

Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 18th Day of March 2025

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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, March 18, 2025, at 8:33 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
Sydney Downey, Fiscal Court Clerk

County Judge Executive Mason Barnes called the fiscal court meeting to order with prayer, followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Chad Konow with Simpson County Soil Conservation District presented their annual budget to the court. This year they are asking for one hundred thousand dollars to run the office. With a few changes regarding equipment and office supplies, everything else has stayed the same from last years budget.

Motion by Thurman Second by Burr Yes-All
Acknowledge receiving of the Simpson County Soil Conservation District annual budget.

Mr. Konow wanted to let the community know they have many programs available not only for county but also city residents. Any help your needing with green space they have programs to assist, for example Backyard Conservation where they help put raised garden beds at homes and soil testing.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-All
Approve the minutes of the March 4th regular fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-Chandler, Burr, Poston, Thurman, & Barnes
Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 120.03 Joint Meeting Schedule.

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-All
Approve Resolution No. 2025-03-18EMP-PW Seasonal Worker.

Jailer Eric Vaughn informed the court the portable dental services visit the jail once a month unless there's an emergency. They perform many different treatments from dental cleanings to pulling teeth. Magistrate Burr asked if this was the only company around here that performed these services. Jailer Vaughn responded, no but they were the cheapest company that does a great job and services many surrounding jails in our region.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Yes-All
Approve Jail Portable Dental Services Agreement with Mid America Health and authorize the County Judge Executive to sign.

Discussions of the Planning & Zoning Interlocal Agreement were presented with three options. Option one being what was presented at the Joint City/County Meeting on March 10th, option two North Magistrate Scott Poston had mentioned the Interlocal Agreement called for a third party but there had never been one assigned and listed. Judge Barnes stated he cannot agree with what the city proposed and believes the court would be making a huge mistake. West Magistrate Jeffrey Burr chimed in with a third option that he read off, stating the Planning & Zoning Board would oversee P&Z employees and decide who would run the day-to-day operations. The only time the Fiscal Court and City Commission would be involved and act on a recommendation from the board is when the board needed to decide on the hiring and firing of employees and when the board members' term was up. Everything else listed in the Interlocal Agreement would remain the same.

When asked by Magistrate Chandler had he talked to the Planning & Zoning Board about his option, Magistrate Burr stated he had. Judge Barnes asked a board member that was in attendance in the audience if they had this conversation, the board member responded they had not. Magistrate Chandler expressed before you volunteer and assign duties to a board, you probably should meet with that board and see if they are even willing to commit to it.

Judge Barnes reiterated the importance of every magistrate going and talking to all employees in the Planning & Zoning Department.

Chad Konow stated he doesn't think it's a bad idea but could pose problems down the road. He believes the issues between the two parties need to be handled before bringing a third person in. He advised if you put employees under the Planning & Zoning Commission Board, the county and the city will have to be very careful who they ask to serve on the board because it is not an elected board. He also suggested both governing bodies meet with the Planning & Zoning Commission Board.

Fiscal Court all agreed to setting up a special called meeting for all three parties to come together for a discussion regarding the Planning & Zoning Department.

County Attorney Sam Phillips discussed the city paying the Planning & Zoning Administrators salary. They were aware that the county was not going to process timecards, and no payments were going to be made as it stands. The city said they would cover it until everything got hashed out, but they were also wanting to make sure when things did get figured out, they wanted to be able to recoup the money. That was discussed but no action was taken, Mr. Phillips has since had a conversation with the city attorney, and he wanted to make sure that there was something Fiscal Court understood and was agreeable to.

The County would not be able to allow the City to deduct payment from other obligations they have with the county. Judge Barnes has discussed this with County Treasurer Nicole Law, that would not be a doable option budget-wise as that money is already budgeted for specific operations and withholding that money is not an option from a budget standpoint.

The county Attorney gave his legal opinion on where he stands on withholding pay. Judge Barnes stated Fiscal Court can't continue to cover any pay if the gentleman is not in his place of work to do what he should be doing, and he can't sign off on a timecard. The simplest, cleanest, easiest is to place him on administrative leave without pay. The city can do whatever they want; if they get this rectified and he remains in his position, the city could probably get half or all those expenses back out of the Planning & Zoning line item. But until then, he doesn't think that can happen.

South Magistrate Myron Thurman stated this situation should have been handled back in May 2024 and he does believe the P&Z Administrator needs to be in the courthouse building. The county Attorney suggested getting a date, time, and location lined up for a joint meeting with the city and Planning & Zoning Commission. Magistrate Chandler stated if the city decides they want to host it at the police station and don't have better audio by then, the meeting can take place at the courthouse.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-All
Approve cash transfer of \$27,697.04 from Federal Grant Fund to General Fund.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All
Approve February Financial Statement, subject to audit and authorize the County Judge and the County Treasurer to sign it.

Motion by Burr Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve budget transfers.
\$2,533.00 01-5010-205 (County Clerk Health Insurance) from 01-5010-212 (County Clerk Fringe Training)
\$6,500.00 03-9400-202 (Retirement, County Match) from 03-5101-179-A (Part-Time Personnel)
\$10,000.00 01-5015-103 (Sheriff - Deputies Salaries) from 01-5015-435 (Sheriff -- Law Enforcement Supplies)

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\$6,200.00 01-5015-188 (Sheriff – Court Security Salaries) from 01-5015-435 (Sheriff – Law Enforcement Supplies)
 \$3,800.00 01-5015-188 (Sheriff – Court Security Salaries) from 01-5015-445 (Sheriff – Office Supplies)
 \$10,000.00 01-5015-202-HD (Sheriff – HD Retirement Match) from 01-5015-573 (Sheriff – Telephone)
 \$2,000.00 01-5015-202-NHD (Sheriff – Retirement Match) from 01-5015-573 (Sheriff – Telephone)
 \$4,000.00 01-5015-205 (Sheriff – Health Insurance) from 01-5015-445 (Sheriff – Office Supplies)
 \$1,800.00 01-5015-429 (Sheriff – Fuel Expense) from 01-5015-564 (Sheriff – Copier Lease/Supplies)
 \$1,200.00 01-5015-429 (Sheriff – Fuel Expense) from 01-5015-445 (Sheriff – Office Supplies)
 \$25,000.00 01-5120-106 (Fire Department – Staff Hourly) from 01-5120-336 (Fire Department – Fleet Maintenance)

Motion by Chandler	Second by Burr	Yes-All
Approve bills and claims as presented.		
A & M Consultants	01-9100-569	6500.00
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-103	500.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5015-334	40.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5020-334	40.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5080-334	65.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5010-334	50.00
Amazon Capital	01-5001-445	42.37
Amazon Capital	02-6105-592	229.72
Amazon Capital	01-5070-348	419.69
Amazon Capital	03-5101-411	291.90
Amsterdam Printing	01-5001-445	292.42
Aqua Treat	01-5081-334A	220.50
Arnold Consulting	01-9100-741B	121.00
Atmos Energy	03-5101-578	1435.40
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	331.19
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	961.61
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578A	74.46
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578B	211.71
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	340.53
Austin Johnson	01-5010-576	289.86
Barren County Business Supply	01-5010-411	94.41
Barren County Business Supply	01-5010-445	280.97
Bluegrass Excavation Service	01-5081-334A	170.00
Bluegrass Integrated Communications	01-5010-563	55.44
Bowen Tire	02-6105-479	7.00
Bowling Green Refrigeration	03-5101-334	638.80
Brookhaven Performance	01-5160-340	127.66
Calvert Spring Water	01-5010-445	57.99
Calvert Spring Water	01-5160-445A	49.00
Card Services Center	01-5015-319	21.19
Card Services Center	01-5015-577	60.42
Card Services Center	01-5015-435	644.00
Charles Wood	03-5101-445	26.25
City of Franklin	03-5101-578	9308.48
City of Franklin	01-5010-578	46.49
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	335.03
City of Franklin	01-5081-578B	34.24
City of Franklin	01-5120-578B	46.49
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	118.22
Colony Hardware	01-9100-741B	11746.39
Comprehensive Correctional Care	03-5101-386	48081.84
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5015-445	102.87
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5081-411A	197.49
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5080-411	64.90
Crocker & Crocker	01-5070-567	89.08
Calvert Spring Water	01-5010-445	57.99
Calvert Spring Water	01-5160-445A	49.00
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Consolidated Paper Group	01-5081-411A	197.49
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5080-411	64.90
Crocker & Crocker	01-5070-567	89.08
Hunt Ford	01-5080-340	296.16
IRS	Payroll	3669.42

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KACO Unemployment Insurance Fund	01-9400-208	2784.08
Kentuckiana Court Reporter	01-5070-348	227.35
Kentucky Retirement Systems	Payroll	131632.61
Kentucky Retirement Systems	01-5015-205	949.04
Kentucky Retirement Systems	03-9400-202	59.13
Kentucky Retirement Systems	03-9400-205	909.04
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5080-599	15.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5015-445	10.00
KMCA	01-9100-569	1050.00
Lowe's	02-6105-447	80.72
Lowe's	03-5101-334	80.58
Lowe's	01-5085-334	12.33
Lowe's	01-5080-334	23.67
Lowe's	01-5205-334	2.17
Lowe's	01-5081-334A	11.70
Lowe's	01-5015-334	5.28
McCoy - Powerplan	02-6105-588	54.21
Mefford & Phillips	01-9100-573	39.95
Mefford & Phillips	01-5005-165	300.00
MO Cleaning Services	01-5010-411	300.00
Myron Thurman	01-9100-576	321.76
Napa Auto Parts	01-5120-336	25.38
Napa Auto Parts	01-5015-340	31.99
Napa Auto Parts	02-6105-447	58.00
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-574	126.14
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-586	241.19
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-334A	29.43
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5080-329	1200.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5081-329	5000.00
O'Reilly's	01-5015-340	178.82
O'Reilly's	03-5101-340	191.87
O'Reilly's	01-5120-588A	9.99
O'Reilly's	02-6105-592	14.14
O'Reilly's	02-6105-447	67.95
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-103	500.00
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	01-5015-445	171.99
Pitney Bowes Inc	01-5001-445	91.29
Postmaster	01-5070-348	48.40
Pratt's	01-5160-340	105.99
Premier Service & Repair	02-6105-592	5941.48
Print Source Consulting	01-5001-565	422.07
Quill	01-5160-435	121.93
Quill	01-5010-445	86.04
Rapid Fueling	01-5120-455	1165.64
Rubber & Gasket Company	02-6105-588	18.07
Schiller	01-9100-741B	8114.17
Simpson County Clerk's Office	01-5015-445	19.00
Simpson County Clerk's Office	01-5160-445A	42.00
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	204390.30
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	21962.01
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	116545.97
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	94.44
Sunbelt Construction	01-9100-741B	272007.89
T-Box Tactical	03-8099-741	1870.00
Tango Tango	01-5135-703B	5985.00
The Fix it Foundation	01-5205-403	925.00
Tri-State International	02-6105-592	256.15
University of Kentucky	02-6105-574	470.00
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
Valley Ridge	02-6105-407	805.00
Verizon	01-5080-573	38.14
Vestis	03-5101-334	84.05
Vonage Business	02-6005-573	33.20
Vonage Business	75-5145-578	33.15
Vonage Business	01-9100-573	149.27
Vonage Business	01-5070-573	99.55
Vonage Business	01-5135-573	80.88
Vonage Business	01-5120-573	82.95
Vonage Business	01-5015-573	178.35
Vonage Business	01-5010-573	196.99
Vonage Business	01-5160-578	116.03
Vonage Business	01-5080-573	16.58
Vonage Business	01-5081-573	16.58
Vonage Business	01-5030-573	82.89
Vonage Business	03-5101-573	375.12

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Wal-Mart	01-5001-445	37.98
Wal-Mart	02-6105-447	64.90
WRECC	01-5120-578C	91.45
Yokley Machine	02-6105-447	9.75
Zero9	03-8099-741	236.65

Judge Barnes reported the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief are at Investigation Training and will be out majority of the week. April 1st is the annual STEAM Showcase from four to five at the High School. Also, the Planning & Zoning Commission Board will be having a discussion on the Biodigester at tonight's meeting. County Attorney Phillips still stands with his advice of the Fiscal Court not attending. If you show up to the meeting, you could jeopardize your ability to hear the appeal.

East Magistrate Marty Chandler announced the local FFA Chapter is hosting a fundraiser on March 29th at Richpond in honor of Brandon Cook and Family. He also mentioned talking to IT Personnel Adam Wilshire about getting some technology where the community can communicate with Fiscal Court during the meeting, ask questions to be able to receive a response in real time.

County Clerk Austin Johnson let the Fiscal Court know they have partnered with a software program for deed mortgage notifications. You will be able to log in and attach your name to be alerted if something were to be filed. It's free to the county and the users.

Judge Barnes thanks Bobby with Public Works and his crew for taking care of the sinkhole on Spout Springs Road. He also mentioned OEM Director Bob Palmer is at a meeting getting more information on how to apply for public assistance from the flood.

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency; and KRS 61.810 (f) Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee. (9:40 AM)		

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Come out of closed session. (10:00 AM)		

Motion by Burr	Second by Chandler	Yes-All
Adjourn. (10:00 AM)		



COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

See Attachment File March 18, 2025