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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, March 3, 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 led us in prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

County Clerk Austin Johnson presented the 2025 County Clerk Fees. The only account the Clerk Office has control over is the grant account, they finished the year with a \$90,000 recording and index collection. They also made around 650 passports, bringing in almost \$25,000. He doesn't expect to complete that many this year as a lot of those were done due to real ID issues.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
Approve the County Clerks 2025 Tax Presentation and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Ethan Bates with BRADD presented information about the County Sterring Committee. BRADD is partnering with every city and county across their region to refresh and update their existing Strategic Plan, assisting with updating goals to make sure they are relevant and up to date, reflecting the needs of today. The Sterring Committee meets regularly every other month throughout the year to provide local insight and help shape priorities and implement steps.

Motion by Poston Second by Burr Yes-All  
Approve the minutes of the February 17<sup>th</sup> regular fiscal court meeting.

Judge Barnes received correspondence back from The City on February 25<sup>th</sup>, and again this morning regarding Waste Collection. Judge Barnes believes Fiscal Court is going to have to strike the word amended and restated from the title, and the first line. It would just read, Franchise Agreement.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All  
Approve the current RFP for Waste Collection Services apart from adding a negotiation clause to discuss the language with the successful bidder.

A clause would be put in place to allow the homeowner the ability to be rebated, refunded, or credited for missed week if that week was no fault for weather events and others listed in the contract already. Addressing the issue of weeks of no trash pick up for no reasonable explanation.

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 Thurmsn Yes-All  
Approve contract for County Maintenance/Storage Building.

Brown Contracting was awarded the bid in the amount of \$167,400 and met the required bid specs. Judge Barnes also mentioned that they are building a simple 40x80 space for Maintenance and Fire to store equipment. Everything must be out of the old Fire Department building behind the Ag Extension Office as the building is being turned over to them in September or October.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-Chandler, Thurman, Burr, Poston, & Barnes  
Approve second reading and final passage 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 Poston Second by Burr Yes-All  
Approve Sheriff's Postage Meter Lease Agreement and authorize the County Judge to sign.

There was an increase of \$34.17 per quarter over the previous lease.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
Approve GASB87 & 96 Threshold of Lease Disclosures.

The State Auditor suggested Fiscal Court approve the Government Accounting Standards Board 87 & 96, this way they will only test lease disclosures of \$10,000 or more instead of every single one of them.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
Approve Employee Resolution 2026-03-03EMP-PW.

A Merit Raise for an employee based on time of service at the Simpson County Public Works Department.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
Approve Ag Building Electrical Work.

Ryan Forshie with Industrial Power Solutions was in attendance today to discuss with Fiscal Court the generator they put at the Ag Building during the ice storm in case the power went out. During state of emergency all your normal protocols of going through bid process and allowing your County Judge to sign off, are waived. Judge Barnes discussed this with OEM Director Robert Palmer, and both agreed they needed Mr. Forshie to do whatever needed to be done to be prepared just in case. Discussions amongst Fiscal Court were to get a switch gear added, so equipment is ready next time,

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Yes-All  
Approve budget transfers.

\$5,368.11	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5015-307 (Sheriff - Audit Services)
\$20,000.00	01-5070-106 (P&Z Admin Assistant Salary) from 01-5091-398 (Information Technology - IT Support)
\$540.64	02-6105-739 (Equipment (Excavator)) from 02-6105-471 (Salt)
\$500.00	01-5080-599 (Courthouse Miscellaneous Expense) from 01-5080-411 (Custodial Supplies)

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\$250.00	01-5081-334-B (Drug Court - Maintenance & Grounds) from 01-5081-578-B (Drug Court - Utilities)
\$500.00	01-5120-121 (Volunteer Firefighter Stipend) from 01-5120-703 (Fire Dept. - Communication Equipment)
\$1,000.00	01-5070-563 (P&Z Postage) from 01-5135-319 (OEM Mapping)
\$1,000.00	01-5015-188 (Sheriff - Court Security Salaries) from 01-5015-334 (Sheriff - Building Maintenance/Repair)
\$1,440.00	03-5101-707 (Food Service Equipment) from 03-5101-334 (Building Maintenance/Repair)
\$1,000.00	01-5015-481 (Sheriff - Staff Uniforms) from 01-5015-445 (Sheriff - Office Supplies)
\$500.00	01-5015-481 (Sheriff - Staff Uniforms) from 01-5015-564 (Sheriff - Copier Lease/Supplies)
\$36.00	01-5015-577 (Sheriff - Travel/Prisoner Transport) from 01-5015-334 (Sheriff - Building Maintenance/Repair)
\$2,000.00	01-5015-577 (Sheriff - Travel/Prisoner Transport) from 01-5015-569 (Sheriff - Registration & Training)

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Approve bills and claims.		
AT&T Mobility	02-6005-573	100.37
AT&T Mobility	01-5135-573	131.44
AT&T Mobility	01-5015-573	2523.30
AT&T Mobility	01-5115-573	50.09
AT&T Mobility	01-5120-573	71.43
AT&T Mobility	01-9100-573	134.55
African American Heritage	01-5425-507	7000.00
All Season Rent All	01-5120-588A	117.47
Amazon	02-6105-592	260.42
Amazon	01-5120-574	29.99
Amazon	03-9100-569	2455.38
Amazon	01-5070-445	31.29
Ascendance Truck Centers	02-6105-592	33.24
ASHI	01-5135-569	56.42
Atmos Energy	03-5101-578	1892.82
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578B	475.61
Atmos Energy	01-5020-578	175.63
Axon	01-5015-435	622.22
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	222.54
Bart Blythe	01-5015-569	32.63
Bobby Groves	02-6105-588	547.17
Brian Adams	01-5015-569	35.46
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	269.53
Card Services Center	01-5015-569	514.80
Card Services Center	01-5015-445	140.78
Card Services Center	01-5015-481	56.94
CED	03-5101-334	814.70
City of Franklin	02-6005-578	37.92
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	29.78
City of Franklin	01-5205-578	125.69
City of Franklin	01-5020-578	49.14
Colonial Life Insurance	Payroll	6584.59
Cumberland International Trucks	01-5120-336	9202.21
DC Elevator	01-5010-352	1869.65
Department of Revenue	Payroll	75.00
Dexter Seward	01-5015-569	144.45
Division of Child Support	Payroll	553.85
Econo Signs	02-6105-469	1568.50
Eddie Lawson	03-5101-576	130.88
ESRI	01-5085-725	2200.00
Gall's	01-5015-435B	729.23
Gall's	01-5120-481	2200.79
Galls	01-5015-481	261.77
Global Dust Control	01-5010-411	21.00
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411A	47.50
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411B	15.50
Greg Carta	01-5015-577	21.15
Hardtime Products	01-5101-411	891.00
Hardtime Products	01-5101-453	837.60
Hayes Shoes	02-6105-481	239.99
Heidelberg Materials	01-5085-334	1282.98
Heidelberg Materials	04-6105-409	2293.77
Hillcrest Credit Agency	03-5101-315	31.60
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	709.17
Human Rights Commission	01-9100-569	100.00
Hunt Ford	01-5135-703A	661.40
IRS	Payroll	64593.04
J.D. Edinger	02-6105-592	3260.00
Jim Wooten	03-5101-576	13.34
Juan Ortega	03-5101-376	9.53
KACo Benefits	Payroll	70566.41
KCTCS Fire Commission	01-5120-574	100.00
Kellwell Food Management	03-5101-425	22616.63
Kentucky Deferred Compensation	Payroll	8745.00
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	8086.98
Kentucky State Police	01-5135-703B	176.80

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Kentucky State Police	01-5120-703	176.80
Kentucky State Police	01-5015-435	4227.60
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5015-307	19368.11
Kenway	03-5101-411	3116.31
Leslie Goodrum	01-5120-336	18.00
Liberty Flag & Specialty	01-5085-334	843.43
Lowe's	02-6105-481	16.99
Lowe's	02-6105-447	455.65
Lowe's	01-5120-334	16.55
Lowe's	01-5120-446	56.94
Lowe's	01-5205-334	79.40
Lowe's	01-5120-334A	6.73
Lowe's	03-5101-334	268.40
Mac's Resturant	03-5101-336	145.92
Macro Technologies	01-5015-564	278.67
Magic Salt	02-6105-471	19779.09
Mark's Plumbing	03-5101-334	261.50
Matt Tarkey	01-5015-481	52.99
Mobile Communcations	01-5120-739A	277.50
O'Reilly's	02-6105-592	456.84
O'Reilly's	03-5101-340	119.00
O'Reilly's	01-5015-340	159.57
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	01-5015-445	171.99
Print Media	01-5001-565	574.00
Propper	03-5101-481	167.97
Quality Parts Express	01-5015-340	165.41
Robert Coonrod	03-5101-576	30.00
Romaine Companies	03-5101-411	800.00
Sam Phillips	01-9100-576	663.23
Servicewear Apparel	02-6105-481	200.21
Simpson County Law Library	01-5081-578A	85.00
Simpson Co Employee Benefits Acct	Payroll	3994.74
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	295722.08
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	18787.19
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	124031.69
Simpson County Tire	01-5015-340	1092.42
Simpson County Tire	01-5120-336	825.96
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	90.48
Sonya Burchett	03-5101-576	15.00
Southern Kentucky Cleaning	01-5010-411	300.00
Stonie's	01-5015-340	270.00
Tennessee Assoc of Rescue Squads	01-5120-574	27.50
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	424.15
The Window Dr	01-5010-411	85.00
Tracking Solutions	03-5101-398	1315.95
Tracking Solutions	02-6105-592	251.44
Traughber Mechanical	02-6105-592	251.44
Underground Vault & Storage	01-5015-445	68.00
Underground Vault & Storage	03-5101-445	70.00
Verizon	02-6005-573	38.48
Verizon	01-5080-573	38.48
Vital Signs	02-6105-469	60.00
Waterman Building Services	01-5015-334	624.00
Wex Bank	01-5015-429	6441.43
Wex Bank	01-5135-429	103.54
Wex Bank	01-5080-429	115.48
Wex Bank	01-5160-429	497.78
Wex Bank	02-6105-455	2803.44
Wex Bank	03-5101-429	1275.96
Wholesale Supply	01-5085-334	38.99
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	125.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	108.22
WRECC	01-9100-578	238.36

Judge Barnes reported OEM Director Robert Palmer got him in contact with a Grant Writer and has a meeting scheduled for later in the week. Fiscal Court has previously posted job posting on Indeed and no one to apply. He believes the lady would be willing to do the job on a percentage basis as she is an independent Grant Writer. He also reminded everyone about the Red Cross Blood Drive that will take place at the Courthouse on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00. The Ag Breakfast will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00AM at the Methodist Church.

The Joint County and City Meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>, no answer from the City whether the meeting will take place or not. Tonight begins the first of two nights of candidate debates hosted by the Simpson County Republican Party at the Ag Building. Doors will open at 5:30 and debates will start at 6:00. The second debate will be held on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tonight, Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Franklin Planning & Zoning Commission will hold their preliminary plan hearing for the Data Center at the Franklin Police Department at 8:30.

Magistrate Scott Poston update Fiscal Court on the Parks Board installing the new playground. If you or anyone you know would like to donate, the park would appreciate it, and you would be recognized.

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Magistrate Chandler mentioned he talked to PW Director Bobby Groves about the state cutting their budget for this year and next. Discussed Fiscal Court might have to help with funds from the general fund.

Clerk Bids will be on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Judge Barnes mentioned he had a list of auction equipment started and if any other department had something they would like to list, needs to let him know. Everything needs to be in before Fiscal Court votes on it at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

County Clerk Austin Johnson reported Absentee Portal will open April 4<sup>th</sup> and remain open until May 5<sup>th</sup>.


OEM Director Robert Palmer introduced Mickey Kraus as the new Deputy Director for Emergency Management and the captain of the local CERT Team. Mr. Palmer also made everyone aware that there will be a statewide Tornado Drill tomorrow, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:07AM. If the weather is already gloomy, he won't activate the sirens. All outside sirens should be functioning and it's an outdoor warning siren meaning, it's for people outside to be warned to get indoors. You might not hear it inside the home, and it wasn't designed for that purpose. Franklin has 7 sirens, and Mr. Palmer encouraged everyone to get a weather radio for that reason.

Motion by Chandler  
Adjourn. (9:25AM)

Second by Burr

Yes-All

See Attachment File March 3, 2026

  
COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE