

Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 4th Day of November 20 25

At a regular meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse, Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 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
 Stacie King, Administrative Assistant/Assistant Fiscal Court Clerk
 Sydney Downey, Fiscal Court Clerk, Absent

Judge Executive Mason Barnes called the Fiscal Court meeting to order with prayer by Bobby Groves, Public Works Director, followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
 Approved October 21st Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-Thurman, Poston, Burr, Chandler, Judge Barnes
 Approved Ordinance 220.265 – 2nd Reading FY25-26 Budget Amendment #1.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
 Approved Employee Resolution 2025-11-04 EMP-FSFR. Nelson Slaughter taking on the County IT issues that are not covered under the IT contract with ISTT. If County hired an in-house IT director or contracted with an IT service to include the responsibilities taken on here, this pay increase would be retracted.

Motion by Thurman Second by Burr Yes-All
 Approved Employee Resolution 2025-11-04 EMP-Maintenance. Paul Kelley to take on the responsibilities of Codes Enforcement per the Kentucky Property Maintenance Code. Should he ever cease exercising the duties of Codes Enforcement this pay increase would be retracted.

Motion by Poston Second by Burr Yes-All
 Approved Cash Transfer – Federal Grant Fund to General Fund - \$21,548.02.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All

Approved Budget Transfers

\$9,000.00	01-5120-106 (Fire Department – Staff Hourly) to 01-5120-739-A (Fire Department – Equipment)
\$3,000.00	03-5101-411 (Custodial Supplies) to 03-5101-340 (Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs)
\$2,500.00	01-5010-336 (County Clerk Equipment Maintenance/Repair to 01-5010-578 (County Clerk Utilities)
\$2,500.00	01-5015-188 (Sheriff – Court Security Salaries) to 01-5015-202-NHD (Sheriff – Retirement Match)
\$100.00	01-5080-431 (Maintenance – Building Maintenance/Repairs to 01-5080-429 (Maintenance-Fuel Expense)
\$15,000.00	01-5120-202 (Fire Department – HD Retirement Match) to 01-5120-336 (Fire Department – Fleet Maintenance)
\$350.00	01-5120-578-B (Fire Department – Utilities Reserve Station) to 01-5120-578-C (Fire Department - Utilities District Stations)
\$39.00	01-5160-999 (DTF – Contingent Appropriation) to 01-5160-340 (DTF – Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs)
\$9,000.00	03-9400-205 (Employee Health Insurance) to 03-5101-386 (Medical Contract)
\$4,500.00	03-9400-202 (Retirement, County Match) to 03-5101-425 (Food)
\$4,160.00	01-5091-398 (Information Technology – IT Support) to 01-5091-106 (Information Technology)
\$319.00	01-5091-398 (Information Technology – IT Support) to 01-5091-201 (Information Technology – FICA Match)
\$775.00	01-5091-398 (Information Technology – IT Support) to 01-5091-202 (Information Technology – Retirement)
\$12,000.00	01-5115-102 (Building Inspector Salary) to 01-5070-106 (P & Z – Administrative Assistant Salary)
\$918.00	01-5115-201 (Building Inspector FICA Match) to 01-5070-201-A (P & Z – Administrative Assistant FICA Match)
\$2,235.00	01-5115-202 (Building Inspector Retirement) to 01-5070-202-A (P & Z – Administrative Assistant Retirement Match)
\$4000.00	02-6105-457 (Tile) to 02-6105-588 (Maintenance/Repair – Equipment/Parts)
\$219,296.13	01-5075-348 (Economic Development – Taxing District) to 01-9100-741-B (ARPA – County Clerk Building)
\$4,553.25	01-5065-565 (Election Printing, Supplies, Forms, Etc.) to 01-5065-341 (Election Voting Machines – Maintenance/Repairs)
\$245.00	01-5070-348 (P & Z – Program Support) to 01-5070-209 (P & Z – Administrative Assistant/Administrative Workers Comp)

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

A-1 Floors	01-5020-334	763.00
AT & T Mobility	01-5135-573	130.06
AT & T Mobility	01-5015-573	2338.34
Amazon Capital	02-6105-447	71.09
Amsterdam Printing	01-5001-445	165.72
Arcadian Inc	01-5120-446	396.00
Atmos Energy	01-5020-578	78.02
Atmos Energy	03-5101-578	1206.17
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578B	78.02
Barren County Business	01-5010-725	799.96
Barren County Business	01-5010-411	28.99
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	73.69
Bluegrass Excavation	01-5020-334	500.00
Bluegrass Excavation	01-5205-334	100.00
Bluegrass Excavation	01-5081-334A	117.48
Bluegrass Motor Company LLC	01-5080-723	34545.00
Bobcat	02-6105-588	8546.32
Bowen Tire	03-5101-340	83.74
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	269.53
Card Services Center	01-5015-577	101.66
Card Services Center	01-5015-569	729.67
Card Services Center	01-5015-445	303.07
Card Services Center	01-5015-340	664.40
Cincinnati Life Insurance	Payroll	338.09
City of Franklin	01-5020-578	46.94
Colonial Life Insurance	Payroll	7139.11

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Department of Revenue	Payroll	75.00
Department of the Treasury	01-9400-205	247.94
Division of Child Support	Payroll	69.23
Electronic Lighting Technologies	01-5135-703B	797.50
F-S Project Graduation	01-5315-507	1000.00
F-S Renaissance	01-5435-348	3750.00
Gall's	01-5120-481	75.07
Global Dust Control	01-5010-411	52.50
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411A	23.75
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411B	7.75
Government Forms & Supplies	01-5010-349	3178.66
Harp Enterprises	01-5065-341	6053.25
Heidelberg Materials	02-6105-409	5582.60
High Tech Rescue	01-5120-739A	595.00
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	707.43
IRS	Payroll	62629.77
JD Shanklin	01-5120-574	490.20
Jimmy's Auto Care	03-5101-340	1989.53
Joshua Tarkington	02-6105-481	127.19
KACO	01-9100-569	798.00
KACO	01-5015-569	60.00
KACo Benefits Group	Payroll	69441.38
KACO Workers Compensation	01-5070-209	330.00
Kentucky League of Cities	01-5070-348	300.00
Kenway	03-5101-411	3165.78
Kentucky Deferred Compensation	Payroll	8620.00
Kevin Gilbert	01-5020-569	529.63
KY Firefighters Association	01-5120-574	100.00
L&W Emergency Equipment	01-5135-703B	236.97
Lowe's	01-5120-446	87.76
Lowe's	03-5101-334	277.14
Mac's Resturant Equip	03-5101-707	175.90
Marcro Techonologies	01-5120-588A	35.00
Marcro Techonologies	01-5001-564	42.78
Marcro Techonologies	03-5101-564	18.52
Marcro Techonologies	01-5015-564	235.93
Matt White	01-5120-481	74.68
Nelson Slaughter	01-5091-398	9.98
Pitney Bowes Inc	01-5010-445	182.58
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	01-5001-563	1541.99
Postmaster	03-5101-563	234.00
Premier Service & Repair	01-5120-336	2092.68
Pro Coatings	02-6105-592	969.40
Quality Sealing & Striping	01-5015-334	2540.00
Richard Skyler Hicks	01-5015-569	95.42
Romaine Companies	03-5101-411	599.00
Rubber & Gasket	02-6105-588	9.31
Scott Waste Services	01-5085-334	9892.15
Simpson Co Employee Benefits Acct	Payroll	3599.74
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	186851.69
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	16637.14
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	100660.69
Simpson County PVA	01-5030-367	6250.00
Simpson County Soil Conservation	01-5235-348	22500.00
Simpson County Tire	01-5160-340	664.68
Simpson County Tire	01-5120-336	3912.26
Simpson County Tire	01-5015-340	731.18
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	176.01
South Central KY Drug Task Force	01-5160-548	3000.00
Southern KY Cleaning	01-5010-411	300.00
T-Mobile	01-5091-573	63.37
T-Mobile	01-5120-573	21.46
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	424.15
Terminix	03-5101-334	308.00
Tracking Solutions	03-5101-398	1483.50
Underground Vault & Storage	03-5101-445	35.00
US Bank St Paul	01-7100-607	37400.00
Vital Signs	02-6105-469	100.00
WT Beresford Co	01-5135-445	258.00
Wal-Mart	01-5120-446	2358.70
Wal-Mart	02-6105-447	95.76
Wal-Mart	01-5001-445	141.39
Wex Bank	01-5015-429	6797.51
Wex Bank	01-5135-429	140.33
Wex Bank	01-5080-429	120.30

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Wex Bank	01-5020-429	48.30
Wex Bank	01-5160-429	395.02
Wex Bank	02-6105-455	3962.45
Wex Bank	03-5101-429	1785.82
Wholesale Supply	01-5020-334	197.20
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	703.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	94.42
WRECC	01-9100-578	145.63
Wright Implement	02-6105-588	421.76

Judge Barnes reported on a request from the Board of Adjustments members – they have three members now & would like to request to amend Ordinance No. 920.129 to add two more members to make a five-person board.

Judge Barnes brought to our attention the new Veteran Parking Only Signs. We have approximately ten signs & suggested one on all four sides of the square, one at the County Clerk's Office, one at the Justice Center Parking Lot & one at the Simpson County Jail. Judge Barnes will reach out to Lisa Deavers at the Jim Roberts Community Park, Audrey Phillips at the Goodright Memorial Library, James Henry Snider at the Simpson County Historical Society and the Medical Center at Franklin.

Judge Barnes reported on flooding issues – specific locations are Patton Road, Cambridge Trace & Sherwood Terrace. Bob Palmer, Director of Emergency Management, working on information to get easements to get into North of Sherwood Terrace to have an emergency exit. Cambridge Trace has a detention basin. Bobby Groves, Director of Public Works, put together an assessment of what this would cost excavator, dozer time, extra truck to haul dirt out, 6 ft high chain length fence, survey totaling approximately \$45,500. Bob Palmer commented that he reached out to FEMA & they do not assist with anything like this.

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-All
Go ahead & pursue this project to make retention basin deeper

Bobby Groves commented on the biggest cost, the fence & North side where the houses are, will need to be surveyed.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
Authorizing advertising to bid for 1250 ft of 6 ft high chain length fence
Return bids by December 5, 2025, by 10:00 a.m.

Judge Barnes reported on when we implement a county wide ban by ordinance banning activity like the biodigester is this truly countywide inside/outside city of Franklin, all of Simpson County or area outside the city limits? What authority is a county wide ban? Sam Phillips, County Attorney, responded with an ordinance that it is effective countywide, but you get into the state level & Planning & Zoning. Judge Barnes suggested reaching out to Matt Stephens at DLG for more information.

Magistrate, Myron Thurman, reported about speeding on county roads. Myron spoke to Sheriff Hopson about speed monitors. Sheriff Hopson said these monitors cost approximately \$10,000 - \$15,000, they are effective tools. Bob Palmer suggests having a couple of message boards. Judge Barnes suggested Sheriff Hopson & Bob Palmer get together to discuss dual purpose signage & prices & we can get this on the next agenda.

Magistrate, Marty Chandler, reported on the collection site by Five Below is now gone. People were using it as a dump site, it looked horrible. Are we still looking for grant writer?
Judge Barnes responded this is on Indeed but has had no response. Magistrate, Scott Poston's said he has spoken to the Judge in Allen County & they have a grant writer. Judge Barnes will give Dennis a call to find out more information.

Sam Phillips reminded everyone to pay their taxes before end of this month to get a 2% discount.


Sheriff Hopson reported – SCSO has started receiving taxes this week. You can pay your taxes online at www.simpsoncountysheriff.org. An idea for the upcoming new year is a fitness program. If the county can give benefits to employees, this would be an incentive, maybe Michelle Henderson in HR can talk to Kelly Harding. There are three places in Franklin, The Grande is \$30/month, Fuel Fortress (used to be Harvey's Gym) \$40/month and Anytime Fitness which you must sign a two-year contract with. It would be ideal, for example the county pay \$20 of the fee a month & employee pays the balance.

Judge Barnes suggested getting number of employees in each department that would be interested, how many times a week would they be attending the Gym and seeing what the Gyms have to offer.

Fire Chief, Leslie Goodrum, fully supports fitness program.

Jailer, Eric Vaughn, was absent. Chief Lieutenant, Joe Mark Johnson, reported the numbers are coming up at the Simpson County Jail.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
Adjournment (9:36 a.m.)


COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE