

Regular Term, Tuesday Day, 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March 20<sup>26</sup>

Donna Rose E2209617KV

At a regular meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse, Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 8:32 AM

Present: Honorable Mason Barnes, Judge/Executive  
 Honorable Marty Chandler, East Magistrate  
 Honorable Jeffrey Burr, West Magistrate  
 Honorable Scott Poston, North Magistrate  
 Honorable Sam Phillips, County Attorney  
 Nicole Law, Treasurer  
 Sydney Downey, Fiscal Court Clerk

Absent: Honorable Myron Thurman, South Magistrate

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.

Kelvin Gomez & Bruce Casselman with PSL Construction discussed the progress on Tyree Chapel Road with Fiscal Court. Mr. Gomez mentioned that most of their heavy deliveries are going to be made between April and August of this year. They want to make some improvements for temporary construction to the road during construction and will maintain it until the completion of the project around March 2027. Magistrate Chandler asked if they were aware of the complaints about gravel trucks coming out on Rapids Road, Mr. Casselman stated that his work trucks were given strict instructions on what roads to use and if they see someone using the wrong roads to cut them off.

Motion by Poston	Second by Chandler	Yes-All
Approve the authorization to allow PSL Construction to perform Base Stabilization on county road.		

Motion by Chandler	Second by Burr	Yes-All
Approve the minutes of the March 3 <sup>rd</sup> regular fiscal court meeting.		

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Approve the authorization of items on the Surplus list for auction.		

Sheriff Jere D. Hopson discussed with the Fiscal Court some of the items he has listed won't bring much value, but it was no longer needed, and they are trying to make room. Because it is county property, he needs the county to decide what they would like to do with it, either try to sell, throw away or give away. The Jailer was unable to get information to Fiscal Court in time to be added to the list today. Judge said if Mr. Vaughn got the information about items he would like to add to the auction list before next meeting, he will add it to the next meeting agenda to be voted on.

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Approve Auction Service for Surplus Auction – United Country.		

The last auction Fiscal Court was done through Mills Auction in Allen County. They took care of all the pictures, advertising, and titles at no cost to the county; they made their money on the buyers premium and remitted the check for the cost of the item back to the county. There is a local auction company in the county that has expressed interest in doing the same.

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Approve Grant Writing Service – Harvest Funding to County Vendor List for the purpose of seeking, writing, and facilitating grant opportunities for the County.		

Harvest Funding fees are determined on the type of grant. Smaller grants would start at \$500-\$1,000 for her to write and manage them for the county. As Federal Grants are more involved and require more work, the fee for this service comes at an increase starting around \$5,000.

Motion by Poston	Second by Burr	Yes-All
Approve Jail Proposed Budget FY26-27.		

Fiscal Court must make a motion and second that they received a copy of the proposed Jail Budget prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Magistrate Burr had questions about inmate counts. Judge Barnes discussed the possibility of House Bill 557, recommending the per diem on inmates from current \$35.34 up to the \$60 range. They are also proposing the state getting into a Regional Jail Authority where multiple smaller jails combined to make one Regional Jail together and get up to a million dollar grant to participate in getting it up and started.

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Approve Resolution No. 2026-03-17HB557 and authorize the County Judge to sign.		

Motion by Chandler	Second by Burr	Yes-All
Approve the tabling of the Jail Technology Grant Expenditure Request.		

The Jail provided a list of items they would like to purchase and/or do with the \$65,000 grant. Judge Barnes mentioned he talked to the Jailer, and he would like to see some of the money in line item to help cover some other costs. Jailer Vaughn is going to look over the items he has presented to the court and determine which items are a necessity for the Jail at this moment by April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Approve cash transfer of \$289,276.00 from the General Fund to Jail Fund.		

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

Motion by Poston	Second by Burr	Yes-All
Approve budget transfers.		

\$10,000.00	01-510-201 (Fire Department – FICA Match) from 01-5085-334 (Other County Properties – Maintenance/Repair)
\$5,184.00	01-5120-179 (Fire Department – PT Personnel) from 01-5085-334 (Other County Properties – Maintenance/Repair)
\$4,800.00	01-5115-205 (Building Inspector – Health Insurance) from 01-5015-307 (Sheriff – Audit Services)
\$1,000.00	01-5115-592 (Building Inspector – Vehicle Maintenance/Repair) from 01-5015-307 (Sheriff – Audit Services)
\$6,644.00	01-5120-106 (Fire Department – Staff Hourly) from 01-5015-307 (Sheriff – Audit Services)
\$10,000.00	01-5120-202 (Fire Department – HD Retirement Match) from 01-9300-999 (Transfer To Other Funds)
\$10,000.00	01-9300-999 (Transfer To Other Funds) from 03-5101-334 (Building Maintenance/Repairs)
\$5,000.00	02-6105-574 (Training) from 02-6105-588 (Maintenance/Repair – Equipment/Parts)
\$2,500.00	02-6105-457 (Tile) from 02-6105-588 (Maintenance/Repair – Equipment/Parts)
\$1,000.00	01-5001-590 (Office Equipment) from 01-5001-563 (Postage)
\$2,000.00	01-5070-348 (P&Z – Program Support) from 01-5135-319 (OEM Mapping)

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Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Approve bills and claims.		
African American Heritage Center	01-5425-507	7000.00
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-103	833.33
All Season Rent All	02-6105-588	342.88
Alpha Pest Management	01-5015-334	40.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5020-334	40.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5080-346	65.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5010-334	50.00
Amazon Capital	01-5135-445	66.84
Amazon Capital	01-5120-446	93.28
Amazon Capital	02-6105-447	35.88
Amazon Capital	02-6005-334	116.52
Amazon Capital	02-6105-588	212.34
Aqua Treat	01-5081-334A	220.50
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	307.49
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578B	232.29
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	467.41
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	1044.85
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578A	86.49
A-Z Office Resource	01-5015-445	455.65
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	112.88
Bobby Groves	02-6105-447	52.99
Bobcat	02-6105-588	575.34
Bound Tree	01-5120-739C	269.80
Bowen Tire	02-6105-479	122.50
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	269.53
Card Services Center	01-5015-319	76.00
Card Services Center	01-5015-577	98.33
Card Services Center	01-5015-569	1243.00
Card Services Center	01-5015-445	220.75
Card Services Center	01-5015-481	137.70
Card Services Center	01-5015-435	1120.72
Cincinnati Life Insurance	Payroll	338.09
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	183.15
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	707.50
City of Franklin	01-5081-578B	35.78
City of Franklin	01-5120-578B	49.14
City of Franklin	01-5010-578	53.91
City of Franklin	03-5101-578	9174.32
CLM Port A Potty	01-5085-334	113.00
Comprehensive Correctional Care	03-5101-386	48349.26
Crocker & Crocker	01-5301-332	264.00
Dezign LLC	01-5070-319	400.00
Dezign LLC	01-5135-319	2075.00
Division of Child Support	Payroll	553.85
Eddie Lawson	03-5101-576	27.70
Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	103.47
Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	1497.54
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	5709.11
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578B	147.97
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	561.14
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578B	95.38
Electric Plant Board	01-5205-578	962.39
Electric Plant Board	01-5010-578	1061.07
Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	230.97
Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	4898.77
Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	581.00
Evan Hardin	01-5120-574	144.48
Franklin Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	130.15
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	01-5120-578A	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
Franklin Favorite	01-5001-302	150.36
Franklin Favorite	01-5015-302	347.77
Franklin Favorite	01-5070-348	33.13
Friends of the Shelter	01-5205-315	5047.50
Fuel Fortress	01-5015-205	100.00
Gall's	01-5015-481	748.00
Gall's	01-5135-435B	85.09

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Gerald Printing	01-5120-481	409.64
Gerald Printing	01-5010-445	114.30
Gerald Printing	01-5070-445	31.00
Glasgow HVAC	03-5101-334	536.93
Global Dust Control	01-5080-411	174.30
Graves Gilbert Clinic	02-9400-205	95.00
Graves Gilbert Clinic	01-5120-205	781.00
Greene Military	01-5120-481	545.00
Greene Military	01-5015-481	230.00
Greenleaf Environmental	01-5020-308	35.29
Hagen & Stone	01-5085-334	831.15
Heidelberg Materials	04-6105-409	3196.63
Heidelberg Materials	01-5085-334	541.50
High Tech Rescue	01-5120-739C	555.00
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	650.49
IRS	Payroll	57917.13
ISTT	01-5091-398	2490.00
Jody & Sons	01-8099-741B	600.00
Jody & Sons	01-5120-334A	380.00
KACO Unemployment Insurance	01-9400-208	2846.44
Kellwell Food Management	03-5101-425	23878.76
Kentucky Coroner's Association	01-5020-551	75.00
Kentucky Retirement Systems	Payroll	146831.60
Kentucky Retirement Systems	01-5015-205	1105.54
Kentucky Retirement Systems	03-9400-202	55.86
Kentucky Retirement Systems	03-9400-205	1065.54
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	9113.40
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5015-307	12443.57
Kenway	03-5101-411	1238.33
KMCA	01-9100-569	395.00
Lee's Mowers	02-6105-588	114.96
Leslie Goodrum	01-5120-574	50.00
Lowe's	01-5120-334A	429.56
Lowe's	01-5081-334A	17.56
Lowe's	01-5085-334	88.67
Lowe's	01-5080-447	48.98
Lowe's	01-5080-431	42.73
Lowe's	01-5010-334	35.98
Lowe's	01-5080-334	6.16
Lowe's	02-6105-447	274.32
Lowe's	02-6105-469	79.31
Lowe's	02-6005-334	53.94
Marco Technologies	01-5120-588A	39.48
Marco Technologies	01-5001-564	128.45
Marco Technologies	03-5101-564	46.70
Mefford & Phillips	01-9100-573	39.95
Mefford & Phillips	01-5005-165	300.00
Microsoft	01-5001-319	15.26
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5080-329	1200.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5081-329	5000.00
O'Reilly's	01-5015-340	11.99
O'Reilly's	02-6105-588	360.61
O'Reilly's	01-5120-336	5.23
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-103	833.33
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	01-5001-445	197.52
Postmaster	01-5070-563	20.96
Print Source Consulting	01-5001-565	406.31
Propper	03-5101-481	167.97
Quality Parts Express	01-5015-340	27.98
Quality Parts Express	01-5120-336	51.88
Quality Parts Express	02-6105-588	214.29
Quality Parts Express	02-6105-592	49.71
Quality Parts Express	02-6105-447	37.33
Rapid Fueling	01-5120-455	1337.93
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	219952.03
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	18878.71
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	118751.84
Simpson County Tire	01-5015-340	920.42
Simpson County Tire	02-6105-479	35.00
Simpson County Tire	02-6105-588	75.00
Simpson County Tire	02-6105-592	430.00
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	90.48
Software Management	01-5010-319	4596.00
T-Mobile	01-5120-573	21.46
Tango Tango	01-5135-703B	5985.00
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	424.15
Terry Burnette	03-5101-576	13.36
The Grande	01-5120-205	20.00
Tony's Automotive	01-5015-340	1067.73

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Trevi-pay/Wal-Mart	01-5120-446	273.00
Underground Vault & Storage	03-5101-445	105.00
US Bank Equipment Finance	01-5070-564	126.38
Verizon	01-5080-573	38.48
Verizon	02-6005-573	38.48
Vestis	03-5101-334	179.16
Vital Signs	01-5070-348	20.00
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	02-6005-573	33.22
Vonage	03-5101-573	375.56
Vonage	75-5145-578	33.17
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
Waterman Building Services	01-5080-334	1062.00
West Payment Center	01-5015-445	337.36
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	125.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	53.40
Yokely Machine	01-5015-340	200.00
Yokely Machine	02-6105-447	32.50

Judge Barnes mentioned in his report about an issue with a county road that has been reported as abandoned and someone is trying to purchase land and they are needing this taking care of to finish the transaction. Judge Barnes also told the court they will be scheduling some budget sessions, and that there will be an increase in health insurance.

On Monday in the Circuit Courtroom the meeting took place between the County and Tenkey Land Co. (developers of the proposed Data Center). Two motions were heard, one being the County filing a motion for their legal counsel to stay, and their legal team filed a motion to have our legal counsel dismissed. The judge gave TenKey until March 27<sup>th</sup> to respond to the county's counsel rebuttal on the dismissal. Another status hearing will be held on April 13, 2026, at 1:30PM.

Magistrate Chandler reported on the gravel in the road at Gold City by a truck leaving the quarry. He talked to a Sergeant Cook, who said they are trying to get the message to the drivers. Chandler said he wanted the public to know he is doing everything they can to prevent it from happening.

County Attorney Sam Phillips just reiterated in more detail what Judge Barnes reported about the hearing. Tenkey has alleged that before the lawsuit was filed, they had hired a separate lawyer at the same law firm had written a cease-and-desist letter to one of the citizens in the county who was making social media post about the proposed Data Center and TenKey in an unflattering way. Now they are arguing that the County's representing legal team ELPO needs to be dismissed. If anyone has any additional questions you can talk to Mr. Phillips.

Sheriff reported for the public knowledge the dump truck issues are being monitored by the sheriff office about two hours a day. CBE only has so many officers to work in this region. They did come down and wrote a lot of tickets, but they aren't here all the time, the sheriff office cannot search the trucks as this is not part of their job, they will continue to do their part but just wanted to let the public know it's a state highway and that is the state police area. It's a problem that all policing agencies are having to share.

Timestamped photographs were received of trucks coming in the quarry outside their regular work hours based off the CUP restrictions that were put in place. Planning & Zoning Administrator Mikala McClain has sent out a letter to the quarry giving them a warning.

Bobby Groves with Public Works announced Hack Brown Road will be closed for at least 3 weeks, starting March 19<sup>th</sup> to replace the culvert. PCL has put up numerous signs at the solar farm, and they need additional signs for temporary speed limit changes in the area.

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 on or on behalf of the public agency. (10:05 AM)

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
Come out of Executive Session. (10:28AM)

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All  
Adjourn. (10:29AM)

See Attachment File March 17, 2026

  
COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE