

At a regular meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse, Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 8:30 AM

Present: Honorable Mason Barnes, Judge/Executive
Honorable Marty Chandler, East Magistrate
Honorable Scott Poston, North Magistrate
Honorable Myron Thurman, South Magistrate
Honorable Sam Phillips, County Attorney
Nicole Law, Treasurer
Stacie King, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Sydney Downey, Fiscal Court Clerk

County Judge Executive Mason Barnes called the fiscal court meeting to order; led us in prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Mike Kochasic with the National Weather Service presented Fiscal Court with a store ready sign. Simpson County was certified for their storm ready plans through the emergency management department; Simpson County would have to be recertified in four years.

Motion by Poston

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Approve the July 21st fiscal court meeting minutes.

Motion by Poston

Second by Thurman

Roll Call-Poston, Thurman, Burr, Chandler, & Barnes

Yes-All

Approve second reading and final passage of Ordinance No. 310.33, revised Windsor Park Lighting Agreement Section 3, Phase 1.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Burr

Roll Call-Chandler, Burr, Poston, Thurman, & Barnes

Yes-All

Approve second reading and final passage of Ordinance No. 310.34, revised Windsor Park Lighting Agreement Section 3, Phase 2.

Motion by Thurman

Second by Poston

Roll Call-Thurman, Poston, Burr, Chandler, & Barnes

Yes-All

Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 530.65, setting county road speed limits.

Leo Binion Road would be set at 35 MPH, Carter Road, Charlie Butts Road, Kummer Road, and Broadway all at 45 MPH.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Burr

Roll Call- Chandler, Burr, Poston, Thurman, & Barnes

Yes-All

Approve emergency reading of Ordinance No. 830.52 regarding Solid Waste Collection.

Not an emergency due to solid waste not being collected but Fiscal Court needs the ordinance to follow the contract they signed. By having an emergency reading the ordinance will not require a first and second reading, it will be finalized and passed upon the reading and publication.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Approve Employee Resolution No. 2026-08-04EMP FSFR1.

Increase in Firefighter Salary, Justin McMillan upon receiving certifications in Fire Instructor 1, IFSAC Aerial, Driver Promotion & IFSAC Officer 1 certifications.

Motion by Poston

Second by Chandler

Yes-All

Approve Employee Resolution No. 2026-08-04EMP FSFR2.

Increase in Firefighter Salary, Mason Miller upon receiving certifications in Fire Instructor 1, IFSAC Pumper, IFSAC MWS (Mobile Water Supply), Driver Promotion & IFSAC Aerial certifications.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Approve Employee Resolution No. 2026-08-04EMP FSFR3.

Increase in Firefighter Salary, Kyle Hunton upon receiving IFSAC Officer 1 certification.

Motion by Thurman

Second by Chandler

Yes-All

Approve Employee Resolution No. 2026-08-04EMP FSFR4.

Increase in Firefighter Salary, JD Shanklin upon receiving Instructor 1 certification.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Approve Employee Resolution No. 2026-08-04EMP FSFR5.

Increase in Firefighter Salary, Evan Hardin upon receiving IFSAC Pumper, IFSAC MWS (Mobile Water Supply) & Swiftwater Technician certifications.

Motion by Burr

Second by Thurman

Yes-All

Approve Employee Resolution No. 2026-08-04EMP FSFR6.

Increase in Firefighter Salary, Rondall Gingerich upon receiving certifications in Instructor 1, IFSAC Aerial, & Driver Promotion certifications.

Employee Resolutions reflect what were approved in the 2026-2027 Budget. Pay increase amount differs from each employee based on the certifications they complete.

Motion by Thurman

Second by Chandler

Yes-All

Approve LioChem land separation request, contingent on the Industrial Authority Board Meeting on the 18th if necessary.

There is Industrial Revenue Bonds for the LioChem project, they brought a piece of property with a building already on it to operate in. Then they purchased an adjacent piece of property and got the lot line removed to combine it into one piece of property. When you do the whole industrial revenue bonds, the entire property gets deeded back to the county. LioChem is requesting to have that lot line added back in. They are not trying to do anything with the property currently but for the future. The only way for this to happen, the county would have to be the ones to fill out the application. There will be no negative effect on the county as they hold the deeds.

Attorney Amanda East approached the podium to explain exactly why LioChem is wanting the lot line in response to Magistrate Marty Chandler's concerns.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Approve Industrial Authority Board Appointment.

Appoint Rick Dinkins to the unexpired term of Gary Brody, set to expire on July 31, 2027.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Thurman

Yes-All

Approve tabling KYTC Resolution until an engineer from District 3 is present to discuss further with Fiscal Court.

The transportation cabinet is asking Fiscal Court to approve the resolution stating Simpson County will assume the responsibility of the 800ft (build a new bridge over the creek, where Reeder School Road currently comes down HWY100 to the last few residences on HWY100 in Simpson County) as a county road once they get this new project competed. Magistrate Chandler expressed he wouldn't for this, making the County Public Works travel there to maintain only 800ft of an already state road. County Attorney suggested getting someone here to explain in more detail what they are trying to do and why they are going the route they have proposed. Judge Barnes suggested Fiscal Court table the resolution to after more information and details are explained.

KACO used to have the reverse salt auction through them and different counties that participated would get these. KACO made the determination that counties could possibly do better on their own, so they eliminated the reverse auction, and counties are responsible for bidding out for salt. Bids were sent out now rather than later to Morton, Cargill, and Compass Mineral. All submitted appreciation letters but stated they wouldn't be submitting a bid. Judge Barnes asked the County Attorney what the process of getting salt is if no one bid and wondered if they just purchase salt themselves from a company. The attorney responded by law they would have to explore through the state contract since the bid didn't work out. No action was taken.

Motion by Thurman

Second by Chandler

Yes-All

Approve the purchase of two Sheriff vehicles at the cost of \$42,898 each.

Magistrate Chandler asked if the price included the lights packages or was it just the vehicles. The sheriff Jere D approached the podium and stated it was just the vehicles. The packages would cost a separate cost of \$13,000 and are also budgeted in their budget as well.

Motion by Poston

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Approve cash transfer of \$35,577.09 from the Federal Grant Fund to the General Fund.

Motion by Thurman

Second by Chandler

Yes-All

Approve budget transfers.
15,148.00 01-5116-398 (Electrical Inspection Contract) from 01-5085-334 (Other CO Properties – Maintenance/Repair)

Motion by Poston

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Approve bills and claims.

AAA Systems	03-5101-334	660.00
AT&T Mobility	01-5115-573	43.75
AT&T Mobility	01-9100-573	134.55
AT&T Mobility	01-5120-573	64.24
AT&T Mobility	01-5135-573	131.46
AT&T Mobility	02-6005-573	82.64
AT&T Mobility	01-5015-573	2485.63
Amazon Capital	01-5001-445	8.49
Amazon Capital	01-5010-445	29.63
Amazon Capital	03-5101-334	151.95
Amazon Capital	01-5070-445	34.06
Amazon Capital	01-5001-445	25.80
Amazon Capital	01-5015-445	25.80
Amazon Capital	01-5120-446	25.80
Amazon Capital	02-6105-447	25.80
Amazon Capital	03-5101-445	25.80
Atmos Energy	03-5101-578	1233.91
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578B	78.02
Atmos Energy	01-5020-578	78.02
Atmax Equipment Co	02-6105-588	1491.83
Barren County Business	01-5010-411	100.95
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	67.36
Barren River District Health	01-5231-348	155910.75
BK Technology Professionals	01-5091-398	7498.00
Card Services Center	01-5015-445	388.24
Card Services Center	01-5015-562	40.92
Card Services Center	01-5015-563	12.65
City of Franklin	01-5020-578	49.14
CLM Port A Potty	01-5085-334	113.00
Colonial Life Insurance	Payroll	8098.17
Controlled Force Inc	01-5015-569	920.00
Diamond Screw	02-6105-592	21.94
Diamond Screw	02-6105-588	35.60
Division of Child Support	Payroll	469.85
Don Franklin CDJR	01-5015-723	85796.00
Eckart Supply	01-5015-334	253.44
Eckart Supply	01-5080-406	32.63
Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	210.51
Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	453.42
ESRI	01-5070-319	700.00
FS Ambulance Service	01-5140-303	10000.00
Fire & Specialty Equipment	01-5120-336	7420.20
Franklin Farmers Market	01-5085-334	500.00
Gall's	01-5015-481	865.24
Global Dust Control	01-5080-411	174.30
Global Dust Control	01-5010-411	21.00
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411A	23.75
Global Dust Control	01-5081-411B	7.75
Grace Pest Control	01-5205-334	50.00

Motion by Chandler

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Approve the authorization of entering negotiations with the property owner and getting the appraisal on said property, located off Blackjack Road.

Drakes Creek Quarry update, they are wanting to have a meeting with the County Judge Executive, State Department of Mining, and the owners of the quarry. The judge did tell them Fiscal Court will not be making the decision, if they decide to make any changes to their current CUP (Conditional Use Permit) they would have to go through Simpson County Planning & Zoning, Commission Board and then BOA (Board of Adjustments). Their current permit they hold with State Department of Mining is willing to amend said permit and clearly state they will not blast any closer to the creek that they already are. Judge Barnes said he would keep Fiscal Court updated about the meeting.

Even if Fiscal Court is purchasing on State Contract, they still must be bid from awarded bidders. County Treasurer stated this is coming from the State Auditor.

Thursday, August 6th at 9:00AM at the Simpson County Circuit Courtroom will be the oral argument on the TenKey case, where they have sued Simpson County Fiscal Court.

The Harvest Dinner is also this Thursday, the 6th at 7:00PM at The Barn at Bethel Grove.

Magistrate Chandler asked about building updates on the PW building. He also mentioned the state law about panhandling and whether the court was still looking into getting an ordinance in place. County Attorney Sam Phillips said he investigated it and would need to look at it some more. Sheriff said anyone that is on the roadways in the county he will take care of it, but he can't do anything in the city limits. The concern about the people hanging on the square could be out of Fiscal Courts scope to handle.

Magistrate Scott Poston mentioned his concerns about the number of semi-trucks on Broadway Avenue; he's already reached out to one of the factories but would like some more guidance on what can be done. With school starting back he is concerned about the safety of the children.

The Jailer, Eric Vaughn asked Fiscal Court to reimburse the commissary for the vehicle they purchased since he couldn't purchase it with the technology grant he received. He stated he talked to the County Treasurer who also talked to the auditor, and it was said he couldn't use the funds for that. He later mentioned he called the auditor himself to explain where the vehicle came from, and the auditor said that he could have used it. Jailer Vaugh is now wanting to be reimbursed so he can use funds outside of commissary so there aren't limitations on what said funds can be used for. Judge Barnes mentioned the IT Grant is a moot point as the jail had no other source of revenue in line items to take care of the maintenance issue they were having, and those funds went to getting that fixed in fiscal year 25-26, we are now in fiscal year 26-27. Fiscal Court suggested the jailer check into removal from one jail to the next and they will discuss this later.

OEM Director encouraged everyone to be careful next week as school starts back on Wednesday August 12th, and transportation traffic will start to pick up.

Bobby Groves with Public Works informed Fiscal Court that Flex Road Funds got cut about \$40,000 from the state.

Motion by Poston

Second by Chandler

Yes-All

Adjourn. (10:07 AM)

See Attachment File August 4, 2026