00
Spurr Architecture	01-9100-741B	44000.00
Stewart Richey	01-5085-334	3642.83
Subscriber's Renewals	01-5160-445A	51.59
Symbol Arts	01-5015-481	327.50
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	470.30
The Fix it Foundation	01-5205-403	201.66
Turney's Heating & Cooling	01-5120-334A	969.63
U-Line	03-5101-445	1404.13
US Bank Equipment Finance	01-5070-564	126.38
US Bank Equipment Finance	01-5001-564	153.44
US Bank Equipment Finance	03-5101-564	110.43
Verizon	01-5160-578	1121.53
Verizon	01-5080-573	41.40
Verizon	02-6005-573	94.20
Vonage Business	01-9100-573	131.30
Vonage Business	01-5070-573	98.48
Vonage Business	01-5135-573	80.06
Vonage Business	01-5120-573	82.06
Vonage Business	01-5015-573	176.63
Vonage Business	01-5010-573	204.39
Vonage Business	01-5160-578	114.89
Vonage Business	01-5080-573	16.43
Vonage Business	01-5091-573	16.42
Vonage Business	01-5030-573	82.06
Vonage Business	02-6005-573	32.83
Vonage Business	03-5101-573	371.56
Vonage Business	75-5145-578	32.83

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Yokley Machine	02-6105-588	15.00
Yokley Machine	02-6105-592	159.40
Wal-Mart	01-5120-446	179.42
Wells Fargo Financial	01-5015-864	150.00
West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare	03-5101-386	29755.13
West Payment Center	01-5015-445	274.16
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	1187.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	87.52
Wright Implement	02-6105-588	42.06

Judge Barnes announced that a special-called fiscal court meeting will be held this afternoon at 1:00 to meet with Spurr Architecture, PLLC to discuss design plans, mechanical specifications, and projected costs for construction of the Simpson County Clerk's Building. The Ag Appreciation Breakfast will be at 7:00 AM, Tuesday, March 5th at the Methodist Church. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 120.02 the next regular Joint City-County meeting will be Monday, March 11th at 9:00 AM at City Hall. During Judge Barnes' comments he commenced to apologize and clarify recent explanations involving Fiscal Court considerations pertaining to Franklin-Simpson Industrial Board discussions and decisions to purchase land for economic development purposes. At the January 18th Fiscal Court meeting a motion was defeated by a 2-3 roll call vote to approve a resolution supporting an economic development application to the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet for up to \$1,750,000 through the Economic Development Fund (EDF) to be used toward the purchase of the Brown property which is approximately 66.5 acres adjacent to the Henderson Industrial Park and for infrastructure to support future development needs on this property. He reiterated that the Industrial Authority Board has approved the purchase and proceeds from this grant would greatly benefit the community. He expressed concern that rejecting grant opportunities could jeopardize the community's opportunities for receiving any type of state grants in the future. An audit of the Industrial Authority finances was available to validate the solvency of the Authority which has been questioned. County Treasurer Nicole Law confirmed that the Industrial Authority has never defaulted in any way on bond payments to the County. There was a small group of residents in attendance representing citizens who oppose purchase and development particularly in the Henderson Industrial Park area with spokesperson, Thomas Sherer, speaking for the group. Judge Barnes and County Attorney Sam Phillips briefly explained the process of development and zone changes to the group.

County Attorney Sam Phillips encouraged folks to pay their 2023 property taxes to avoid further penalties and fees. He announced that he would be in District Court and could not attend the special-called County Clerk Building Construction meeting that afternoon and would be out of the office the rest of this week to attend the annual County Attorney Winter Conference.

Jailer Vaughn reported that there are currently 189 state inmates and 73 county inmates. He said that Simpson County is currently in the number three position of counties in the state to receive state inmates.

County Clerk Austin Johnson encouraged those who will be renewing commercial and farm vehicle tags not to delay in renewing before the deadline of March 15th to avoid lines and waits since the new KAVIS (Kentucky Automated Vehicle Information System) has only been in use since early January and they're still working through some bugs in the system.

Fire Chief Leslie Goodrum reported that the new hires began their thirteen-week training at the academy on February 19th. He encouraged Fiscal Court to contact federal representatives to encourage Congress to fund FEMA because most of the fire grant money comes from FEMA but funds are now depleted. He will be working on a grant for air packs and will apply for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants as well.

Judge Barnes reported that the Attorney General's opinion is that governing bodies cannot abdicate their duties by putting difficult decisions such as establishing a taxing district for the fire department to a referendum ballot.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
 Go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (c) discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. (9:50 AM)

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
 Come out of closed session. (10:35 AM)

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-Burr, Poston, Thurman & Barnes Absent-Chandler
 Adjourn. (10:35 AM)



COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

See Attachment File February 20, 2024