

ORDERS

Special-Called Term, Tuesday Day, 31st Day of March 2026

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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 31, 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 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.

Special Called meeting was scheduled today due to the regular Fiscal Court meeting that was originally scheduled for April 7th falling on spring break week and many County employees and elected officials would not be able to make it. The April 7th meeting has been cancelled.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-Burr, Chandler, Poston, & Barnes Sustain-Thurman
Approve the minutes of the March 17th regular fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Poston Second by Thurman Yes-All
Approve Sheriff Deputy retirement weapon.

KRS allows you to purchase a firearm for a retiring officer, Deputy Hargett is retiring and the Sheriff Office wants to gift the officer the weapon. Sheriff Jere D. Hopson wants to surplus the Glock gun, collect the money and turn it over to Fiscal Court. Sheriff Hopson has already asked County Treasurer Nicole Law to put the money back into his line item so he can purchase another gun for the agency.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Roll Call-Thurman, Chandler, Burr, Poston, & Barnes
Approve first reading of Ordinance No.920.132, amending readopted P&Z Regulations in Ordinance No. 920.128 Part II.

This ordinance was in reference to Grandfathered Easements in the county.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Roll Call- Chandler, Burr, Poston, Thurman, & Barnes
Approve first reading of Ordinance No.601.01, the closing of abandoned county road - Lake Road.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Yes-All
Approve Resolution No.2026-03-31, setting temporary speed limits and authorizing the County Judge Executive to sign.

Roads that will have temporary speed limits are the following: Geddes Road, Tyree Chapel Road, Hendricks Road, Kenny Perry Drive, Rapids Road intersection southwest from three quarters of a mile, and then Steel Road from 31W to the construction area, and Peden Mill Road.

Judge Barnes wanted to mention for the record the spelling of Peden Road needed to be corrected on the resolution.

The reason Fiscal Court is making these temporary changes through a resolution instead of an ordinance is because the speed limits are temporary.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
Approve additional items for the Surplus Auction.

Some of the items are the same from the original list and some have been omitted from the previous list. A 1999 Chevrolet Van from the Coroner's Office has been added.

The Sheriff mentioned what the auction company doesn't decide to surplus, he will say it has no value. If someone wants to come look at it, they can have it. If no one wants it, he will take it to the dump.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Yes-All
Approve to reject all Courthouse Annex Building Bids and pursue the live auction process at a future meeting.

Judge Barnes talked to the auction company Fiscal Court had awarded the surplus auction to, after he received two bids for the County Clerk/PVA Building to see what they thought the building might bring if they done a live auction instead of sealed bids. The company responded it would probably bring in between 200-250k. The process wouldn't be any different than the surplus auction they will do for the county. The cost to the county would be whatever the typical closing fees are.

For the public's knowledge out of the two bids the county received for the building, one came in at \$50,000 and the other was \$165,000. It was also mentioned in the bid notice that the Fiscal Court can reject all offers.

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 7th meeting.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve to accept CD Rates.

Franklin Bank & Trust matched Edward Jones. The CDs is currently at FB&T, and the County Treasurer doesn't see a reason to switch them.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All
Approve to send out an RFP for IT Services, due back on April 17th.

Judge Barnes suggested putting out an RFP to see quotes from companies to handle all IT services for the county. It doesn't mean the county will contract with anyone for the services; this is merely putting feelers out. We need someone that can offer technical support, address day-to-day issues, and be able to get to us right away. The current company we are using can provide these services, but other companies have expressed interest as well. He would also like to be able to compare the price to hiring two individuals.



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Motion by Chandler	Second by Burr	Yes-All
Approve budget transfers.		
\$1,000.00	01-5120-121 (Fire Department – Volunteer Firefighter Stipend) from 01-5120-455 (Fire Dept. – Fuel Expense)	
\$400.00	01-5081-205 (Judicial Center – Health Insurance) from 01-5081-578-B (Drug Court - Utilities)	
\$6,000.00	01-5081-205 (Judicial Center – Health Insurance) from 01-5081-578-A (Judicial Center – Utilities/Telephone)	
\$230.00	01-5135-429 (OEM Fuel Expense) from 01-5135-573 (OEM Telephone)	
\$3,000.00	01-5115-102 (Building Inspector Salary) from 01-5115-179 (Building Inspector Part-Time)	
\$781.00	01-5115-102 (Building Inspector Salary) from 01-5115-201 (Building Inspector FICA Match)	
\$2,401.00	01-5115-102 (Building Inspector Salary) from 03-5115-202 (Building Inspector Retirement)	
\$30,000.00	01-8099-741-A (Capital Expenditures (Fire Dept.)) from 01-8099-741-B (Capital Expenditures (Jail))	
\$500.00	01-5080-334 (Courthouse – Maintenance/Repair) from 01-5080-352 (Courthouse - Elevator)	
\$10,000.00	01-5120-121 (Fire Department – Volunteer Firefighter Stipend) from 01-5120-336 (Fleet Maintenance)	
\$3,500.00	03-9400-202 (Retirement, County Match) from 03-9400-201 (FICA, County Match)	
\$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 03-5101-179-A (Part-Time Personnel)	
\$40,000.00	01-5120-106 (Fire Dept.- Staff Hourly) from 01-9300-999 (Transfer to Other Funds)	
\$40,000.00	01-9300-999 (Transfer to Other Funds) from 03-5101-386 (Medical Contract)	
\$3,730.00	01-5120-202 (Fire Department – HD Retirement Match) from 01-9300-999 (Transfer to Other Funds)	
\$3,730.00	01-9300-999 (Transfer to Other Funds) from 03-9400-201 (FICA, County Match)	
\$840.00	03-5101-340 (Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs) from 03-5101-398 (Home Incarceration Contract)	
\$15,500.00	01-5015-188 (Sheriff – Court Security Salaries) from 03-5015-103 (Sheriff – Deputies Salaries)	
\$4,000.00	01-5015-188 (Sheriff – Court Security Salaries) from 01-5015-202-HD (Sheriff – HD Retirement Match)	
\$2,500.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5085-398 (Other Co Properties – Grant Writing)	
\$5,000.00	01-5120-179 (Fire Department – PT Personnel) from 01-5120-336 (Fire Department – Fleet Maintenance)	
\$15,000.00	01-5120-205 (Fire Department – Health Insurance) from 01-5120-336 (Fire Department – Fleet Maintenance)	
\$12,000.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-8099-741-B (Capital Expenditures (Jail))	
\$13,500.00	01-5070-106 (P&Z – Admin Assistant Salary) from 01-8099-741-B (Capital Expenditures (Jail))	

Motion by Poston	Second by Thurman	Yes-All
Approve bills and claims.		
AAA Systems	01-5010-334	40.00
A-Zor Resources	01-5015-445	57.76
ASHI	01-5135-569	80.60
AT&T Mobility	01-5115-573	43.73
AT&T Mobility	01-9100-573	134.55
AT&T Mobility	01-5120-573	51.44
AT&T Mobility	02-6005-573	76.21
AT&T Mobility	01-5135-573	131.44
AT&T Mobility	01-5015-573	2598.30
Amazon Capital	01-5120-588B	204.45
Amazon Capital	01-5010-411	21.99
Amazon Capital	01-5080-445	168.53
Atmos Energy	03-5101-578	1274.15
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578B	200.45
Atmos Energy	01-5020-578	119.24
Austin Johnson	01-5010-576	336.00
Barren Co Business Supply	01-5010-445	40.00
Bowen Tire	03-5101-340	106.95
C. Tomlinson Law LLC	01-5070-332	2125.00
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	269.53
Cincinnati Life Insurance	Payroll	338.09
City of Franklin	01-5205-578	95.07
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	29.78
City of Franklin	02-6005-578	37.92
City of Franklin	01-5020-578	49.14
Colonial Life Insurance	Payroll	6534.24
Division of Child Support	Payroll	553.85
F-S Chamber of Commerce	01-5430-505	7500.00
F-S Industrial Authority	01-5075-348	223592.35
Fire Specialty & Equipment	01-5120-336	15703.59
First Response of the Bluegrass Inc	03-9100-569	18.00
Flynn Brothers	02-6105-446	924.00
Gall's	01-5015-481	633.91
Gerald Printing	03-5101-445	122.94
Government Forms & Supplies	01-5010-349	3335.66
Grace Pest Control	01-5205-334	50.00
Greene Military	01-5015-481	195.00
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	709.18
IRS	Payroll	58907.98
KACo Benefits Group	Payroll	68226.82
KCTCS Fire Commission	01-5120-574	50.00
Kentuckiana Court Reporter	01-5070-348	180.00
Kentucky Deferred Comp	Payroll	8670.00
Kentucky Jailers Association	03-9100-569	1025.00
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	7667.71
Kentucky State Treasurer	01-5080-599	15.00
Mark's Plumbing	03-5101-334	783.17
Matt Tarkey	01-5015-340	50.07
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-574	50.00

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Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-446	47.69
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	01-5010-563	1009.75
Pye-Barker	01-5081-334A	1145.00
Quality Parts Express	01-5015-340	244.00
Quill	03-5101-445	653.41
Simpson Co Employee Benefits Acct	Payroll	4053.08
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - General	Payroll	249517.28
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Road	Payroll	19491.41
Simpson Co Gross Payroll - Jail	Payroll	120997.03
Simpson County Tire	01-5120-336	199.75
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	90.48
Southern States	01-5120-446	75.92
Stewart Richey	03-5101-334	625.00
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	424.15
Terminix	03-5101-334	308.63
The Window Dr	01-5010-411	85.00
Uline	03-5101-445	712.50
Underground Vault & Storage	01-5015-445	68.00
United Direct Solutions LLC	01-5010-563	68.83
Vogelpohl Fire Equipment	01-5120-588B	456.58
Wells Fargo Financial	01-5015-564	150.00
Wex Bank	01-5015-429	9699.17
Wex Bank	01-5135-429	236.64
Wex Bank	01-5080-429	229.03
Wex Bank	01-5115-429	37.91
Wex Bank	01-5160-429	667.14
Wex Bank	02-6105-455	6922.89
Wex Bank	03-5101-429	1495.39
Wholesale Supply Group	01-5081-334A	35.79
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	125.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	158.40
WRECC	01-9100-578	134.87

Judge Barnes presented the budget, he also mentioned how they are ahead of schedule as it must be done by May 1st. In the Fiscal Year 26-27 Budget Assumptions, Judge Barnes went over each page. The budget includes 2.7% CPI for all elected officials, that number was set by the state for constitutional officers and then Fiscal Court voted to do the same for all other county officials. Including a 3% cost of living adjustment for all other county employees, reflects some merit raises for qualifying firefighters, and there's an additional memo showing completed certifications and the basis for the merit raise.

Health Insurance increase will be 4%, instead of the estimated 9%. 5% increase in property and causality insurance is not definite and if it comes in under 5% that would make the budget even better. Budget reflects three additional firefighters and two IT positions, \$5,000 increase in the OnTrack Scholarship Program with SKYCTC, \$200,000 decrease in County Road Aid. Fiscal Court continued to discuss the presented budget, some areas are still missing letters for actual rates.

June 30th of this year ends the current contract with KSP for E911 Services. The County doesn't get to do any negotiating with the contract, what KSP decides on will be the contract and price.

Fire Chief Leslie Goodrum discussed with Fiscal Court in more detail everything listed the Fire Station is looking at in their budget and the type of vehicles and equipment is needed and why. Judge Barnes mentioned sending the City a letter to see what the City is willing to cover on these purchases. Fiscal Court decided not to pull anything from the Fire Department budget and will set up a meeting with the City to discuss further funding.

The Sheriff budgeted for two vehicles and brought up in the department head meeting: FLOK Cameras. Sheriff Hopson came to the podium to let Fiscal Court know he wasn't asking for the cameras now but to make them aware of any expenditures that could come up in the new budget cycle. There is a plan for the Sheriff Office to look into these cameras at some point. He continued to talk about what FLOK cameras are and how they can help the community.

Paul Kelley with maintenance mentioned recoating the floors at the animal shelter, discussions have been had about possibly doing those with the current budget since they are in terrible shape.

OEM was looking at purchasing a carport to park the camper under and two message boards. Neither item have been factored in the presented budget. Everyone agreed the message boards would be a great addition as they could be used for multiple departments getting messages out to the community. The grant writer has already submitted two grants, if other items that have already been plugged into the budget come in under what was budgeted, Judge Barnes thinks the message boards could be purchased.


Judge Barnes also discussed matters on the XYZ Project that they have been dealing with for years now. The sale of the property would resolve a lot of the debt.

Three businesses, EJ Franklin, GeoQuest, and Alta Alloy all plan to be operational by January 1 and will contribute to occupational taxes.

Magistrate Scott Poston mentioned he would like to look into increasing the annual contribution Fiscal Court gives to the Parks Board, he also thinks we should put more into the CD.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All
Adjourn. (9:32AM)

See Attachment File March 31, 2026


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