

Regular Tuesday 20th January 26
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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, January 20, 2026, at 8:31 AM

Present: Honorable Mason Barnes, Judge/Executive
Honorable Marty Chandler, East Magistrate
Honorable Jeffrey Burr, West 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, and magistrate Scott Poston led us in prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Lisa Deavers with the Rotary Club introduced the group to Fiscal Court. Robin Hollingsworth, Rotary Club President discussed with the court what Rotary Club is and their projects they have planned. Today they presented the Simpson County Sheriff's Office with two AED's for cruisers. Through their district foundation they receive community grants that will match their contributions.

Sheriff Jere D. Hopson thanked the Rotary Club for their donations and assured them that they will be used. The Fiscal Court has funded the Sheriff's Office with an AED but these two will be on the road in deputy supervisors' cruisers.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve the minutes of the January 6th regular fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-Poston, Chandler, Burr, Thurman, & Barnes
Approve second reading and final passage of Ordinance No.220.266, Budget Amendment #2 in the amount of \$468,295.00.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-Chandler, Thurman, Burr, Poston, & Barnes
Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 310.41, Flood Damage Prevention.

Fiscal Court already has two ordinances pertaining to flood damage in previous years. FEMA has the Fiscal Court update ordinances every so often to be eligible for FEMA money. OEM Director Robert Palmer helped County Attorney Sam Phillips draft an ordinance that would make Simpson County compliant.

Magistrate Chandler asked OEM Director how often the map gets updated as Simpson County continues to build. Palmer responded that FEMA handles the flood zones and usually updates it around every ten years. There are processes that people can go through to determine if their property is in a flood zone even if they have never experienced flooding before. Different scenarios can cause the need for a map change throughout the years.

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-Poston, Thurman, Burr, Chandler, & Barnes
Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 310.35, Windsor Park Section 3, Phase 3 Lighting Agreement through WRECC.

There was some language on the first two sections and phases on WRECC end that will need to be corrected, the changes have already been corrected on this section and phase.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-Thurman, Poston, Burr, Chandler & Barnes
Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 920.131, Amending readopted P&Z regulations text.

The language in this ordinance is pertaining to accessory buildings in agricultural zones.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All
Approve project Targa letter of support.

Company that will be located adjacent to RKW, repairing automobile rail car carriers. In the first phase there will be a five-to-seven-million-dollar investment, creating fifteen to twenty jobs. The second phase will be another four-to-six-million-dollar investment, creating additional forty to fifty jobs. They will also cover 401K and one hundred percent medical insurance for all employees plus their dependents. Hourly wage will range from twenty-three and thirty-two dollars per hour.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve project Cowboy letter of support.

Company will be in the Food Manufacturing Industry and will be a direct supplier to the Trader Joe's Distribution Center. An eight and a half million-dollar investment with sixty to seventy jobs in the first two years, and about two hundred and fifty jobs over the next ten years. The average hourly rate will be twenty-four to fifty dollars an hour. Will be in the old PSI Shine Lab building.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-All
Approve project Liberty letter of support.

Expansion of a longstanding industry here in the community that is in the county. They will have fourteen million in production equipment while also adding seventy-eight new jobs. The hourly wage will be twenty-nine dollars and sixty-seven cents.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve Resolution No.2026-01-20EMP-FSFR.

Evan Hardin to be hired as a Full-Time Firefighter.

Fiscal Court discussed Civic Plus Website proposal. The Department of Justice is requiring all public county websites to become ADA compliant. The first proposal they brought back was in the fifty-to-sixty-thousand-dollar range. The second bid came back for around twenty-seven thousand dollars, right now the county is contracting for IT Services. The current contract takes care of needs as they arise. Judge Barnes asked ISST for a proposal showing cost if they were to hire them to do full monitoring and handling all the IT stuff. Their response was there was no way they could get the proposal for today's meeting but would work on it and get back to him.

Judge Barnes suggested the court think about whether they would rather look into hiring an IT Director and Assistant or paying a company. It was also mentioned to issue bids to see what other companies have to offer and go from there.

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

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve cash transfer of \$150,724.00 from the General Fund to Jail Fund.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve cash transfer of \$34,131.36 from the Federal Grant Fund to General Fund.

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Motion by Poston

Second by Thurman

Yes-All

Approve budget transfers.

\$4,735.00	01-5015-188 (Sheriff - Court Security Salaries) from 01-5015-103-B (Sheriff - Deputies Salaries (SRO))
\$1,000.00	03-5101-725 (Office Supplies) from 03-5101-336 (Equipment Maintenance/Repairs)
\$5,500.00	01-5115-102 (Building Inspector Salary) from 01-5115-179 (Building Inspector Part-Time)
\$10,000.00	03-9400-205 (Employee Health Insurance) from 03-5101-386 (Medical Contract)
\$1,200.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5040-567 (Occupational Tax Refund)
\$5,000.00	01-5070-202-A (P&Z - Admin Assistant Retirement Match) from 01-5091-398 (Information Technology - IT Support)
\$5,000.00	01-5070-191 (P&Z - Board Member Fees) from 01-5091-398 (Information Technology - IT Support)
\$5,000.00	01-5070-205-A (P&Z - Admin Assistant Health Insurance) from 01-5091-398 (Information Technology - IT Support)
\$1,600.00	03-5101-411 (Custodial Supplies) from 03-5101-398 (Home Incarceration Contract)
\$680.00	01-5015-188 (Sheriff - Court Security Salaries) from 01-5015-202-HDB (Sheriff - HD Retirement Match (SRO))
\$195.00	01-5015-188 (Sheriff - Court Security Salaries) from 01-5015-201-B (Sheriff - FICA Match (SRO))
\$4.89	01-5015-562 (Sheriff - Firing Range) from 01-5015-551 (Sheriff - Membership Dues)
\$600.00	01-5015-577 (Sheriff - Travel/Prisoner Transport) from 01-5015-564 (Sheriff - Copier Lease/Supplies)
\$1,000.00	01-5120-179 (Fire Department - PT Personnel) from 01-5120-334-A (Fire Department - Maintenance/Repair Main Station)
\$7,000.00	01-5120-179 (Fire Department - PT Personnel) from 01-5120-446 (Fire Department - Equipment/Supplies)

Motion by Chandler

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Approve bills and claims.

AAA Systems	01-5010-334	40.00
AT&T Mobility	01-5015-573	840.06
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-103	833.33
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-576	387.96
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-569	40.00
All Season Rent All	02-6105-447	266.95
Alliance Laundry Systems	03-5101-336	796.19
Alpha Pest Management	01-5015-334	40.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5020-334	40.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5010-334	50.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5080-346	65.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5081-334A	130.00
Amazon Capital	03-5101-340	188.97
Amazon Capital	03-5101-334	33.76
Amazon Capital	01-5001-445	49.07
Amazon Capital	01-5120-739C	249.95
Amazon Capital	01-5080-406	34.66
Amazon Capital	01-5120-574	99.00
Amazon Capital	02-6105-703	340.56
AMVets #110	01-5085-334	1000.00
Aqua Treat Inc	01-5081-334A	441.00
Ardon Landscape	01-5080-408	335.00
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578B	308.62
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	663.06
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	1553.35
Atmos Energy	01-5080-578A	86.03
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	422.30
Austin Johnson	01-5010-576	220.14
Barren County Business	01-5010-411	25.38
Bluegrass Excavation	01-5081-334A	100.00
Bluegrass Metals	02-6105-588	104.55
Bowen Tire	03-5101-340	47.95
Brian Parks	02-9400-205	95.00
C. Tomlinson Law LLC	01-5070-332	1625.00
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	269.53
CLM Port A Potty	01-5085-334	113.00
Card Service Center	01-5015-577	24.66
Card Service Center	01-5015-445	21.16
Card Service Center	01-5015-435	835.61
City of Franklin	Payroll	13729.73
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	166.32
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	557.18
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	8239.84
City of Franklin	01-5205-578	105.58
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	28.59
City of Franklin	02-6005-578	36.36
Commonwealth Broadcasting	01-5002-302	199.00
Comprehensive Correctional Care	03-5101-386	44070.56
Department of Revenue	Payroll	75.00
Devin Pierce	03-5101-576	15.00
Dezign LLC	01-5070-319	425.00
Dezign LLC	01-5135-319	200.00
Diamond Screw	02-6105-588	45.20
Diamond Screw	02-6105-447	16.89
Division of Child Support	Payroll	484.62
Donald's Service Center	01-5080-340	504.00
Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	105.73
Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	2078.52
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	6514.67

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Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578B	124.30
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	552.26
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578B	101.72
Electric Plant Board	01-5205-578	1075.79
Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	5037.14
Electric Plant Board	01-5010-578	1151.56
Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	401.13
Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	638.56
Electronic Lighting Technologies	01-5135-703B	495.00
Fleet Pride	01-5120-336	50.95
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	41.15
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	123.45
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5205-573	41.14
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5015-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	165.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5080-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5160-578	109.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	145.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	69.00
Friends of the Shelter	01-5205-315	5047.50
FS Industrial Authority	01-5075-348	195514.05
Franklin Favorite	01-5001-302	435.72
Gerald Printing	01-5001-445	110.14
Global Dust Control	01-5010-411	21.00
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411A	47.50
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411B	15.50
Graves Gilbert Clinic	01-5120-205	55.00
Greenleaf Environmental	01-5020-308	35.29
Gregg Johnson	03-5101-576	14.41
Hardtime Products	03-5101-445	606.00
Hardtime Products	03-5101-411	672.00
High Tech Rescue	01-5120-739A	403.91
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	359.65
Hunt Ford	01-5080-340	180.00
IRS	Payroll	63721.87
ISTT	01-5091-398	5631.25
Joe Mark Johnson	03-5101-334	38.23
KAMM	01-5135-569	25.00
Kellwell Food Management	03-5101-425	22229.30
Kentucky County Attorney's Assoc	01-9100-551	750.00
Kentuckiana Court Reporter	01-5070-348	200.60
Kentucky Retirement System	Payroll	135859.08
Kentucky Retirement System	01-5015-205	949.04
Kentucky Retirement System	03-9400-202	55.86
Kentucky Retirement System	03-9400-205	909.04
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	9688.55
Kentucky Sheriff's Association	01-5015-551	1044.00
Key Oil	02-6105-455	693.00
Kyle Hunton	01-5120-574	75.00
Less Lethal	03-5101-336	39.50
Lowe's	02-6105-447	55.08
Lowe's	03-5101-334	72.56
Lowe's	01-5120-446	91.23
Lowe's	01-5080-406	18.94
Lowe's	01-5205-334	34.03
Lowe's	01-5015-334	7.03
Marco Technologies	01-5120-588A	67.94
Marco Technologies	01-5001-564	80.00
Marco Technologies	03-5101-564	45.43
Mark's Plumbing	03-5101-334	2073.12
Mefford & Phillips	01-9100-573	39.95
Mefford & Phillips	01-5005-165	300.00
Microsoft	01-5001-319	36.00
Mobile Communications	01-5120-739A	250.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5080-329	1500.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5081-329	5000.00
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-103	833.33
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-576	232.20
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-569	20.14
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	01-5010-445	165.33
PTS of America	01-5015-577	3677.00
Pye Barker	01-5081-334A	500.00
Pye Barker	01-5081-334	395.00
Pye Barker	03-5101-334	2334.17
Quill	01-5001-445	77.98
Quill	03-5101-445	304.40
Rapid Fueling	01-5120-455	1367.88

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Donna Rose E2209617KV

Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	233382.89
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	21454.89
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	139087.91
Simpson Co Tax Admin	Payroll	18539.06
Simpson County Tire	01-5015-340	1792.82
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	90.48
Software Management	01-5010-319	4596.00
Subscriber's Renewal	01-5010-445	34.00
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	424.15
The Fire Store	01-5120-739A	334.64
The Fix It Foundation	01-5205-403	623.00
The Fix It Foundation	01-5205-385	1176.00
US Bank Equipment Finance	01-5070-564	126.38
Valley Ridge	02-6105-407	859.00
Verizon	01-5080-573	38.48
Verizon	02-6005-573	38.48
Vestis	03-5101-334	87.58
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
West Payment Center	01-5015-445	337.36
Wells Fargo Financial	01-5015-564	150.00
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	125.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	101.37
Yokely Machine	02-6105-588	150.00
Yokely Machine	02-6105-447	88.80

Judge Barnes reminded everyone tonight at 6:30PM at the Franklin Simpson Performing Arts Center, City of Franklin Planning & Zoning Meeting will take place discussing the development plan for the Data Center. Reminder that this upcoming Thursday, January 15th at 6:30 is the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting at The Mint.

Franklin Simpson Right to Life has requested the possibility of installing a Safe Haven baby box at the Fire Department. The cost would approximately be around sixteen to twenty thousand dollars, and the County Judge would have to request the application to be approved by the state to even have the box there.

On June 30th, the contract the County has with Scott Waste will automatically renew for another seven years unless Fiscal Court decides to send ninety-day notice on their decision prior to June 30th. The magistrates all expressed their concerns with Scott Waste over the years.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Yes-All
Approve to authorize the County Judge and/or the County Attorney to draft a 90-day notice to Scott Waste stating the County's intent to bid for this service prior to the June 30, 2026, termination date.

Magistrate Marty Chandler reported that the driver's license bill has been getting a lot of attention on the state level. The plan is to be able to renew licenses locally again. County Clerk Austin Johnson expressed to Magistrate Chandler that his office would be willing to take on the additional task with the help of another employee. If these bills are approved, they wouldn't take effect until June 2027.

County Attorney Sam Phillips reported the MLK Jr. annual breakfast and march went well and was moving. He also asked resident Brad Edwards to approach the podium to discuss the property he purchased on Gold City Road that the County took care of by demolishing. The property has liens against it, and he is here today to see if some of the cost could be reduced due to his lack of knowledge of it prior to the purchase.

Fiscal Court agreed they don't want to do something for one resident that they can't do for another, but they understood this was no fault of Mr. Edwards and agreed on this one occasion to allow a price reduction.

Motion by Poston Second by Barnes Yes-Poston, Barnes, & Burr Abstain: Thurman Rescue: Chandler
Approve to reduce the debt amount owed on Lien for the property located on Gold City Road to Brad Edwards in the amount of \$7,000.

Sheriff Jere D. Hopson reported they are at 91% on collecting taxes. He also encouraged the public to reach out to their state legislators about House Bill 51 that is being considered. House Bill 51 would freeze your property taxes once you reach age 65.


P&Z Administrator Mikala McClain approached the court to discuss the need for some additional subdivision regulations when potential projects are wanting to do more than minor sub plats outside city limits. Nothing strict, but more of a guide on implementing road requirements, water retentions basins, text amendments, etc. with a contracted Engineer.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve to authorize P&Z Administrator to engage in conversations with a licensed Civil Engineer to help draft Subdivision Regulations.

Bobby Groves with the Road Department mentioned Hack Brown project will start around 1st of February, and the road will be closed to the public for around 2-4 weeks. He also wanted the public to be aware of the incoming weather. They only have seven pieces of equipment and seven employees; they have priority routes and a schedule. If you live on a dead-end road, be prepared not to see anyone for a couple of days. Please be patient.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
Adjourn. (9:51 AM)

See Attachment File January 20, 2026


COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE