Minutes – Special Called Joint Meeting
Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments
Monday, July 28, 2025, 6:30 PM
Simpson County Historic Courthouse - Second Floor Courtroom
100 Courthouse Square, Franklin, KY 42134

Members in Attendance: Chad Konow, Gary Sliger, Jeff Henderson, Paxx Burk, and Stephanie Hastings.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Chris Tomlinson, Mikala McClain, Susan Sablesak, Robert Palmer, Nelson Slaughter, Mike Hastings, Jordan Hawkins, Clay Jordan, and Mason Barnes.

Simpson County Planning and Zoning Interim Administrator, Mikala McClain, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, and appointed Chad Konow as acting Chairman.

Chad Konow opened with prayer.

NEW BUSINESS

Simpson County Judge Executive to Administer the Oath of Office for the Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission Members.

Simpson County Judge Executive, Mason Barnes, administered the Oath of Office to all Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission members in the following order: Paxx Burk, Stephanie Hastings, Gary Sliger, Chad Konow, and Jeff Henderson.

The Simpson County Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments addressed the first item on their agenda.
Please see their minutes for further details.

Discussion and Action Regarding the Hiring of the Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission Attorney.

Mikala McClain informed the board members that Hon. Chris Tomlinson has agreed to serve as the Simpson County Planning and Zoning Attorney.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that he has been researching planning and zoning law to prepare for this position and is excited to start.

A motion was made by Jeff Henderson and seconded by Paxx Burk to hire Chris Tomlinson as the Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission Attorney. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Simpson County Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments addressed the second item on their agenda.
Please see their minutes for further details.

Appointment of Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary).

A motion was made by Gary Sliger and seconded by Jeff Henderson to nominate Chad Konow as Chairman of the Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Simpson County Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments appointed a chairman.
Please see their minutes for further details.

A motion was made by Chad Konow and seconded by Jeff Henderson to nominate Gary Sliger as Vice Chairman of the Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Simpson County Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments appointed a vice chairman.
Please see their minutes for further details.

A motion was made by Gary Sliger and seconded by Jeff Henderson to nominate Mikala McClain as Secretary of the Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Simpson County Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments appointed a secretary.
Please see their minutes for further details.

Presentation and Action Regarding the Proposed By-Laws for the Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mikala McClain informed the commission that as part of the by-laws they would need to establish a meeting date and time.

Chairman Chad Konow stated that the joint commission previously met on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

A motion was made by Jeff Henderson and seconded by Stephanie Hastings for the Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission to meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gary Sliger and seconded by Paxx Burk to accept the Simpson County Planning and Zoning Commission By-Laws. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Simpson County Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments addressed the fourth item on their agenda.
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REMARKS

County Judge Executive Mason Barnes thanked the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments for their willingness to serve on these boards.

Chris Tomlinson informed the members of both boards that he had provided them with his business card and advised them to contact him anytime they had a question.

Mikala McClain told the members of both boards that they would need to complete 8 hours of training every 2 years, and that she would send them information regarding training opportunities as they become available.

Chad Konow asked the commission members to refrain from posting on social media about topics related to Planning and Zoning. Mr. Konow also let the commission know that he does not intend to make any motions during his time as Chair.

A motion was made by Stephanie Hastings and seconded by Jeff Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mikala McClain, Secretary

Chad Konow, Chairman