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Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 20 25

At a regular meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse, Tuesday, December 16, 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, followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-Poston, Chandler, Thurman, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve the minutes of the December 2<sup>nd</sup> regular Fiscal Court Meeting.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-Thurman, Poston, Chandler, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve P&Z Board of Adjustments appointments.

Jerry Summers appointed to a 1.5-year term, expiring on June 30, 2027. Jamie Summers appointed to a 2.5-year term, expiring on June 30, 2028. After these terms have expired, every appointment afterwards will go back to the original length of 4 years like everyone else.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-Poston, Chandler, Thurman, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve Cambridge Trace Retention Basin Fence Bids and also cover the cost of any material increases that happen between now and when project starts.

Bid was awarded to Wheeler Fencing for \$28,667.00. Public Works Director Bobby Groves suggested Fiscal Court still accept the bid on the specs that were given and if they decide to do the upgrades, it remains the lowest bid. He also wanted the court to keep in mind if the project isn't getting done until April/May, if there is an increase in cost of materials; if the company can show the increase, the county will cover any cost incurred.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-Chandler, Thurman, Poston, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve Employee Fitness Program.

The County will cover \$20 for the employees' membership at The Grande and Fuel Fortress, with the remaining balance being the responsibility of the employee, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. It was originally discussed that the employee would have to attend the gym at least 8 times a month to receive a discount from the County or they would be responsible for the entire bill.

Sheriff Jere D. Hopson suggested having the employee go to the business and setup a membership under the County. The employee would pay the difference in the bill, and the County would be billed for the \$20 deduction. This plan is like how the school system's membership is set up. Judge Barnes liked that idea and would help keep billing from getting complicated.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-Thurman, Poston, Chandler, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve Kroger PILOT Agreement and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-Chandler, Thurman, Poston, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve GeoQuest Inducement Resolution 2025-12-16 and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-Chandler, Poston, Thurman, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve GeoQuest PILOT Agreement and authorize the County Judge to sign.

GeoQuest does Steel Fabrication work for concrete pre-cast walls and other construction materials made of concrete. They will be in the old Toya building.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-Poston, Chandler, Thurman, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve Sheriff's Revenue Bond and authorize the Sheriff's signature that will go into effect January 1, 2026.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-Thurman, Poston, Chandler, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve Graves Gilbert Contract and authorize the County Judge to sign.

There has been a slight increase from last year's contract. Grave Gilbert is the only facility in the community that offers the services the County needs to keep them in compliance with OSHA and other regulations

Fiscal Court discussed the Sheriff's and County Clerk's 2026 Budget. Judge Barnes stated both budgets looked good and praised the Sheriff and County Clerk for doing such a great job managing said budgets.

County Clerk Austin Johnson addressed the court the difference in their budget from last year. Employee Marla Fuller will be retiring next year, and he wants to hire an additional employee to start shadowing her before she leaves. In closing he discussed how valued and miss Marla will be but wished her the best in her next endeavors.

Sheriff Hopson announced their annual award ceremony will be held in January this year, instead of December like previous ones. He also reported he has a good budget this year, more revenue coming in and no difference in expenses. He proposed a 3% increase to the cost-of-living raise for the employees.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-Chandler, Poston, Thurman, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve the November Financial Statement and authorize the Judge and County Treasurer to sign.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-Thurman, Poston, Chandler, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve cash transfer of \$16,500.00 from General Fund to 911 Fund.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Yes-Thurman, Chandler, Poston, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve cash transfer of \$192,195.00 from General Fund to Jail Fund.

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-Poston, Thurman, Chandler, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve budget transfers.

\$100.00 01-5010-336 (County Clerk Equipment Maintenance/Repair) from 01-5010-551 (County Clerk Dues)  
\$1,570.00 01-5015-723 (Sheriff - Vehicles) from 01-5015-340(Sheriff - Vehicle Maintenance/Repair)



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	Second by Thurman	Yes-Poston, Thurman, Chandler, & Barnes	Recuse-Burr
Motion by Poston			
Approve bills and claims as presented.			
A&M Consultants	01-9100-569	260.00	
AAA Systems	01-5010-334	40.00	
A-Z Office Resources	01-5015-445	18.84	
Alpha Pest Management	01-5120-334A	155.00	
Alpha Pest Management	01-5120-334B	50.00	
Alpha Pest Management	01-5120-586	80.00	
Amazon Capital	01-5001-445	42.74	
Amazon Capital	01-5080-445	23.08	
Amazon Capital	01-5160-445B	1008.84	
Amazon Capital	03-5101-334	62.97	
Aqua Treat	01-5081-334A	220.50	
Ardon Lawncare	01-5080-408	480.00	
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	780.88	
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578A	84.36	
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578B	149.45	
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	222.11	
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	270.64	
Austin Johnson	01-5010-576	780.82	
Barren County Business	01-5010-411	92.00	
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	139.06	
Bluegrass Excavation	01-5205-334	325.00	
Bluegrass Integrated Communications	01-5010-563	53.68	
Brian Parks	02-6105-481	117.12	
Brigitte Kilburn	01-5070-567	180.00	
C. Tomlinson Law	01-5070-332	1062.50	
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	269.53	
Card Services Center	01-5015-445	247.72	
Card Services Center	01-5015-725	7879.74	
Card Services Center	01-5015-551	10.59	
Card Services Center	01-5015-577	26.47	
Card Services Center	01-5015-319	38.00	
Chamber of Commerce	01-5010-551	100.00	
Chamber of Commerce	01-5015-551	100.00	
Cincinnati Life Insurance	Payroll	338.09	
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	447.42	
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	673.80	
City of Franklin	01-5081-578B	34.50	
City of Franklin	01-5120-578B	46.94	
City of Franklin	01-5010-578	51.58	
City of Franklin	03-5101-578	10032.94	
CLM Port A Potty	01-5085-334	112.00	
Colonial Life Insurance	Payroll	7139.11	
Comprehensive Correctional Care	03-5101-386	47783.79	
Computer Projects of IL Inc	01-5015-319	198.00	
Curtis Harper	01-5070-567	200.00	
Department of Revenue	Payroll	75.00	
Dezign LLC	01-5070-319	400.00	
Division of Child Support	Payroll	69.23	
Elan Financial	01-5160-445B	491.16	
Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	109.70	
Federal Express Corporation	01-5120-446	9.00	
Franklin Favorite	01-5070-348	33.13	
Gall's	01-5015-435B	322.46	
Gerald Printing	01-5015-445	268.91	
Global Dust Control	01-5010-411	42.00	
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411A	47.50	
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411B	15.50	
Greenleaf Environmental	01-5020-308	35.29	
Heidelberg Materials	01-5085-334	736.66	
Heidelberg Materials	02-6105-409	241.14	
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	375.13	
IRS	Payroll	68216.05	
ISTT	01-5091-398	5040.00	
Jacob P Mathis	Payroll	412.49	
James Mechanical	01-8099-741B	5990.00	
KACO Insurance Agency	01-9100-531	865.30	
Kelwell Food Management	03-5101-425	25049.20	
Kentucky Deferred Compensation	Payroll	8620.00	
Kentucky Retirement	Payroll	134931.82	
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	10756.62	
Kentucky State Police	75-5145-322	87488.17	
Kenway	03-5101-411	2895.14	
Key Oil	01-5015-429	490.53	
Leslie Goodrum	01-5120-481	206.54	
Logical Doc	01-5001-319	1300.00	
Lowe's	03-5101-334	97.23	

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Lowe's	01-5080-406	25.63
Lowe's	01-5080-408	2.83
Lowe's	02-6105-447	153.67
Mac's Restaurant	03-5101-336	75.00
Marco Technologies	01-5015-564	273.84
Mefford & Phillips	01-9100-573	39.95
Microsoft Office	01-5001-319	1449.56
Myron Thurman	01-9100-576	393.00
Nashville Spring Service	01-5120-334A	1563.02
Nelson Slaughter	01-5091-398	190.67
NVR/Ryan Homes	01-5070-567	375.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5080-329	1200.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5081-329	5000.00
Ninja One LLC	01-5001-590	173.60
Nixon	03-5101-334	905.00
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services	01-5001-445	197.52
Premier Service & Repair	01-5120-336	6629.87
Propper Commerce	03-5101-481	311.94
Quality Parts Express	01-5015-340	145.98
Quality Parts Express	01-5135-592	116.86
Quality Parts Express	01-5120-336	1.35
Quality Parts Express	02-6105-588	498.69
Quality Parts Express	02-6105-592	116.56
Quill	03-5101-445	26.35
Rapid Fueling	01-5120-455	1674.20
Sam Starks	01-5015-569	322.54
Scotty's Contracting & Stone	02-6105-405	6781.94
Secure Lock	01-5205-334	139.00
Siegels	03-5101-481	927.00
Simply Sweet Boutique	01-5120-481	411.00
Simpson Co Employee Benefits Acct	Payroll	3601.22
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	217326.44
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	23308.09
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	122745.90
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	45.24
Software Management	01-5010-319	4596.00
Southern States	02-6105-455	75.92
Stonie's Towing	01-5015-340	264.40
T-Mobile	01-5120-573	21.46
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	424.15
Thirteen Fifty Apparel	03-5101-481	430.00
Tracy Gregory	03-5101-334	457.46
Turney's Heating & Cooling	01-5085-334	635.00
Underground Vault & Storage	01-5015-445	68.00
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
Verizon	01-5080-573	38.48
Verizon	02-6005-573	38.48
Vestis	03-5101-334	87.58
Vital Signs	02-6105-469	405.00
Vonage	01-9100-573	149.36
Vonage	01-5070-573	99.57
Vonage	01-5135-573	80.93
Vonage	01-5120-573	83.00
Vonage	01-5015-573	178.35
Vonage	01-5010-573	197.11
Vonage	01-5160-578	116.10
Vonage	01-5080-573	16.59
Vonage	01-5091-573	16.59
Vonage	01-5030-573	82.94
Vonage	02-6005-573	33.22
Vonage	03-5101-573	375.56
Vonage	75-5145-578	33.17
Wholesale Supply	01-5205-334	1319.00
Wholesale Supply	01-5085-334	1319.00
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	125.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	48.87



Judge Barnes wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and announced County Offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year Eve, and New Year Day.

Judge Barnes also mentioned Planning & Zoning Board of Commission would be having a special called meeting tonight, Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the proposed Text Amendment regarding the use of grandfathered easements to create minor subdivision plats. If approved, Fiscal Court will need to have a special called meeting Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, to determine if they want to accept P&Z Commissions recommendation.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM at the Methodist Church, Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any Fiscal Court members wanting to attend needs to let Judge Barnes know.

Magistrates Burr, Poston, & Thurman wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Magistrate Chandler wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also asked if there had been any updates on communication towers completion, Judge Barnes responded he had not heard anything, but OEM director Robert Palmer might have an update in his report. In closing he asked the County Clerk how close they were to getting the old building cleaned out. Judge Barnes mentioned doing sealed bids or live auction at the door, in which the County Attorney responded he would start off with sealed bids first.

County Attorney Sam Phillips encouraged everyone to pay their property taxes by the end of the year before they are considered late and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sheriff Jere D. Hopson encouraged everyone to be responsible over the holidays.

OEM Director Robert Palmer announced him and Maintenance Supervisor Paul Kelley noticed some more blind spots with the camera system around the Courthouse that needed to be addressed and asked the court if they were open to adding more. He also mentioned he has been looking into messaging boards that would be used for slowing traffic down in certain communities and emergency use during flooding, to identify closed roads. He will have more information at the next meeting to present.

Regarding the radio system update, Palmer stated MOU's for each agency requires the County to sign individually, instead of department heads.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-Chandler, Thurman, Poston, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Approve the authorization of Simply Secure to make adjustments and additions to the camera system.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-Chandler, Poston, Thurman, & Barnes Recuse-Burr  
Adjourn. (9:43 AM)

*M. C. Barnes*  
COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

See Attachment File December 16, 2025