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Donna Rose E2209617KV

At a regular meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse, Tuesday, April 15, 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.

Casey Pedigo, Justin Young, and Joe Plunk with the State Highway Department presented the court rural secondary road program updates in Simpson County. The allotment and carryover from last year was nearly \$1.1 million. 42% went to item one, routine maintenance and traffic on 95 miles of the rural secondary routes. General maintenance consisted of land pipes, stitching, and patching of roads. Item number two was County Judge expenses, \$3,875 came out of that allotment. Item three, fixing base failures; placing inch asphalt resurfacing on 2.2 miles of 622, from the intersection of Craft Road to Warren County line, cost right at \$362,269. Item number four, paving all of Kentucky 2592, from the intersection of 73 to the intersection of 31W. Total for those road repairs estimated around \$162,368. Item number five is Flex Funds, 15% of the initial distribution and no carryover from Flex Funds last year, putting the amount at \$146,632.

Recently completed projects: KY 621 2.7 miles from Robertson Road to 31W and KY 1008 all 6.5 miles of that have been resurfaced. The turning lane at KY 1008 and 31W next to Hunt Ford, project has been awarded. They will also be fixing the curb located there as well.

East magistrate Marty Chandler asked the Highway Department why a left lane couldn't be implemented at 1008 and 31W corner of the Fivestar Gas Station. Mr. Plunk responded with many years ago the owner put a drive on that side when it wasn't prohibited and there was nothing, they could do about it at the time. He also mentioned that the use of that road was for access-controlled highway with designated entrances every 1200ft, and they paid property owners for that loss of access. Mr. Plunk said the owners could pay to have the curb taken out and add a left turn lane, he said if they allowed people to turn left from 1008 traffic would easily get backed up from people waiting to turn.

Questions regarding the light at Hunt Ford 1008 and 31W. They said they are planning on adding a turning lane, so the traffic won't continue to get backed up. Judge Barnes suggested adding a southbound lane starting at O'Reilly's.

Brian Beard, a Public Affairs Specialist with U.S. Small Business Administration presented to the court information about their company. They work alongside FEMA when there is a presidential disaster declaration, such as what happened from the February flooding. They offer low-interest long-term loans to cover any damage not covered by insurance, FEMA, or another source. They encourage people not to wait for their insurance settlement and get an itemized estimate from a licensed contractor. Loans up to \$50,000 do not require any collateral or closing costs. The deadline for the Fiscal Damage Loans is April 25th, with a 60-day grace period. Businesses have until November 24th to apply for the Working Capital Loans. They can be reached on their online portal, 800-659-2955, or visit the Disaster Recovery Center located in the Courthouse on the 2nd floor.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
 Approve the minutes of the April 1st regular Fiscal Court Meeting.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All
 Approve the authorization of the Simpson County Detention Center Policy.

Motion by Burr Second by Poston Yes-Burr, Poston, Chandler, Thurman, & Barnes
 Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 220.261 Budget Amendment #3.

Amending in \$571,772.67. Some of the money was from Sheriff's grants and carryover money that was moved to be able to take care of the Clerk's building at the point Fiscal Court needed it to be.

Motion by Poston Second by Burr Yes-Poston, Burr, & Chandler Recuse-Thurman & Barnes
 Approve to amend ordinance No. 920.118; to state 1.3% contract amount with a minimum of \$200 on the commercial and industrial permits and inspections, as well as an added \$75 fee for each additional inspection contingent upon the City taking action, and allowing the City and County Judge to sign.

Building Inspector Jonathan Chandler presented to the court his thoughts on setting rates for building and electrical inspections. The current ordinance on the electrical commercial permit fees is based on 1.3% of a contract amount. He has run into a few permits where the contract amount is lower than what he has listed. When you do that, your permit fees don't cover the inspections. Mr. Chandler wants to say a minimum of \$200 to cover inspections and office fees. This is just for commercial permits, but Mr. Chandler did discuss adding the reinspection fee of \$75 under certain conditions.

Motion by Thurman Second by Burr Yes-All
 Approve the setting and advertising of our County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance Hearing on May 20th and advertised in the May 8th edition of the paper.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
 Approve the authorization of advertising Fiscal Year 25/26 Asphalt Bids.

These will be advertised in the May 8th paper and require bids to be due at 9:00AM on Wednesday, May 28th. Bids will then be presented to Fiscal Court at the first meeting in June.

Motion by Burr Second by Chandler Yes-All
 Approve the authorization of advertising Fiscal Year 25/26 Rock Bids

These will be advertised in the May 8th paper and require bids to be due at 9:00AM on Wednesday, May 28th. Bids will then be presented to Fiscal Court at the first meeting in June.

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

Motion by Burr Second by Chandler Yes-All
 Approve budget transfers.

\$5,667.00 01-5075-716 (Economic Development – Site Prep) (Premium Services)) from 01-5080-599 (Courthouse Miscellaneous Expense)
 \$150,000.00 01-5075-716 (Economic Development – Site Prep) (Premium Services)) from 01-9100-741-B (ARPA – County Clerk Building)
 \$1,500.00 01-5015-103 (Sheriff – Deputies Salaries) from 01-5015-725 (Sheriff – Office Equipment)
 \$1,000.00 01-5015-188 (Sheriff – Court Security Salaries) from 01-5015-725 (Sheriff – Office Equipment)

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\$2,000.00 01-5015-202-HD (Sheriff – HD Retirement Match) from 01-5015-725 (Sheriff – Office Equipment)
 \$500.00 01-5015-202-NHD (Sheriff – Retirement Match) from 01-5015-725 (Sheriff – Office Equipment)
 \$1,000.00 01-5015-205 (Sheriff – Health Insurance) from 01-5015-435-B (Sheriff – Law Enforcement Supplies (SRO))
 \$4,000.00 01-5015-445 (Sheriff – Office Supplies) from 01-5015-435-B (Sheriff – Law Enforcement Supplies (SRO))
 \$3,000.00 03-9400-205 (Employee Health Insurance) from 03-5101-340 (Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs)
 \$3,800.00 01-5010334 (County Clerk Building Maintenance/Repairs) from 01-5065-565 (Election Printing, Supplies, Forms, etc)
 \$2,000.00 03-5101-453 (Inmate Personal Hygiene) from 03-9100-569 (Staff Training)

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Approve bills and claims as presented.		
AAA Systems	01-5010-334	40.00
A&M Consultants	01-9100-569	130.00
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-103	500.00
Amazon Capital	01-5001-445	47.49
Amazon Capital	01-5135-445	24.74
Arnold Consulting	01-9100-741B	625.50
Arnold Consulting	01-5136-548	5250.00
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	525.82
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578A	75.65
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578B	125.74
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	204.68
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	171.82
Axon	03-8099-741	5120.00
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	189.41
Barren County Business	01-5010-411	29.43
Bluegrass Integrated Communications	01-5010-563	98.56
Bobby Groves	02-6105-447	17.99
Bowen Tire	02-6105-479	21.00
Brad Harper	01-5015-569	521.76
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	292.61
Calvert Spring Water	01-5160-445A	32.00
Calvert Spring Water	01-5010-445	115.99
Card Services Center	01-5015-319	56.19
Card Services Center	01-5015-577	203.87
Card Services Center	01-5015-445	973.12
Card Services Center	01-5015-725	1160.81
Card Services Center	01-5015-435	1423.38
Card Services Center	01-5015-569	520.93
Card Services Center	01-5015-334	824.01
CED	03-5101-334	783.20
Charles Wood	03-5101-445	21.95
City of Franklin	01-5010-578	61.52
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	323.93
City of Franklin	01-5081-578B	34.50
City of Franklin	01-5120-578B	46.94
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	265.17
City of Franklin	03-5101-578	8137.79
Colony Hardware	01-9100-741B	745.20
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5081-411A	156.20
Crocker & Crocker	01-5070-567	983.50
Dexter Seward	01-5015-569	167.60
Division of Child Support	Payroll	69.23
Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	167.22
F-S Chamber of Commerce	01-5430-505	7500.00
F-S Parks & Recreation	01-5401-507	62500.00
Franklin Favorite	01-5001-302	180.06
Franklin Favorite	01-5070-348	24.85
Franklin Sporting Goods	03-5101-481	2290.25
Friends of the Shelter	01-5205-315	4588.41
Gall's	03-8099-741	333.53
Gall's	01-5015-481	623.42
Gall's	01-5015-435	783.39
Gerald Printing	01-5010-445	266.47
Glasgow HVAC	01-5081-334A	5367.64
Global Dust Control	01-5010-411	52.50
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411A	47.50
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411B	15.50
Global Dust Control	01-5080-411	174.30
Gov Connection	01-9100-741B	8497.20
Government Forms & Supplies	01-5001-445	134.29
Graves Gilbert Clinic	01-5015-205	120.00
Greenleaf Environmental Services	01-5020-308	32.08
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	362.88
Hillcrest Credit Agency	03-5101-315	62.80
Hunt Ford	03-5101-340	305.99

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IRS	Payroll	50799.52
Jeffrey Burr	01-9100-576	422.85
Jimmy's Auto Care	03-5101-340	1793.21
Jonathon Chandler	01-5115-569	118.00
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KCJEA	01-9100-551	1798.00
KCTCS Fire Commission	01-5120-574	50.00
Kellwell Food Management	03-5101-425	22124.92
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	9287.46
Kenway	03-5101-411	1921.67
Knowink LLC	01-5065-585	3800.00
Lee's Mowers	01-5120-588A	212.01
Less Lethal	03-8099-741	555.50
Lowe's	01-5015-334	56.92
Lowe's	03-5101-334	438.88
Lowe's	01-5120-334A	42.04
Lowe's	01-5081-742	69.31
Lowe's	02-6105-447	446.05
Matt Tarkey	01-5015-569	108.33
Mefford Phillips	01-5005-165	300.00
Michigan State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	262.76
Mo Clean Services	01-5010-411	300.00
Myron Thurman	01-9100-576	557.22
Napa Auto Parts	01-5120-336	1039.98
Napa Auto Parts	02-6105-592	756.70
Napa Auto Parts	02-6105-588	104.60
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5080-329	1200.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5081-329	5000.00
NinjaOne LLC	01-5001-590	4782.38
O'Reilly's	03-5101-334	53.97
O'Reilly's	01-5160-340	122.27
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-103	500.00
Postmaster	01-5070-563	48.40
Quill	03-8099-741	755.96
Rapid Fueling	01-5120-455	1192.75
Rob Groves	02-9400-205	95.00
Scott Poston	01-9100-576	400.70
Scotty Hudson	03-9100-569	99.82
Simpson County Clerk's Office	03-5101-445	15.00
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	191746.56
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	20188.29
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	107660.77
Simpson Co Jail Fund	01-5080-599	5667.00
Simpson County Law Library	01-5081-578	85.00
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	90.48
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	447.23
The Fix it Foundation	01-5205-403	55.00
US Bank Equipment Finance	01-5070-564	126.38
US Bank Equipment Finance	03-5101-564	110.43
US Bank Equipment Finance	01-5001-564	153.44
Underground Vault & Storage	01-5160-435	33.00
Verizon	01-5080-573	41.54
Verizon	02-6005-573	41.54
Vestis	03-5101-334	84.05
Wal-Mart	01-5135-445	200.96
Wal-Mart	01-5120-446	218.05
Waterman Building Services	01-5085-334	2870.00
Wells Fargo Financial	01-5015-564	150.00
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	703.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	48.11
Yokely Machine	02-6105-447	45.90

Judge Barnes announced he needed a headcount from Fiscal Court members who plan on attending The Human Rights Commission Unsung Heroes Banquet on Saturday, April 26th at The Methodist Church at 6:00PM. He will not be able to attend but wanted to make sure enough seats were reserved for anyone else who would be in attendance.

Judge Barnes, County Treasurer, and department heads are working together to get everything completed with budgets to present to Fiscal Court. With the way meetings have been falling in the middle of the month, April 29th will be a special-called meeting at 8:30AM for budget presentations, to ensure we meet timeframes.

Magistrate Chandler encouraged everyone to watch out for farming equipment on the road, if you see a vehicle with caution lights flashing, probably means something is coming. He also reported Salem Road still has water over it, you can cross it in a pickup truck; but he wouldn't recommend it in a car and barricades are still up. Lastly, on May 3rd there will be a benefit breakfast at the Masonic Lodge on Southern Road for Brandon Cooks Family.

County Attorney Sam Phillips reported today is the cutoff date for paying your property taxes at the Sheriff's Office. They are not considered delinquent and can be paid at the County Clerk's Office, the longer you wait the more interest and penalties accrue.

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Deputy Fire Chief, Nelson Slaughter, informed the court they should get their last demo packs today for the SBAs that they discussed with everyone at the Joint County & City Meeting. They are hoping that next week they will move into the procurement process.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (f) Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee and KRS 61.810 (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. (9:30 AM)

Motion by Chandler

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Come out of closed session. (11:00 AM)

Motion by Burr

Second by Chandler

Yes-All

Adjourn. (11:00 AM)


 COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

See Attachment File April 15, 2025