

At a regular meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse, Tuesday, July 21, 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
Sydney Downey, Fiscal Court Clerk
Stacie King, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Nicole Law, Treasurer

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

Judge Barnes recognized Sarah Ayad as the new Planning & Zoning Administrator to Fiscal Court. Ms. Ayad thanked everyone for the opportunity and was pleased to meet Fiscal Court.

Colleen Rafferty with Franklin Right to Life, regarding Safe Haven Baby Box. There were many concerns about liability and responsibility that would be placed on the County if they decided to add the box. County Attorney reached out to KACO. The state allows the boxes in communities, but it doesn't protect Fiscal Court if something happens. Ms. Rafferty had Addia Wuchner on speaker phone so she could answer any questions the court might have. Fiscal Court still had some areas they are still trying to see how the box would better serve the Simpson County community if it were not placed at the Fire Department. Judge Barnes made the recommendation for Ms. Rafferty and him to have a meeting with the Medical Center to further the conversation.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Approve the June 30th special-called fiscal court meeting minutes.

Motion by Poston

Second by Thurman

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

Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 310.33, revised Windsor Park Lighting Agreement Section 3, Phase 1.

Motion by Poston

Second by Chandler

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

Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 310.34, revised Windsor Park Lighting Agreement Section 3, Phase 2.

Motion by Thurman

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Approve Combined Public Communications Agreement.

Motion by Poston

Second by Chandler

Yes-All

Approve Resolution No. 2026-07-21SHSGP and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Resolution is for funds coming from the Homeland Security Grant.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Approve LEPP Contract and authorize the County Judge to sign.

The Law Enforcement Protection Program contract is for the purchasing of 15 body armor plates at a cost of \$59,845.00.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Approve Resolution No. 2026-07-21KYTC and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Would provide Fiscal Court with \$228,000 in road improvements through Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Magistrate Chandler asked Road Supervisor Bobby Groves if these will be roads they suggest need work or Fiscal Court. Mr. Groves responded he turned in the roads a year ago and they already have the list that has been approved.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Approve LARP Agreement and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Approve GeoQuest Bond Resolution No. 2026-07-21 and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Approve GeoQuest Bond Agreement and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Motion by Poston

Second by Chandler

Yes-All

Approve GeoQuest Lease Agreement and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Thurman

Yes-All

Approve COWS Transformer Rectifier Quote.

Motion by Thurman

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Approve Treasurer's Settlement FY25-26.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Poston

Yes-All

Approve Cash Transfer of \$256,985.00 from the General Fund to the Jail Fund,

Motion by Poston

Second by Chandler

Yes-All

Approve June Financial Statement subject to audit and authorize the County Judge Executive and County Treasurer to sign.

Motion by Thurman

Second by Burr

Yes-All

Approve budget transfers.

\$486.00	01-5160-999 (DTF – Contingent Appropriation) from 01-5160-105 (DTF – Administrative Assistant)
\$777.00	01-5160-999 (DTF – Contingent Appropriation) from 01-5160-107 (DTF – Director)
\$96.00	01-5160-201 (DTF – Contingent Appropriation) from 01-5160-201- (DTF – FICA Match)
\$85.00	01-5160-999 (DTF – Contingent Appropriation) from 01-5160-202 (DTF – Retirement Match)
\$4.00	01-5160-999 (DTF – Contingent Appropriation) from 01-5160-208 (DTF – Unemployment Insurance)
\$3,100.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5135-703-A (OEM Early Warning Sirens Maintenance/Repairs)
\$1,500.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5315-507 (Services to Children/Youth)
\$6.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5070-209 (P&Z Admin Assistant/Admin Workers Comp)
\$76.00	01-9200-999 (Reserve for Transfers) from 01-5135-398 (OEM Communications Contract)

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Approve bills and claims.		
AAA Systems	01-5010-334	40.00
African American Heritage	01-5425-507	7000.00
Alex Gilbert	01-5020-103	833.33
All Season Rent All	01-5120-588A	42.50
Alpha Pest Management	01-5080-346	65.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5020-334	40.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5015-334	40.00
Alpha Pest Management	01-5010-334	50.00
Amazon Capital	01-5080-431	319.99
Amazon Capital	02-6105-592	105.04
Amazon Capital	02-6105-588	29.99
Amazon Capital	01-5080-334	359.99
Amazon Capital	01-5015-334	383.99
Amazon Capital	03-5101-334	257.28
Amazon Capital	03-5101-446	149.99
Amazon Capital	02-6105-447	13.89
Amazon Capital	01-5010-445	25.12
Amazon Capital	01-5010-411	70.41
Amsterdam Printing	01-5001-445	303.34
Atmos Energy	01-5081-578A	168.96
Atmos Energy	01-5120-578A	92.47
Atmos Energy	01-9100-578	173.04
Atmos Energy	02-6005-578	77.25
AZOR Inc	01-5015-445	11.74
Barren County Business	01-5010-445	97.22
Barren County Business	01-5010-411	13.93
BlueCotton	01-5120-481	835.94
Bowen	03-5101-340	47.95
BRADD	01-9100-551	5088.00
BRADD	01-5305-355	1500.00
California State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	450.00
Campbell Chevrolet	01-5015-340	80.00
Card Service Center	01-5015-445	361.66
Card Service Center	01-5015-481	408.63
Card Service Center	01-5015-569	674.80
Card Service Center	01-5015-435-B	1047.83
C. Tomlinson Law LLC	01-5070-332	1000.00
Charles Wood	03-5101-445	259.08
Cincinnati Life Insurance	Payroll	344.38
City of Franklin	Payroll	13276.18
City of Franklin	01-5081-578A	860.61
City of Franklin	01-5081-578B	35.78
City of Franklin	01-5120-578B	49.14
City of Franklin	01-9100-578	1543.99
City of Franklin	01-5010-578	53.91
City of Franklin	03-5101-578	10644.14
City of Franklin	01-5205-578	125.69
City of Franklin	02-6005-578	37.92
CLM Port A Potty	01-5085-334	113.00
Colonial Life Insurance	Payroll	6308.59
Comprehensive Correctional Care	03-5101-386	39958.39
Crocker & Crocker	01-5301-332	821.00
Department of the Treasury	01-9400-205	270.66
Dezign LLC	01-5070-319	400.00
Division of Child Support	Payroll	939.70
Electric Plant Board	01-5020-578	189.66
Electric Plant Board	02-6005-578	215.17
Electric Plant Board	75-5145-578	287.56
Electric Plant Board	03-5101-578	8734.60
Electric Plant Board	01-5010-578	836.42
Electric Plant Board	01-9100-578	2714.42
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578A	4013.50
Electric Plant Board	01-5081-578B	301.38
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578A	801.09
Electric Plant Board	01-5120-578B	93.12
Electric Plant Board	01-5205-578	497.82
Everbridge Inc	01-5135-398	5075.28
F-S Chamber of Commerce	01-5430-505	7500.00
Fine Lawn Line	01-5081-742	260.00
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	75-5145-578	69.00

Judge Barnes also discussed speed limit changes the magistrates requested. Leo Binion 35mph, Hack Brown, Carter, Charlie Butts, and Kummer Road, and Broadway all changed to 45mph.

Drakes Creek Quarry wants to reconfigure how they are performing their current operation; their current CUP (Conditional Use Permit) was only for 90 acres of their over 200+ acreage. If they reconfigure the operation the way they are proposing, it will make matters worse than they currently have and blast closer to the creek. Judge Barnes doesn't know what to tell them. If they want to continue with their plan, they will have to go through a CUP and Zone Change for starters. Magistrate Chandler made the comment he doesn't think Fiscal Court could get involved with BOA (Board of Adjustments) projects to prevent not being able to hear recommendations if it must come to Fiscal Court. It was suggested that Fiscal Court and BOA meet to come up with a way to require more distinctive conditions to obtain a CUP. No action was taken.

Magistrate Burr asked for any updates on the storm shelter in Simpson County. OEM Director Bob Palmer reported more information is starting to move and now they are almost ready for the next stage.

Magistrate Chandler encouraged everyone to be safe and try to stay cool with the upcoming predicted weather.

County Attorney Sam Phillips discussed briefly campaign signs and the recommended time frame is 30 days before the election and 7 days after the election. With no will from the court, nothing else was determined to regulate it so the county won't be enforcing anything.

County Clerk Austin Johnson just reported the Tax Sale that was originally scheduled for August 11th has now been moved to Tuesday, September 8th at 10:00AM.

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (c) Discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. (9:40 AM)		

Motion by Chandler	Second by Poston	Yes-All
Come out of Executive Session. (10:25 AM)		

Motion by Burr	Second by Thurman	Yes-All
Adjourn. (10:26 AM)		

See Attachment File July 21, 2026