

Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 17<sup>th</sup> Day of February 20 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, February 17, 2026, at 8:30 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.

Judge Barnes recognized Justin Pollard with Congressman Andy Barr's campaign.

Jada Freeman with the Simpson County Sheriff's Office presented the 2025 Sheriff Fees. They turned over about 1.3 million dollars to Fiscal Court and collected 92% taxes so far.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All  
Approve the Sheriff's Office 2025 Tax Presentation.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
Approve the minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> regular fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Yes-All  
Approve Executive Order 2026-02-17 Order of Affiliation and authorize the County Judge to sign.

The Order of Affiliation is completed annually, it sets the guidelines of emergency procedures and how the chain of command would be implemented. Magistrate Chandler asked if there should be another name listed if the judge is unable to do the duties. OEM Director Robert Palmer stated the Deputy Judge would be the next in line to make the decisions if the judge was unable to.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-Poston, Chandler, Burr, Thurman, & Barnes  
Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 220.267, FY25-26 Budget Amendment #3.

This amendment was made for some additional money that came through the jail in a grant and to reflect the \$4,500 grant for the Sheriff Office that was approved at the last Fiscal Court meeting.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Yes-All  
Approve Simpson County Water District Board Appointment.

Stephen Snyder will serve a four-year term beginning April 15, 2026, through April 14, 2030.

Judge Barnes discussed with Fiscal Court an individual with Red Cross approaching him about using the courtroom on March 9<sup>th</sup> for a blood drive since they don't have access to the bus.

Motion by Burr Second by Thurman Yes-All  
Approve the use of the courtroom on March 9<sup>th</sup> for Red Cross Blood Drive.

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-All  
Approve Resolution No. 2026-02-17 to allow Simpson County Detention Center to participate in the Law Enforcement Protection Grant.

The LEP Grant can be any dollar amount they approve and is set up like a reimbursement grant. The Jail is going to request some vests for transport officers and upgrade their taser system.

Fiscal Court held discussions about possible changes to the Waste Collection Contract and expressed their willingness to bid for the service. Many of their concerns are trash taking multiple days or not getting picked up at all at times. Scott Waste was in attendance and Sam Upperman let the court know that they have been made aware of their concerns and are handling them. They also let everyone know that you are not being charged for missed pick up, if they are you can call and it can be reimbursed. Fiscal Court will approve the bid specs and RFP at their next meeting to be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Motion by Thurman Second by Burr Yes-All  
Approve cash transfer of \$7,035.99 from the Federal Grant Fund to General Fund.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
Approve cash transfer of \$120,110.00 from the General Fund to Jail Fund.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
Approve budget transfers.  
\$4,500.00 01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5015-435 (Sheriff - Law Enforcement Supplies)  
\$212.00 01-5135-398 (OEM Communications Contract) from 01-5135-573 (OEM Telephone)  
\$1,000.00 01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5205-385 (Animal Shelter - Vet Services)  
\$1,500.00 03-5101-725 (Office Equipment) from 03-5101-398 (Home Incarceration Contract)  
\$1,500.00 03-5101-709 (Furniture & Fixtures) from 03-5101-398 (Home Incarceration Contract)  
\$75,000.00 01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-9300-999 (Transfers to Other Funds)  
\$30,000.00 01-9300-999 (Transfers to Other Funds) from 03-5101-386 (Medical Contract)  
\$30,000.00 01-9300-999 (Transfers to Other Funds) from 03-5101-425 (Food)  
\$10,000.00 03-9400-205 (Employee Health Insurance) from 01-5101-179-A (Part-Time Personnel)  
\$30,000.00 01-5120-106 (Fire Department - Staff Hourly) from 01-9300-999 (Transfers to Other Funds)  
\$30,000.00 01-9300-999 (Transfers to Other Funds) from 03-5101-123-A (Jail Personnel)  
\$20,000.00 01-5120-202 (Fire Department - HD Retirement Match) from 01-9300-999 (Transfers to Other Funds)  
\$20,000.00 01-9300-999 (Transfers to Other Funds) from 03-5101-179-A (Part-Time Personnel)  
\$15,000.00 01-9300-999 (Transfers to Other Funds) from 03-5101-179-A (Part Time Personnel)  
\$15,000.00 01-5120-121 (Volunteer Firefighter Stipend) from 01-5120-336 (Fire Department - Fleet Maintenance)

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\$800.00 01-5080-340 (Maintenance – Vehicle Maint/Rep) from 01-5080-429 (Maintenance – Fuel Expense)  
 \$23,500.00 01-5015-188 (Sheriff – Court Security Salaries) from 01-5015-103 (Sheriff – Deputies Salaries)

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Approve bills and claims.		
AAA Systems	01-5010-334	40.00
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-103	833.33
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	01-5135-445	68.50
Amazon Capital	02-6105-447	24.99
Amazon Capital	01-5120-739A	79.99
Amazon Capital	01-5001-445	35.07
Amazon Capital	03-5101-336	591.17
Amazon Capital	03-5101-334	29.48
Amazon Capital	03-5101-446	178.00
Amazon Capital	02-6105-592	478.94
Amazon Capital	01-5120-446	99.95
Amazon Capital	01-5010-411	35.48
Amazon Capital	01-5010-445	64.99
Aqua Treat	01-5081-334A	220.50
Ascendans Truck Centers	02-6105-592	691.32
Atmos Energy	03-5101-578	1749.79
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578B	354.50
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	698.57
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	1560.76
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578A	83.37
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	500.27
Barren Business Supply	01-5010-411	114.19
Barren Business Supply	01-5015-445	109.75
Barren Business Supply	01-5010-725	6269.50
Barren District Health Dept	01-5231-348	138290.50
Boys & Girls Club	01-5315-507	14000.00
C. Tomlinson Law LLC	01-5070-332	750.00
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	269.53
Card Services Center	01-5015-319	38.00
Card Services Center	01-5015-445	147.47
Card Services Center	01-5015-577	183.75
Card Services Center	01-5015-340	26.49
Card Services Center	01-5015-481	181.66
Card Services Center	01-5015-569	1324.00
Card Services Center	01-5015-435	622.22
Chamber of Commerce	01-9100-569	210.00
Cincinnati Life	Payroll	338.09
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	172.73
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	655.68
City of Franklin	01-5081-578B	35.54
City of Franklin	01-5120-578B	48.73
City of Franklin	01-5010-578	53.47
City of Franklin	03-5101-578	8272.69
CMS Uniforms	01-5120-481	258.32
CLM Port A Potty	01-5085-334	113.00
Comprehensive Correctional Care	03-5101-386	47505.20
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5081-411A	465.51
Consolidated Paper Group	01-5080-411	218.23
CPI Guardian	03-5101-445	1174.50
Crocker & Crocker	01-5301-332	326.00
Cummins Sales & Service	01-5081-334A	1260.94
DC Elevator	01-5080-352	1869.85
Department of Revenue	Payroll	75.00
Dezign LLC	01-5135-319	975.00
Dezign LLC	01-5070-319	375.00
Diamond Screw	02-6105-447	32.97
Diamond Screw	02-6105-592	15.00
Division of Child Support	Payroll	576.93
Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	692.72
Electric Plant Board	01-5010-578	1410.49
Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	103.09
Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	326.15
Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	5006.15
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	7626.83
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578B	137.00
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	568.60
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578B	113.93
Electric Plant Board	01-5205-578	1584.04
Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	2047.74
ESRI	01-5085-725	2875.00
F-S Renaissance	01-5435-348	3750.00

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F-S Parks & Recreation	01-5401-507	123038.50
Federal Express	01-5001-563	67.73
Franklin Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	69.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	145.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	123.45
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5205-573	41.14
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	130.15
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5015-578	199.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5080-578	89.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578	165.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5160-578	109.00
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	199.00
Franklin Favorite	01-5001-302	201.91
Franklin Favorite	01-5070-348	26.13
Friends of the Shelter	01-5205-315	5047.50
Fuel Fortress	02-9400-205	7.74
Fuel Fortress	01-5015-205	100.64
Glasgow HVAC	01-5081-334A	650.00
Global Dust Control	01-5080-411	174.30
Gov Connection	01-5135-445	106.40
Harp Enterprises	01-5065-565	4000.00
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	1051.68
Hobby Dye & Read	02-6105-588	969.24
IRS	Payroll	59372.20
ISTT	01-5091-398	5406.25
James Mechanical	03-5101-334	635.00
Jere Dee Hopson	01-5015-445	914.25
Johnson Oil	02-6105-455	1475.47
Justin McMillin	01-5120-574	98.48
KACo Benefits Group	Payroll	74593.73
Kentuckiana Court Reporter	01-5070-348	68.50
Kentucky Emergency Mgmt	01-5135-569	50.00
Kentucky Retirement Systems	Payroll	144232.07
Kentucky Retirement Systems	01-5001-202A	167.58
Kentucky Retirement Systems	01-5015-205	949.04
Kentucky Retirement Systems	03-9400-202	55.86
Kentucky Retirement Systems	03-9400-205	909.04
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	17138.08
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5080-352	125.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5081-352	375.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5010-352	250.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5070-445	10.00
Kenway	03-5101-411	2902.97
Lee's Mowers	02-6105-588	199.22
Lowe's	03-5101-334	166.14
Magic Salt	02-6105-471	7750.00
Marco Technologies	01-5120-588A	39.48
Marco Technologies	01-5001-564	81.51
Marco Technologies	03-5101-564	39.11
Mason Barnes	01-9100-576	479.60
Mefford & Phillips	01-9100-573	39.95
Mefford & Phillips	01-5005-165	300.00
Microsoft	01-5001-319	43.20
Mod 1 Firearms	01-5015-562	1800.00
Modern Supply Company	02-6105-447	265.60
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-336	112.00
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-574	272.39
Nelson Slaughter	01-5015-319	16.18
Nelson Slaughter	01-5001-319	89.83
Nelson Slaughter	01-5135-319	17.48
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5080-329	1200.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5081-329	5000.00
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-103	833.33
Quality Parts Express	02-6105-592	150.52
Quality Parts Express	01-5120-336	157.22
Quality Parts Express	01-5015-340	130.29
Rapid Fueling	01-5120-455	1208.60
Rapid Fueling	01-5135-429	73.98
Rondall Gingerich	01-5120-574	65.22
Safe and Sound Schools	01-5015-569	658.00
Scott Lawn & Landscape	01-5080-408	250.00
Simpson County Clerk's Office	01-5070-445	19.00
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	222719.52
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	27932.55
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	117393.72
Simpson Co Payroll Acct	Payroll	413.51
Simpson County Law Library	01-5081-578A	85.00
Simpson County PVA	01-5030-367	25108.75

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Simpson County Soil Conservation	01-5235-348	22500.00
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	90.48
Software Management	01-5010-319	4596.00
Southern KY Cleaning	01-5010-411	450.00
Southern States	02-6105-447	36.00
Stonie's Towing	01-5015-340	110.00
T-Mobile	01-5120-573	21.46
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	424.15
The Fix it Foundation	01-5205-403	1096.32
The Trophy House	01-5015-445	1824.09
Traugher Mechanical	02-6105-447	74.46
Trent Bedding	01-5120-446	1600.00
US Bank Equipment Finance	01-5070-564	126.38
Uline	01-5205-403	238.44
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
Wells Fargo Financial	01-5015-564	150.00
West Payment	01-5015-445	337.36
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	125.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	101.96

Judge Barnes mentioned the Sheriff's Audit was good and clean, if anyone has any questions regarding it, they can reach out to Jada Freeman at the Sheriff Office.

Magistrate Scott Poston reported he had some people call about brush from the ice storm and what do they need to do. Bobby said they have the spot at the park but they would need to call him first as there is already some brush there from previously.

Magistrate Marty Chandler reported there will be a Tourism Board Meeting at noon today. He also discussed the program they had started with the high school and SKYCTC giving students the opportunity to obtain college credit while completing their junior and senior years in high school. With the number of students that have been taking advantage of the program and the cost going up, the board will be reaching out to see if sponsors would be willing to increase their contributions in the future. Judge Barnes said it would be discussed during their budget preparation.

Magistrate Chandler would like to have a joint meeting with the City and Parks Director Lisa Deavers to discuss adding a splash pad at Lincoln & Jim Roberts Community Parks.

County Attorney Sam Phillips reminded everyone to pay their now late taxes at the Sheriff's Office through mid-April. He will be out of town this week for the County Attorney Association Winter Conference in Lexington, he will be out of town until Friday afternoon.

Fire Chief Leslie Goodrum informed the public February 15<sup>th</sup> started the spring hazardous burning season, which just restricts your daytime burning. If you're burning within 150ft of wood or forestry area, you must wait until 6:00PM. If you are located within the city limits you are required to get a burn permit. There is no charge, the Fire Department must come out and lay eyes on it for approval.

OEM Director Robert Palmer announced the safe room budget has increased by about a third. He reiterated that the County's contribution will not increase, and the way the letter stated, it will stay at \$50,000.

Motion by Chandler    Second by Burr    Yes-All  
 Approve the \$50,000 contribution request for the Safe Room increase and implement a budget amendment pending timeline for completion of phase II.

Motion by Chandler    Second by Poston    Yes-All  
 Go into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. (9:15AM)

Motion by Chandler    Second by Poston    Yes-All  
 Come out of executive session. (9:45AM)

Motion by Burr    Second by Thurman    Yes-All  
 Adjourn. (9:46AM)

See Attachment File February 17, 2026

  
 COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE