

Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 1st Day of October 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, October 1, 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 and asked that those listening remember the family of twenty-one-year-old volunteer firefighter, Ethan Neal, who had lost his battle with brain cancer. He then led in prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Amanda Guerra and Sara Kilchens with Kids on the Block, a children's educational puppetry group who have fifteen programs that address such topics as mental health, bullying, vaping and tobacco prevention, substance abuse and acceptance of differences were on hand to present information about their programs. The cost of a presentation is \$515 which helps cover puppeteer training and travel expenses. KOB can be reached regarding programs, donations and funding at 270.842.2259 or Kentucky Kids on the Block (kykob.org) website. They reported that last year they had presented programs to over 36,000 children with 309 programs in 35 counties in Kentucky including Simpson County elementary schools. Child Abuse Prevention programs are the ones presented most often.

Simpson County Tourism Director Amy Ellis reported that the 61st annual car show on Saturday, September 21st went well despite a rainy start to the event with 170 registered cars plus late-comers who were not registered. She expressed appreciation to Judge Barnes, volunteers, city and county employees as well as detention center inmates with most showing up at 4:30 AM to help close the streets and returned late in the afternoon to help cleanup. She continued by reporting that there were thirty-one vendors and several food trucks for the event and downtown merchants reported that they'd had one of the best days they'd had in a while.

Director Ellis gave an update on construction of the Tourism office at 105 West Cedar Street. There had been a problem with the old brick facade which had delayed the project. The drywall is now up, and painting is to begin this week. If the site passes inspection by the building inspector and the city engineer, hopefully, the sidewalk will be open by the end of this month.

Director Ellis continued by reporting that Tourism has used funds from a \$250,000 ARPA grant to create a traveler's itinerary phone app with twenty-one spots on a trail within the six key destinations of Simpson, Warren, Shelby and Harlan counties along with the cities of Georgetown and Corbin for a tourism initiative called Horses, Horsepower and Hollers. Another Tourism initiative, The Wild West of Kentucky Bourbon, is a campaign launching today to draw attention to smaller distilleries in western Kentucky including Simpson County's Dueling Grounds Distillery. The ARPA funds have been most beneficial for tourism in that it has provided the means to have professional filming for the marketing of Simpson County. Local ARPA funds received by Tourism have also made it possible for them to purchase nine user-friendly interactive touchscreen 7-foot kiosks which will be placed in hotels and other attractions with one to be placed outdoors at the downtown Tourism office with information regarding local restaurants, lodging and attractions. All should be in operation by the end of November.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
Approve minutes of the September 17th regular fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Yes-Thurman, Chandler, Burr, Poston & Barnes
Approve second reading and final passage of Zone Change Ordinance No. 920.125 relating to a zoning map amendment pertaining to 10.393 acres of land located along Witt Road (KY-2593) and Cal Harris Road (CR-1209) in Simpson County which is to be rezoned from AG (Agricultural) to I-2 (Heavy Industrial) as requested by L&W Properties, GP pursuant to the recommendation of the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Commission after a public hearing on June 4, 2024.

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-Poston, Thurman, Burr, Chandler & Barnes
Approve first reading of Botanical Gardens, Phase 1 Lighting Agreement Ordinance No. 310.29 stating that certain agreements entered by and between the owners in Botanical Gardens, Phase 1 and Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation pursuant to Ordinance 310.20 to be ratified and approved according to the provisions upon second reading and final passage of this ordinance.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
Approve Resolution No. 2024-10-01EMP-PW authorizing an hourly merit pay increase, effective with the October 4, 2024.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All
At Sheriff Hopson's request, authorize an additional \$12,000 budget transfer to the Sheriff's Department for prisoner transports.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
Authorize the sale of these surplus county vehicles and equipment, including the Drug Task Force vehicles, by Russell Mills Online Auction, the necessary advertisement for the Russell Mills Online Auction site, and the signature of Judge Executive Barnes on any necessary documents with proceeds to be returned to the respective departments.

Table with 2 columns: Vehicle Description (Year, Make, Model, VIN) and Department (Public Works, Planning & Zoning, F-S Fire Rescue, Jail, DTF)

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Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All
Authorize entering into agreement with Simply Secured for the purchase of security camera equipment, installation and programming for coverage inside and outside at the Historic Courthouse for a quoted cost of \$16,210.00 and authorize the signature of Judge Executive Barnes on any documents associated with this purchase.

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Motion by Burr Second by Chandler Yes-All  
After being duly advertised, accept the only bid received for the replacement of the Robey-Bethel Grove Drainage Structure from Scott & Murphy, Inc. in the amount of \$85,166.35.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
Approve budget transfers. (Noting that the approved \$12,000.00 additional transfer for prisoner transport request by Sheriff Hopson is included in this motion.)  
\$400.00 03-5101-446 (deputy supplies/materials) from 03-5101-703 (communication equip)  
\$12,000.00 01-5015-577 (prisoner transport) from 01-9200-999 (transfer reserve)

Motion by Thurman Second by Burr Yes-All  
Approve bills and claims as presented.

AAA Systems	03-5101-334	210.00
AT&T Mobility	01-5015-573	1626.88
AT&T Mobility	01-5135-573	89.95
AT&T Mobility	01-5115-573	50.13
AT&T Mobility	01-9100-573	132.05
AT&T Mobility	01-5120-573	39.82
AT&T Mobility	01-5091-573	50.13
AT&T Mobility	02-6005-573	39.82
Amazon Capital	03-5101-334	83.48
Amazon Capital	03-5101-481	109.50
Amsterdam Printing	01-5001-445	143.39
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578B	68.66
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	67.98
Atmos Energy	01-5020-578	68.66
Atmos Energy	03-5101-578	794.90
Austin Johnson	01-5010-576	18.90
Austin Johnson	01-5065-565	103.86
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	156.42
Barren County Business	01-5010-411	92.12
Bowen Tire	03-5101-340	45.95
Brad Harper	01-5015-569	403.92
Brookhaven Performance	01-5160-340	92.25
Brownell's	01-5015-435	578.50
Bruce Smith Law Office	01-5070-332	1781.33
Charles Wood	03-5101-445	131.90
Charles Wood	03-9100-569	70.57
Cincinnati Life Insurance	Payroll	332.47
City of Franklin	01-5020-578	44.85
CLM Port A Potty	01-5085-334	105.00
Colonial Life Insurance	Payroll	5632.19
Division of Child Support	Payroll	161.54
Econo Signs	02-6105-469	596.00
Electric Plant Board	01-5160-578	290.85
Estep Cleaning	01-5010-411	75.00
Galls	01-5015-481	598.54
Galls	03-5101-481	250.79
Galls	01-5015-435B	555.39
Galls	01-5015-435	127.72
Galls	01-5160-435	235.94
Garry Lowery	03-5101-576	23.72
Gerald Printing	01-5010-445	152.89
Gerald Printing	01-5015-445	59.70
Global Dust Control	01-5010-411	52.50
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411A	47.50
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411B	15.50
Grace Pest Control	01-5205-334	100.00
Hardtime Products	03-5101-411	676.00
Harp Enterprises	01-5065-565	382.93
Hillcrest Credit Agency	03-5101-315	16.80
Impco	02-6105-588	187.23
IRS	Payroll	65086.37
Jere Dee Hopson	01-5015-569	34.00
Joe Mark Johnson	03-5101-576	15.00
Joe Mark Johnson	03-9100-569	116.64
Johnson Oil	02-6105-455	682.88
Josh Bunnell	01-5015-569	91.37
KACo Benefits Group	Payroll	63074.39
KACo Insurance Agency	01-5015-445	40.72
Kentuckiana Court Reporters	01-5070-348	647.30
Kentucky Deferred Compensation	Payroll	7920.00
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	8086.06
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-9100-307	1186.25
Kenway	03-5101-411	2410.88
Key Oil Company	02-6105-455	827.13
Kimberly Collins	03-5101-576	30.00
Leslie Goodrum	01-5120-336	44.00

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Lowe's	01-5015-334	71.90
Lowe's	03-5101-334	77.02
Lowe's	01-5120-334A	13.26
Matt Freeman	01-5015-569	43.91
Michigan State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	262.76
Motorola Solutions	01-5015-435	823.85
Pitney Bowes Inc	01-5015-445	91.29
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	01-5010-563	1009.75
Postmaster	01-5070-563	77.44
PTS of America	01-5015-577	2612.50
Quill	03-5101-445	139.56
Quill	03-5101-725	274.95
Robert Y Link Attn	01-5070-332	855.00
Romaine Companies	03-5101-411	549.00
Scotty Contracting	01-8011-741	1038243.41
Scotty's Contracting & Stone	02-6105-446	270.75
Sensit Technologies	01-5120-588A	1543.03
Servicewear Apparel	01-5080-481	151.88
Simpson Co Employee Benefits Acct	Payroll	2869.30
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	237339.63
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	23586.26
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	132655.03
Simpson County Law Library	01-5081-578A	85.00
Simpson County Tire	01-5160-340	116.18
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	78.88
Staples Business	01-5001-445	59.31
Staples Business	01-5070-445	80.65
Stewart Richey	01-5015-334	296.36
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	470.30
Terex USA LLC	02-6105-592	15965.72
The Fix it Foundation	01-5205-315	936.00
The Fix it Foundation	01-5205-403	1409.25
Tracking Solutions	03-5101-398	1269.00
Turney's Heating & Cooling	01-5080-334	295.00
Verizon	01-5160-578	1472.44
Vital Signs	01-5070-348	20.00
Wal-Mart	01-5120-446	76.44
Wal-Mart	01-5015-445	354.43
Wal-Mart	01-5120-446	144.21
Wal-Mart	01-5160-445B	597.24
Wells Fargo Financial	01-5015-564	150.00
West Payment Center	01-5015-445	307.06
Wex Bank	01-5015-429	5506.43
Wex Bank	01-5135-429	102.32
Wex Bank	01-5080-429	24.33
Wex Bank	01-5115-429	153.21
Wex Bank	01-5160-429	332.64
Wex Bank	02-6105-455	3485.49
Wex Bank	03-5101-429	2183.71
Wholesale Supply	01-5081-334A	36.89
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	1312.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	129.35
WRECC	01-9100-578	157.31

Judge Barnes expressed appreciation to Tourism Director Amy Ellis and everyone that had a part in making the 61<sup>st</sup> annual car show day a good one. He reported that he will contact City Manager Kenton Powell to determine if there is a need to have the regular joint meeting which pursuant to Ordinance No. 120.02, would be at noon on the third Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Courthouse. He also shared statistics from a recent economic webinar sponsored by the BRADD.

Magistrate Poston reported that the industries on Broadway have agreed to post signage to discourage commercial truck traffic on Broadway as discussed at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. It had been determined that according to previous action such signage could be posted by a simple authorization by the Fiscal Court.

Magistrate Chandler reported he had talked with State Representative Shawn McPherson about the regional drivers licensing process. He reported that there is a program currently available that will provide counties with a local "hot spot" to allow renewal of license if public office space within the county can be arranged.

County Attorney Phillips reported that the 2023 tax sale was held last month and 2024 tax bills will go out this week. He encouraged folks to take advantage of the 2% discount if paid before November 1, 2024.

Sheriff Hopson, as the official responsible for tax collection, provided some information regarding the property tax process. Simpson County Property Valuation Administration is responsible for the assessment of property, which is done about every four years, and each of the six taxing districts - state, county, school, library, ambulance and extension - sets their rate. The tax bill total is calculated using the total of the assessed value times the tax rates for each taxing district. Judge Barnes interjected that 2.25% of the county collection is statutorily obligated to the Health Department. Any questions or challenges regarding an assessment must be discussed with PVA.

A \$43,748.58 check from the Jail Commissary was presented to Fiscal Court to fulfill the obligation to Fiscal Court for FY24/25.

Paul Kelley was introduced as the newly hired facilities maintenance supervisor and has been on the job since September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
Go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g) discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. (9:45 AM)

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
Come out of closed session. (10:45 AM)

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve Inducement Resolution No. 2024-10-01, "A RESOLUTION OF THE FISCAL COURT OF SIMPSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY ("COUNTY"), ENCOURAGING AND INDUCING AA-KY LLC, ITS AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS (THE "COMPANY"), TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, BY AGREEING TO UNDERTAKE THE ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS, IN AN ESTIMATED AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$22,000,000 OR THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN THE PROJECT, ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES AND/OR DENOMINATIONS ("BONDS"); AGREEING TO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, LEASE, AND A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT; AND AGREEING TO TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTION AS NECESSARY OR REQUIRED TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS."

Motion by Burr Second by Chandler Yes-All
Adjourn. (10:45 AM)

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See Attachment File October 1, 2024