

Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 17th Day of September 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, September 17, 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.

Judge Barnes opened the duly advertised public hearing pursuant to KRS 68.245 (5) (c) regarding the proposed Simpson County 2024 tax rates which are unchanged from last year. The hearing was closed with no comments or questions having been heard.

Motion by Poston Second by Burr Yes-All
Approve minutes of the September 3rd regular fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-Chandler, Thurman & Barnes Abstain-Burr & Poston
Approve minutes of the September 9th special-called fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-Thurman, Poston, Chandler, Burr & Barnes
Approve second reading and final passage of Ordinance No. 220.259 setting Simpson County 2024 Tax Rates which remain at the same rate as last year's at 10.0 cents per \$100.00 for real and personal property, 16.1 cents per \$100.00 for watercraft and motor vehicle and 10.5 cents per \$100.00 for aircraft.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-All
Approve budget transfers.
\$100,000.00 02-8000-730 (Neely RD project) from 02-8003-730A (Robey-Bethel Grove RD project)
\$27,000.00 01-9200-999 (transfer reserve) from 01-5115-723 (BI vehicle)
\$1,000.00 01-5040-567 (occ tax refund) from 01-9200-999 (transfer reserve)

Motion by Burr Second by Thurman Yes-All
Approve cash transfer of \$7,032.99 from Federal Grant Fund to General Fund.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve cash transfer of \$132,860.00 from General Fund to Jail Fund.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-Poston, Chandler, Burr & Barnes Abstain-Thurman
Approve bills and claims as presented.

AAA Systems	01-5010-334	40.00
A&M Consultants	01-9100-569	520.00
Advanced Fire Gear Repair	01-5120-739C	125.18
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-103	500.00
All Season Rent All	02-6105-588	79.32
Alpha Pest Management	01-5015-334	40.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5020-334	40.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5010-334	50.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5080-346	65.00
Amazon Capital	01-5080-334	314.45
Amazon Capital	01-5120-739A	259.55
Amazon Capital	03-5101-334	97.27
Amazon Capital	03-5101-446	9.99
April Pearson	01-5070-348	233.00
Aqua Treat	01-5081-334A	220.50
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578A	75.45
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	150.06
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578B	71.69
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	77.15
Atmos Energy	03-5101-578	744.34
Austin Johnson	01-5065-565	99.60
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	42.00
Bluegrass Excavation	01-5081-334A	150.00
Bluegrass Excavation	01-5205-334	300.00
Bluegrass Integrated Communications	01-5010-563	147.84
Bowen Tire	03-5101-340	224.95
Boyd Company	02-8003-730B	706.51
Brian Delk	01-5010-725	2000.00
Calvert Spring Water	01-5160-445A	15.00
Card Services Center	01-5015-340	634.96
Card Services Center	01-5015-569	539.44
Card Services Center	01-5015-435	842.78
Card Services Center	01-5015-319	56.19
Card Services Center	01-5015-577	88.30
Card Services Center	01-5015-725	1224.95
Charles Wood	03-9100-569	188.20
CPI Guardian	03-5101-445	778.82
City of Franklin	01-5070-567	7.91
City of Franklin	01-5070-348	100.00

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City of Franklin	02-6105-447	350.00
City of Franklin	01-5205-578	142.05
City of Franklin	75-5145-336	3100.00
City of Franklin	01-5010-578	58.73
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	489.21
City of Franklin	01-5081-578B	33.29
City of Franklin	01-5120-578B	44.85
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	506.52
City of Franklin	02-6005-578	34.67
City of Franklin	03-5101-578	10293.01
Comprehensive Correctional Care	03-5101-386	40479.96
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5015-445	39.46
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5080-411	117.73
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5081-411A	365.42
Crocker & Crocker	01-5070-567	274.77
Department of Revenue	Payroll	190.47
Dezign LLC	01-5070-319	700.00
Division of Child Support	Payroll	161.54
E-Jail	03-5101-319	600.00
Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	192.64
Electric Plant Board	01-5010-578	956.43
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	3958.83
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578B	278.07
Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	2313.83
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	834.10
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578B	313.71
Electric Plant Board	01-5205-578	568.25
Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	174.03
Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	8464.91
Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	190.88
Electronic & Lighting Technologies	01-5015-340	1127.50
ESO Solutions	01-5120-739A	2637.18
F-S Parks & Recreation	01-5401-507	61152.25
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5015-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	165.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5080-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5160-578	109.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	130.15
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	123.45
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5205-573	41.14
Franklin Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	145.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	69.00
Franklin Favorite	01-5001-302	1506.59
Franklin Favorite	01-5070-348	71.79
Friends of the Shelter	01-5205-315	4588.41
Gary Lowery	03-5101-576	14.98
Green River Firefighters Assoc	01-5120-574	30.00
Hardtime Products	03-5101-453	601.36
Hardtime Products	03-5101-437	223.00
Heidelberg Materials	02-8003-730B	987.82
Heidelberg Materials	02-6105-409	254.31
High Tech Rescue	01-5120-336	2127.09
IRS	Payroll	50476.48
Integrity Surveillance Group	01-5160-435	499.00
Intex Contracting Inc	01-5040-567	1637.81
James Wooten	03-5101-576	15.00
Joe Mark Johnson	03-9100-569	211.56
KACO	01-5070-348	160.00
KACO Insurance Agency	01-9100-531	954.88
KACO All Lines Fund	01-9100-741B	3596.96
KCTCS Fire Commission	01-5120-574	25.00
Kelwell Food Management	03-5101-425	24452.72
Kentucky Retirement	Payroll	122564.75
Kentucky Retirement	01-5015-205	949.04
Kentucky Retirement	03-9400-202	59.13
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	9971.90
Kenway	03-5101-411	1101.51
Less Lethal	03-5101-481	133.70
Lighthouse Trailer Sales	03-5101-709	292.14
Lowe's	01-5120-336	8.99
Lowe's	01-5120-446	273.18
Lowe's	03-5101-334	216.27
Lowe's	01-5080-408	35.49
Lowe's	01-5091-445	99.33
Lowe's	02-6105-447	289.31

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Lowe's	02-8003-730B	1680.40
Lowe's	02-6105-481	12.33
Marco Technologies LLC	01-5015-564	118.47
Marco Technologies LLC	01-5120-588A	32.00
Marco Technologies LLC	01-5001-564	88.83
Marco Technologies LLC	03-5101-564	79.58
Mason Miller	01-5120-574	378.95
Mefford & Phillips	01-5005-165	300.00
Mefford & Phillips	01-5070-567	258.04
Michigan State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	262.76
Microsoft	01-5001-319	207.00
Microsoft	01-5015-319	69.00
Microsoft	01-5120-588A	69.00
MoClean Services	01-5010-411	250.00
Napa Auto Parts	02-6105-447	52.76
Napa Auto Parts	02-6105-588	32.95
Napa Auto Parts	01-5160-340	209.06
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-574	90.10
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5080-329	1200.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5081-329	5000.00
O'Reilly's	01-5160-340	3.37
O'Reilly's	03-5101-340	45.36
O'Reilly's	02-6105-588	73.96
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-103	500.00
Pitney Bowes Inc	01-5010-445	182.58
Postmaster	01-5070-563	96.80
Rapid Fueling	01-5120-455	1745.73
Rapid Fueling	01-5135-429	52.79
Rapid Fueling	02-6105-455	270.93
Scottie Hudson	03-9100-569	177.62
Scotty's Contracting & Stone	02-6105-446	1598.52
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	181661.52
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	23677.15
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	114601.72
Simpson County Law Library	01-5081-578A	85.00
Simpson County PVA	01-5030-367	18858.75
Simpson County Tire	01-5160-340	37.95
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	78.88
Software Management	01-5010-319	3738.00
Sonya Burchett	03-5101-576	13.11
Stonie's Towing	01-5015-340	473.28
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	470.30
Terminix Processing Center	03-5101-334	308.00
Thurman Electric	01-5081-742	700.00
Turney's Heating & Cooling	01-5085-334	345.00
Turney's Heating & Cooling	03-5101-334	3134.00
Underground Vault & Storage	03-5101-445	32.00
Underground Vault & Storage	01-5015-445	62.00
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	01-5080-573	41.46
Verizon	02-6005-573	95.02
Vestis	03-5101-334	84.05
Vital Signs	01-5070-348	20.00
Vital Signs	02-6105-469	640.00
Vonage Business	01-9100-573	148.47
Vonage Business	01-5070-573	99.09
Vonage Business	01-5135-573	80.53
Vonage Business	01-5120-573	82.50
Vonage Business	01-5015-573	177.45
Vonage Business	01-5010-573	196.15
Vonage Business	01-5160-578	115.47
Vonage Business	01-5080-573	16.50
Vonage Business	01-5091-573	16.50
Vonage Business	01-5030-573	82.49
Vonage Business	02-6005-573	33.04
Vonage Business	03-5101-573	373.36
Vonage Business	75-5145-578	32.99
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	1312.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	45.64
Wright Implement	02-6105-588	265.82
Yokley Machine	02-6105-469	132.28
Yokley Machine	02-6105-588	220.00



Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All
Approve August 31, 2024 Financial Statement subject to audit and authorize signatures of Judge Executive Mason Barnes and Treasurer Nicole Law.

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Judge Barnes reported that the Audit of the Simpson County Sheriff's Settlement for the 2022 Taxes for the period September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023, may be viewed on the September 17, 2024, Fiscal Court Meeting (Mtg 6) portal. He continued by reporting that he had received notice from Kentucky State Police that after re-evaluating the increase of the amount owed to KSP for dispatch services, Simpson County's remaining balance will be reduced by \$32,678.15. The annual Franklin car show will be on the downtown Square, Saturday, September 21st with the traditional cruise-in on the Friday evening before. He reported that he had received an email notice of a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting tonight at which time another P&Z Regulations text amendment change will be considered pertaining to the subject of zoning regulations for medical marijuana facilities within the city limits. Judge Barnes had had no prior knowledge of this. If approved by vote, it will go into the P&Z Regs.

Another matter of concern had been brought to the attention of Judge Barnes by a downtown business owner regarding the presence of homeless people and the fact that some have obstructed entrance to businesses. Sheriff Jere Dee Hopson and County Attorney Sam Phillips discussed this issue as there had recently been Kentucky legislation regarding "camping in public". Sheriff Hopson suggested that businesses on the square would need to report such complaints to the City Manager or City Police Chief. The Sheriff's Department officers may address issues that arise on the Historic Courthouse Square as well as city law enforcement. According to this discussion, if the homeless setup is considered "camping" which would be sleeping or residing, then a citation can be issued, and they can be asked to leave. Then a second offense becomes trespassing and is arrestable.

North Magistrate Scott Poston voiced concerns about increased semi-truck traffic on Broadway Avenue because it is not wide enough to accommodate this type or volume of traffic. Mailboxes and tiles have been damaged as well as the increased danger for school children along this road. It was noted that there are two industrial businesses, Berry Plastics and Hood Container Corporation, near the US-31W end of Broadway, but often trucks are coming in from the east end off Blackjack Road from I-65 because it shortens their route and is easier to navigate traffic from the Blackjack Road end than the HWY 31-W end. The fiscal court clerk will research to see if No Commercial Truck signs have been authorized in the past by ordinance or only a vote of Fiscal Court.

Magistrate Burr cautioned folks to be aware of harvest season equipment on the roads.

Magistrate Chandler reported that he had held the regular Equipment Committee meeting prior to this fiscal court meeting and encouraged departments to review their equipment and vehicle inventory for items to go into a surplus sale and Judge Barnes echoed that request.

County Clerk Austin Johnson reminded those who have delinquent property tax bills will have until the close of business on this date to settle that debt before they go to the delinquent tax bill sale the following morning of August 18th. Clerk Johnson also informed the public that absentee portal voting options will open this weekend for those who meet that KRS criteria. Early voting will be at the First United Methodist Church at 107 North College ST October 31, November 1st & 2nd from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. On Election Day, November 5th votes may be cast at First United Methodist Church, Simpson Elementary School, Zion Lutheran Church, Salmons General Baptist Church, and the Ag Building at the Community Park. Voting may be done at any of these five locations no matter what precinct voters reside.

The Executive Order 2024-09-05 Outdoor Burn Ban that was issued by Judge Executive Mason Barnes on September 5, 2024, due to excessive dryness and fire hazard conditions, has been lifted by Executive Order 2024-09-16 effective September 16, 2024, at 8:00 AM.

Motion by Chandler
Adjourn. (9:19 AM)

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Mason Barnes
COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

See Attachment File September 17, 2024