

Regular

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Tuesday

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21<sup>st</sup>

Day of April

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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, April 21, 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.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All  
 Approve the minutes of the March 31<sup>st</sup> special-called fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Thurman Second by Chandler Roll Call-Thurman, Chandler, Burr, Poston, & Barnes  
 Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 220.268 Budget Amendment #4.

This ordinance is putting in the differences in property tax, interest on CDs, and transferring surplus from prior year to accommodate other areas in the budget Fiscal Court discussed later in the meeting.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Roll Call-Chandler, Thurman, Poston, & Barnes Abstain-Burr  
 Approve first reading of Ordinance No.920.133, text amendment to readopted P&Z regulations in Ordinance No. 920.128 regarding Advanced Technology Centers and Integrated Energy Systems.

This ordinance was in reference to the public hearing Planning & Zoning had making the change under Conditional Use Permits rather than permitted uses.

Motion by Poston Second by Burr Roll Call-Poston, Burr, Chandler, Thurman, & Barnes  
 Approve second reading and final passage of Ordinance 920.132, amending the readopted P&Z regulations in Ordinance No. 920.128 part II: grandfathered easements.

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

Motion by Poston Second by Chandler Yes-All  
 Approve setting and advertising CRA & LGEA Hearings.

Hearing will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> special called meeting at 8:30 AM. Fiscal Court will discuss the amount of County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance funds that the court is receiving and how they will be applied or used within the budget.

Motion by Burr Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve advertising for FY26/27 Asphalt Bids.

All bids must be turned in by 10:00 AM on May 29<sup>th</sup> so Fiscal Court can approve those bids at their June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve advertising for FY26/27 Rock Bids.

All bids must be turned in by 10:00 AM on May 29<sup>th</sup> so Fiscal Court can approve those bids at their June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Motion by Chandler Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve Employee Resolution No. 2026-04-21PW

To hire James Phillips, effective April 27, 2026. It also highlights merit raises that will be granted based on the completion of obtaining a CDL and basic work zone and flagged recertifications.

Motion by Chandler Second by Thurman Yes-All  
 Approve to Dump truck purchase for Public Works.

The chassis part is ready and available now and then it has to be outfitted. Looking at the total cost of \$256,261.70, the chassis part to outfit is \$163,000. Fiscal Court would like to go ahead and get the bond to have it outfitted since it could be done during the current budget would accommodate it. The concern is if they wait until the new budget year in July, they could have to wait for the chassis to become available.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
 Approve the purchase of two digital message boards.

The message boards are roughly \$19,500 a piece, bringing the purchasing total for two to approximately \$40,000.

Motion by Chandler Second by Burr Yes-All  
 Approve the tabling of the Jail Technology Grant Expenditure request for next meeting.

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 wasn't present to discuss it with the court and so it was recommended the conversation be tabled until the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting where the Jailer would be present to answer questions.

Fiscal Court discussed the bids they received from the Waste Service Bidding Advertising and what questions they would like to have prepared for the companies once The City conducts their meeting on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Judge Barnes did let the public know the following companies submitted bids to the County: Blue Moon, Impact Waste Services, Scott Waste, and Republic Service. The convenient center would still operate like it always has.

Next was the discussion of IT Bids for the county. There were two bidders, BK Technology and ISTT; ISTT is currently taking care of the county's IT services as certain issues arise. ISTT proposed \$6,150/month which would equate to \$73,800/year plus the web hosting, puts you at a grand total of \$25,200. BK Technology was \$7,398/month plus the web hosting would equate to \$89,976.00/year. Judge Barnes mentioned Fiscal Court needs to be thinking if they want to hire one of these companies or see about hiring two IT personnel. We need someone that monitors day in and out and not just be here for patch work if things get out of hand.

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The Health Department numbers came back, and they were a bit higher than originally estimated. Almost \$60,000 - \$70,000 more than what was originally plugged in, it caused some change in the proposed property tax and that will be reflected in there as well. The County Treasurer has worked on leveling out the county's contribution to the health insurance policies so that the customers don't see much change, increasing the county's contribution to \$30/month.

County Treasurer is still waiting to hear back from KSP for the 911 contract. With the cost of everything increasing the treasurer has increased the fuel line item. Magistrate Thurman mentioned he would like the Fiscal Court to increase their contribution to Soil Conservation by \$5,000. Magistrate Burr chimed in he would like to see an increase given to the Boys & Girls Club of Franklin Simpson. Magistrate Thurman responded he thought Fiscal Court was paying for the insurance of the property and that is why they haven't increased the contribution over the years. Magistrate Chandler also reminded the court that this budget is reflecting the \$200,000 cut to public works. Magistrate Poston followed up with request to help the parks more with more contribution and put more on the CD. Judge Barnes and Treasurer Nicole Law informed everyone that their CD still has a million on it, Judge Barnes suggested putting \$25,000 on the CD.

Conversations about HB557 not passing and the direction the Jail.

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
Approve cash transfer of \$117,774.00 from the General Fund to the Jail fund.

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

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

\$576.00	01-5015-577 (Sheriff - Travel/Prisoner Transport) from 01-5015-302 (Sheriff - Advertising)
\$500.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5205-385 (Animal Shelter - Vet Services)
\$1,000.00	01-9400-208 (Unemployment Insurance) from 01-5301-332 (Indigent Legal Fees)
\$250.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5015-435 (Sheriff - Law Enforcement Supplies)
\$40,000.00	01-5075-348 (Economic Development - Taxing District) from 01-5085-334 (Other CO Properties - Maintenance/Repair)
\$2,424.00	01-5015-577 (Sheriff - Travel/Prisoner Transport) from 01-5015-435 (Sheriff - Law Enforcement Supplies)
\$2,000.00	01-5015-562 (Sheriff - Firing Range) from 01-5015-435 (Sheriff - Law Enforcement Supplies)
\$250.00	02-9400-205 (Employee Health Insurance) from 02-6005-578 (Utilities)
\$3,500.00	02-9400-202 (Retirement, County Match) from 02-6105-479 (Tires & Tubes)
\$1,800.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5120-578-A (Fire Department - Utilities Main Station)

Motion by Thurman Second by Poston Yes-All  
Approve bills and claims.

AAA Systems	01-5010-334	40.00
AT&T Mobility	01-5115-573	43.70
AT&T Mobility	01-9100-573	134.55
AT&T Mobility	01-5120-573	54.86
AT&T Mobility	02-6005-573	77.89
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-103	833.33
All Season Rent All	02-6105-447	48.98
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	01-5120-334	35.00
Amazon Capital	01-5010-445	62.97
Amazon Capital	03-5101-336	139.90
Amsterdam Printing	01-5001-445	301.26
Aqua Treat Inc	01-5081-334A	220.50
Ardon Lawn & Landscape	01-5080-408	335.00
Ardon Lawn & Landscape	01-5081-334A	180.00
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	506.23
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578A	86.31
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578B	123.28
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	177.54
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	150.11
Austin Johnson	01-5010-576	19.74
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	110.22
Bobby Groves	02-6105-592	159.99
Bowen Tire	02-6105-479	426.00
Boyd Company	01-5085-334	5102.00
C. Tomlinson Law LLC	01-507-0332	1500.00
C&W Pizza LLC	01-5040-567	810.55
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	269.53
Card Services Center	01-5015-435	767.35
Card Services Center	01-5015-562	1265.93
Card Services Center	01-5015-569	1230.10
Card Services Center	01-5015-334	34.96
Card Services Center	01-5015-577	62.13
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	174.20
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	646.26
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	8041.33
City of Franklin	01-5205-578	110.38
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	29.78
City of Franklin	02-6005-578	37.92
CLM Port A Potty	01-5085-334	113.00
Comprehensive Correctional Care	03-5101-386	51332.83
Crocker & Crocker	01-5301-332	808.00



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Curtis Hargett	01-5015-569	71.60
Dezign LLC	01-5070-319	50.00
Dezign LLC	01-5135-319	300.00
Diamond Screw	02-6105-588	14.87
Division of Child Support	Payroll	553.85
Eddie Lawson	03-5101-576	20.97
Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	107.25
Electric Plant Board	01-5010-578	996.49
Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	1515.03
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	4033.88
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578B	203.10
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	682.78
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578B	87.07
Electric Plant Board	01-5205-578	521.81
Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	210.50
Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	6894.77
Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	433.27
Fine Line Lawns	01-5081-742	130.00
First Response	03-9100-569	542.40
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	73.63
Franklin Favorite	01-5070-348	21.38
Franklin Favorite	01-5015-302	264.97
Friends of the Shelter	01-5205-315	5047.50
Fuel Fortress	01-5015-205	214.84
Fuel Fortress	02-9400-205	20.00
Gall's	01-5015-435	4946.69
Global Dust Control	01-5010-411	84.00
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411A	47.50
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411B	15.50
Grantmasters	01-5120-179	1000.00
Greenleaf Environmental	01-5020-308	35.29
Ground Control Hardscapes	01-5081-742	874.00
Hagen & Stone	01-5085-334	1826.40
Hardtime Products	03-5101-411	1579.01
Hardtime Products	03-5101-453	450.00
Harvest Funding	01-5085-398	1000.00
Heidelberg Materials	01-5085-334	1715.08
Heidelberg Materials	04-6105-409	1586.53
Hillcrest Credit Agency	Payroll	806.65
Hunt Ford	01-5015-340	294.00
IRS	Payroll	53660.96
IMI Concrete	02-6105-407	676.00
ISTT	01-5091-398	2460.00
Jeff Jenkins	01-5015-569	96.46
Joan and Gary Holder	01-5070-567	94.26
Jody & Sons	01-8099-741B	11500.00
Johnson Oil	02-6105-455	1267.71
Jon Chandler	01-5070-348	1717.99
Josh Bunnell	01-5015-569	29.61
KCJEA	01-9100-551	1847.00
Kellwell Food Management	03-5101-425	22877.34
Kentuckiana Court Reporter	01-5070-348	337.15
Kentucky Retirement System	Payroll	134434.17
Kentucky Retirement System	01-5015-205	1105.54
Kentucky Retirement System	03-9400-202	55.86
Kentucky Retirement System	03-9400-205	1065.54
Kentucky Revenue	Payroll	15836.37
Kentucky Sheriff's Boys & Girls Ranch	01-5015-569	35.00
Kenway	03-5101-411	630.40
Knowink LLC	01-5065-565	3800.00
Leach & Cummins	01-5301-332	646.00
Lee's Mowers	02-6105-588	60.00
Leslie Goodrum	01-5120-574	48.84
Lowe's	01-5120-446	35.50
Lowe's	01-5081-334A	42.96
Lowe's	01-5080-334	27.04
Lowe's	01-5205-334	78.68

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Lowe's	01-5085-334	137.75
Lowe's	01-5010-334	23.24
Lowe's	01-5080-406	55.08
Lowe's	03-5101-334	45.44
Lowe's	02-6105-447	57.85
Lowe's	02-6005-334	141.63
Mac's Restaurant	01-5120-446	80.70
Marco Technologies	01-5015-564	267.43
Marco Technologies	01-5120-588A	181.47
Marco Technologies	01-5001-564	81.46
Marco Technologies	03-5101-564	59.53
Mefford & Phillips	01-5005-165	300.00
Mefford & Phillips	01-9100-573	39.95
Nelson Slaughter	01-5120-574	101.31
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5080-329	1200.00
New Covenant Cleaners	01-5081-329	5000.00
NinjaOneLLC	01-5001-590	354.76
Norse Tactical LLC	01-5015-569	1330.00
Patrick Crafton	01-5020-103	833.33
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	01-5001-563	1546.99
Pitney Bowes Inc	01-5001-445	91.29
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services	01-5010-445	165.33
Postmaster	01-5070-563	41.92
Pye Barker	02-6005-334	861.80
Pye Barker	03-5101-334	495.00
Quality Parts Express	01-5015-340	104.65
Quality Parts Express	01-5120-446	35.99
Quality Parts Express	02-6105-447	170.52
Quality Parts Express	02-6105-592	17.02
Quality Parts Express	02-6105-588	93.34
Quill	03-5101-445	240.51
Quill	01-5001-445	83.98
Rapid Fueling	01-5120-455	2218.28
Rob Groves	02-9400-205	150.00
Rubber & Gasket	01-5085-334	10.52
Scott Poston	01-9100-576	487.80
Scotty's Contracting & Stone	02-6105-446	4830.41
Simpson Co Payroll Acct - General	Payroll	461082.12
Simpson Co Payroll Acct - Road	Payroll	40420.52
Simpson Co Payroll Acct - Jail	Payroll	236109.81
Simpson County Water District	01-5120-578C	90.48
Simpson County Tire	01-5135-592	139.84
Simpson County Tire	01-5015-340	740.18
Software Management	01-5010-319	4596.00
Southern Ky Cleaning	01-5010-411	300.00
Southern States	01-5120-446	184.69
Southern States	01-5015-445	25.27
Southern States	01-5085-334	242.50
Stewart Richey	01-8099-741B	44538.91
Subscriber's Renewals	01-5070-445	34.00
T- Mobile	01-5120-573	21.46
Tennessee Child Support	Payroll	424.15
The Fix it Foundation	01-5205-385	1340.00
The Fix it Foundation	01-5205-403	1662.35
The Medical Center at Franklin	02-9400-205	398.00
The Paint Shop	01-5081-742	69.60
The Window Dr	01-5010-411	85.00
Todd Combs	01-5015-445	22.00
Tracking Solutions	03-5101-398	1408.05
Traugher Mechanical	02-6105-588	195.00
Trevi-Pay/Wal-mart	01-5015-445	85.80
Trevi-Pay/Wal-mart	01-5120-446	406.90
Turney's Heating & Cooling	01-5085-334	605.34
Uline	01-5205-403	280.37
Underground Vault & Storage	03-5101-445	35.00
United Direct Solutions	01-5010-563	112.18
US Bank Equipment Finance	01-5070-564	126.38
Velocity Truck Centers	01-5120-336	3591.59
Verizon	01-5080-573	38.47
Verizon	02-6005-573	38.47
Vestis	02-6005-334	438.10
Vestis	03-5101-334	95.36
Vital Signs	01-5070-348	20.00
Vital Signs	01-5015-445	185.00
Vonage Business	01-9100-573	149.10
Vonage Business	01-5070-573	99.45

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Vonage Business	01-5135-573	80.83
Vonage Business	01-5120-573	82.85
Vonage Business	01-5015-573	178.05
Vonage Business	01-5010-573	196.75
Vonage Business	01-5160-578	115.89
Vonage Business	01-5080-573	16.57
Vonage Business	01-5091-573	16.57
Vonage Business	01-5030-573	82.79
Vonage Business	02-6005-573	33.18
Vonage Business	03-5101-573	374.68
Vonage Business	75-5145-578	33.13
Wells Fargo Financial	01-5015-564	150.00
West Payment Center	01-5015-445	337.36
William W Lawrence, Trustee	Payroll	125.00
WRECC	01-5120-578C	120.79
Yokley Machine	01-5120-336	300.00
Yokley Machine	02-6105-588	156.50
Yokley Machine	02-6105-447	41.00

Judge Barnes suggested the Fiscal Court move their regular scheduled meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> to a special-called meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM due to the primary elections being held on that Tuesday and many people on the court are involved in the upcoming election. Everyone was in agreement to move the meeting and set the public hearing date for CRA & LGEA for the 18<sup>th</sup> as well.

Surplus Auction items will be lined up at the Public Works building on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and the auction will run for two weeks.

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is the next status hearing in the TenKey lawsuit at 1:30PM.

Magistrate Jeffrey Burr asked about an update on the live bidding on the old County Clerk/PVA building from United Country. Barnes responded the court needs to determine if they want to go that route. United Country would handle it just like they do the surplus auction. Many questions were asked, Judge Barnes said he would reach out to the auction company about a reserve type of auction and get it put on the May 5<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Magistrate Chandler discussed Billy Wilkerson wanting to oversee the Cemetery Board and have Judge Barnes talk to him.

County Attorney informed Fiscal Court about the lawsuit updates and mentioned the other lawsuit filed by a citizens group against the City's Planning & Zoning. The county doesn't have a dog in the fight yet; the county is spectators like everyone else. He closed with letting the public know the tax bills are no longer payable at the Sheriff's Office, they are now delinquent and they will have to be paid at the County Clerk's Office. Letter will begin to go out from the Attorneys Office and there will be an auction on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

County Clerk stated mail in absentee portal is open until May 5<sup>th</sup>. You will have excused in person absentee at the Clerk's Office. Three days of early voting will be May 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, as well as May 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-4. Election Day is May 19<sup>th</sup> 6AM-6PM at any of the following locations: First United Methodist Church, The Ag Building at Jim Roberts Park, Salmos General Baptist Church, Zion Lutheran Church, and Lifepoint Church. School will be in session that day since none of the voting sites will be held at school.

Jailer Eric Vaughn presented a commissary check to Fiscal Court.

Maintenance Supervisor Paul Kelley presented the court with an invoice from James Henry with the Historical Center, wanting to get Turney's Heating and Cooling to do some duck work in two areas of the building. Mr. Synder had Mr. Kelley to present to Fiscal Court to see if they would want to contribute to the invoice. Judge Barnes asked if the heat and air wasn't working in the building. Mr. Kelley stated it does work but it's the booster fan in the ductwork went out, causing the airflow to be cut off. If you take those out the air will continue to flow through. Fiscal Court was under the impression that since they decided not to continue the lease agreement and repairs would be up to the Historical Center to take care of. It was suggested to reach out to multiple people to bid the amount to replace the fans or take them completely out.

OEM updated everyone, as of last Tuesday at 11:00 AM; they cut the radios over to the new systems. All the facilities that have been using it so far are really pleased with it and are impressed by how clear they are. Many of the dead spots have been resolved.

Motion by Poston Second by Burr Yes-All  
Adjourn. (10:03AM)

See Attachment File April 21, 2026

  
COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE