

Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 2nd Day of September 20 25

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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, September 2, 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
 Sydney Downey, Fiscal Court Clerk

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

Judge Barnes opened the duty advertised public hearing pursuant to KRS 68.245 (5) (c) regarding the proposed Simpson County tax rates which included some changes from last year. The hearing was closed with no comments or questions having been shared.

Dr. Millie McIntosh presented to Fiscal Court the need for more Veteran Parking spots around Franklin and Simpson County businesses and properties. She asked the court if there would be a willingness to donate to the AMVETS. Judge Barnes stated he can think of five locations he believes these signs could be displayed at.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All
 Approve donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to AMVETS and determine the number of signs that can be installed on County property.

Motion by Poston Second by Burr Yes-All
 Approve the minutes of the August 19th regular Fiscal Court Meeting.

Motion by Burr Second by Thurman Yes-Burr, Thurman, Chandler, Poston, & Barnes
 Approve second reading and final passage of Ordinance No. 220.264, Establishing the 2025 Property Tax Rates.

Setting Real and Personal Property at 9.75 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value, that is down from .10 cents the previous tax year. Setting Watercraft and Motor Vehicle tax at 16.1 cents per \$100.00, and Aircraft to 10.5 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value, which is unchanged from the previous tax year.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
 Approve Sheriff Revenue Bond Temporary Increase.

There will be a temporary increase during tax collection season where Fiscal Court will increase the bond to a million dollars for the three month period to cover tax collection timeframe.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
 Approve Appointment to the Industrial Authority Board.

A member is no longer wanting to serve on the board, this has led to the recommendation to appoint Benjamin Harris to a four-year term which would expire on July 31st, 2029.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All
 Approve budget transfers.
 \$62,500.00 01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) to 01-5120-739-E (Fire Department - SCBA)
 \$14,157.75 01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) to 01-5070-567 (P&Z - Refunds)
 \$424.89 01-5091-398 (Information Technology - IT Support) to 01-5091-205 (Information Technology - Health Insurance)
 \$2,201.00 01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) to 01-9300-999 (Transfer to Other Funds)
 \$2,201.00 01-9300-999 (Transfer to Other Funds) to 03-5101-336 (Equipment Maintenance/Repairs)

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

Amazon Capital	02-6105-447	371.75
Amazon Capital	03-5101-340	58.95
Amazon Capital	01-9100-741B	71.24
Amazon Capital	01-5001-445	58.29
Amazon Capital	01-5010-445	33.49
Ardon Lawn Landscape	01-5080-408	335.00
AT&T Mobility	01-5115-573	50.24
AT&T Mobility	01-9100-573	132.40
AT&T Mobility	01-5120-573	39.89
AT&T Mobility	02-6005-573	102.07
AT&T Mobility	01-5135-573	130.02
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	77.25
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578B	78.02
Atmos Energy	01-5020-578	78.02
Atmos Energy	03-5101-578	886.56
A-Z Office Resources	01-5015-445	241.88
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	334.03
Barren County Business	01-5010-725	767.50
Barren County Business	01-9100-741B	842.80
Benjamin K Phillips	Payroll	287.64
Big Red Supply	02-6105-588	199.95
Bluegrass Excavation	01-5120-334B	292.00
Bluegrass Excavation	01-5015-334	165.00
Bobcat	02-6105-588	1673.51
Bowling Green Hydraulics	02-6105-588	885.78
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	269.53
Cincinnati Life Insurance	Payroll	338.09

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Cintas	02-6105-447	63.69
City of Franklin	01-5020-578	46.94
City of Franklin	01-5070-567	22823.75
Colonial Life Insurance	Payroll	7236.32
Comprehensive Correctional Care	03-5101-386	645.30
Crocker & Crocker	01-5301-332	342.00
Crowne Plaza	01-5135-569	436.26
Curtis Hargett	01-5015-569	158.33
Diamond Screw	02-6105-588	32.48
Division of Child Support	Payroll	69.23
Global Dust Control	01-5010-411	26.25
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411A	47.50
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411B	15.50
Gov Connection	01-5135-445	593.00
Grace Pest Control	01-5205-334	50.00
Heidelberg Materials	02-6105-409	1715.78
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	660.54
Holiday Inn Express- Corbin	01-5135-569	312.00
Human Rights Commission	01-5340-507	5000.00
IRS	Payroll	61029.70
ISTT	01-5091-398	1000.00
KACo Benefits Group	Payroll	70243.58
KAMM	01-5135-569	375.00
Kentucky Deferred Compensation	Payroll	8820.00
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	8086.23
Leslie Goodrum	01-5120-574	35.00
Lowe's	01-5015-334	47.30
Lowe's	01-5010-334	97.11
Lowe's	03-5101-334	132.45
Mac's Restaurant	01-5120-334A	84.95
Marco Technologies	03-5101-564	45.98
Marco Technologies	01-5120-588A	35.00
Marco Technologies	01-5001-564	43.60
MES Service Company	01-5120-739C	463.99
PB Electronics	01-5015-435	3952.00
Phoenix Outfitters	01-5120-481	260.08
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	01-5010-563	1009.75
Preimer Service & Repair	01-5120-336	1466.06
Print Media	01-5070-445	127.00
Pye Barker	03-5101-334	320.00
Quality Parts Express	01-5015-340	585.12
Quill	01-5001-445	77.98
Quill	03-5101-445	51.09
Simpson Co Employee Benefits Acct	Payroll	3564.64
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	244760.16
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	21285.18
Simpson County Payroll Account	01-5091-205	424.89
Simpson County Payroll Account	01-9400-205	9.25
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	118328.88
Simpson County Jail Fund	02-6105-143	2219.00
Simpson County Law Library	01-5081-578A	85.00
Simpson County Tire	01-5120-336	4682.83
Simpson County Tire	02-6105-479	25.00
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	90.48
SKYCTC Foundation	01-5315-574	10000.00
Software Management	01-5010-319	3738.00
Stewart Richey	01-5081-334A	827.50
Stonie's	01-5015-340	25.00
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	424.15
Terminix	03-5101-334	308.00
Turney's Heating & Cooling	01-5205-334	280.00
Vogelpohl Equipment	01-5120-739E	62500.00
Wal-Mart	01-5120-446	106.83
Wex Bank	01-5015-429	6867.66
Wex Bank	01-5135-429	49.22
Wex Bank	01-5080-429	58.97
Wex Bank	01-5020-429	52.70
Wex Bank	01-5115-429	149.64
Wex Bank	01-5160-429	524.24
Wex Bank	02-6105-455	3385.11
Wex Bank	03-5101-429	1514.98
Wholesale Supply	01-5080-408	39.01
Wholesale Supply	01-5015-334	112.05
Wholesale Supply	01-9100-741B	29.81
Wholesale Supply	02-6105-447	243.49
Wholesale Supply	02-6105-457	185.30
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	703.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	88.37
WRECC	01-9100-578	194.23

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Judge Barnes announced Wednesday, September 17th at 10:00 AM, there will be a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the new County Clerk/PVA Building where the public can take a tour.

Friday, September 19th is the annual Cruise In downtown with a concert, the Car Show will take place the next day on September 20th.

Judge Barnes also discussed how he and the Fire Chief needed to have a conversation about a possible burn ban.

Magistrate Poston asked the community to keep the Mooneyhan Family in your prayers, with the passing of James Mooneyhan.

Magistrate Burr encouraged everyone to watch for farming equipment on the road with fall harvest starting soon.

Magistrate Chandler questioned where the Fire Department were at on getting the agreement taken care of. Fire Chief, Leslie Goodrum stated he had sent agreement over to County Attorney Sam Phillips to look over everything. After a very lengthy discussion, the Fire Chief said he didn't mind attending a City Commission Meeting and seeing if he can get a response back from them. Looking into a MOU was also mentioned with the request to see if the City would be interested in going that route.

Magistrate Chandler also discussed the AMVETS donation stations around town that are still becoming a problem for Franklin and Simpson County. A lot of items that are not allowed to be left are getting dumped and piled outside the containers. He wants to know can cameras or better monitoring be taken place to charge the people that are doing the dumping. Judge Barnes asked could they be moved to the Convenient Center, but he also wasn't sure if the AMVETS would be interested in that option either.

Sheriff Jere D. Hopson reported last year he was able to secure enough equipment to outfit a new Dodge Durango, and he has looked into doing that again this year. He has another Durango he can sell and wants to replace it with a newer model. The dealership that has the state contract has a vehicle available now and their equipment will fit this model. He asked Fiscal Court to allow him to purchase the new Durango on state contract and sell vehicle number 38 in their possession.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All
Approve the Sheriff to purchase the 2023 Dodge Durango from Don Franklin, in the amount up to \$43,000 and authorize signatures.

Motion by Burr Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve the authorization of the Sheriff to sell Unit 38 to another governmental agency or through a seal bid process, if necessary, with the proceeds going into the Sheriff's Vehicle Line Item.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All
Approve budget transfers.
\$14,860.00 01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) to 01-5015-723 (Sheriff - Vehicles)

County Clerk Austin Johnson announced the new County Clerk Building is up and operating as of last Friday, the drive-thru is not open yet. They don't have everything moved over yet and will need to surplus some of their equipment at the old building. He has looked into Gov Deals to sell furniture as he doesn't think it will be necessary to have an auction.

Judge Barnes mentioned once the County Clerk gets completely moved out of the old building, they will need to discuss the plans for the building moving forward. He doesn't see a reason for the county to keep the building and the sale of it could recoup some of the money spent.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
Adjourn. (9:35 AM)

See Attachment File September 2, 2025


COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE