

Special-called Term, Wednesday Day, 6th Day of July 20 11

At a special-called meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the County Judge/Executive's office of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse on July 6th, 2011 at 8:00 AM.

- Present: Honorable Jim Henderson, Judge/Executive
Honorable Kelly Banton, Magistrate
Honorable Marty Chandler, Magistrate
Honorable Larry Randolph, Magistrate
Honorable Blake Tarpley, Magistrate
Honorable Sam Phillips, County Attorney
Nicole Law, Finance Officer
Pam Rohrs, Fiscal Court Clerk

Judge Henderson called the meeting to order and led in prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Circuit Judge Janet Crocker and Drug Court Recovery Coordinator Hillary Eversole were present to voice appreciation for the newly-renovated Dunn Building on Court Street, now being used by Simpson County Drug Court. Judge Crocker explained that Drug Court quickly outgrew the office on West Madison Street creating overcrowding conditions and challenges in maintaining confidentiality. She commended Fiscal Court on their efforts to respond to the need voiced by the Administrative Office of the Courts by renovation of the Dunn Building and drew attention to the symbolism in the transformation of a building in shambles into an attractive, functional building just as successful drug court participants lives are transformed into healthy, productive ones.

Motion by Chandler Second by Banton Ayes-All
Approve minutes of the June 29th special-called fiscal court meeting.

Motion by Randolph Second by Tarpley Ayes-Banton, Chandler, Randolph, Tarpley, and Henderson
Approve first reading of Zone Change Ordinance 920.82 pertaining to 27.31 acres of land located west of Grace Road, south of Highway 100 East in Franklin, Simpson County, Kentucky, rezoning from A-1 (agriculture) to I-2 (heavy industrial) as requested by the Franklin-Simpson Industrial Authority, represented by Hon. G. William Leach, pursuant to the recommendation of the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning commission after a public hearing on June 7, 2011.

Motion by Randolph Second by Banton Ayes-All
Approve transfer.

Transfer:
\$66.00 01-5175-903 (public advocacy) from 01-9200-999 (transfer reserve)

Motion by Tarpley Second by Banton Ayes-All
Approve payment of bills/claims as submitted.

Table with 3 columns: Item Name, Account Number, and Amount. Includes entries like 'All Seasons Rent All', 'Aqua Treat Inc', 'AT & T', 'Bowen Tire', 'Comcast', 'Crop Production Services', 'D & M Florist', 'Electric Plant Board', 'F-S Chamber of Commerce', 'Gary Crafton', 'Global Specialties', 'InterAct Public Safety', 'KACo Insurance Agency', 'KACo Leadership Institute', 'Kentucky State Treasurer', 'Leach & Cummins', 'Mike's Auto Parts', 'Print Source Consulting', 'Simpson Co Water District', 'Standard Insurance Company', and 'Tractor Supply Company'.

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US Bank CT Louisville KY	01-7700-603B	1610.43
US Bank CT Louisville KY	01-7700-607A	399.42
US Bank CT Louisville KY	01-7700-607B	539.17
US Bank CT Louisville KY	02-7700-603	45000.00
US Bank CT Louisville KY	02-7700-607	1023.63
Wholesale Supply	02-6105-447	15.87
WRECC	01-5120-578C	38.60

Motion by Tarpley Second by Banton Ayes-All
Adjourn. (8:20 AM)


JIM HENDERSON
COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

*See Attachments File July 6, 2011.

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Present: Honorable Jim Henderson, Judge/Executive
 " Kelly Banton, Magistrate
 " Marty Chandler, Magistrate
 " Larry Randolph, Magistrate
 " Blake Tarpley, Magistrate
 " Sam Phillips, County Attorney
 Pam Rohrs, Fiscal Court Clerk

Honorable Ronnie Clark, Mayor
 " Mason Barnes, Commissioner
 " Larry Dixon, Commissioner
 " Jamie Powell, Commissioner
 " Henry Stone, Commissioner
 " Kenton Powell, City Manager
 Scott Crabtree, City Attorney
 Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk

County Judge Executive Jim Henderson called the special-called joint meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court to order at 9:00 AM with Franklin City Mayor Ronnie Clark calling the City Commission into joint session as well. City Commissioner Larry Dixon opened the meeting with prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Judge/Executive Jim Henderson explained that the purpose of this special session is to consider a report and recommendation from the 911 Dispatch Advisory Board. Members of this board are city mayor or designee, county judge/executive, police chief, sheriff, fire chief, EMS director with the dispatch supervisor serving as an ex-officio member. Judge Henderson presented a brief history of the local dispatching service. The City of Franklin maintained city police dispatch and then when 911 came into play in the 1987-88 years, the city continued the service. Then as now, counties were authorized by the state to levy 911 fees on the phone lines and in 1988-89 Simpson County Fiscal Court levied a \$0.69 fee per phone line which generated revenue along with what the city was paying for the 911 dispatch operation. However, costs continued to rise and by 2002, the city was operating all 911 dispatching including city, county, EMS and fire. The county was paying about \$7,500 annually plus 911 fees which generated \$65,000 to \$70,000 annually with all of those funds being surrendered to the city. Due to rising operation costs, the city asked Fiscal Court to increase the 911 fee. After all was considered, Fiscal Court did increase the 911 fee to \$2.00, \$2.00 less than the requested amount. The county then agreed to offset the difference, and it was decided that if the county was providing the majority of the funding, they should be managing the 911 Dispatch. And so it has been since 2002, that the county has managed the 911 Dispatch Center by Inter-local Agreement. The city has shared in the costs determined by an agreed-to formula, which at the time was deemed fair. By the end of 2011 that agreement will end as it can no longer work because the funding model has become so out of whack with costs growing and revenues decreasing. A couple of 911 Advisory Board meetings held in April explored options for dispatching services.

Advisory Board Chairman and Fire Rescue Chief Mark Halcomb addressed the joint session. He explained that the current annual 911 Dispatch budget is \$500,000. Barely half of that amount comes from the \$2.00 land line fees and the portion of the \$0.69 cell phone fee which is whatever the CMRS Board in Frankfort decides that the county gets. Obviously, the costs of operations are increasing while the \$2.00 land line fee revenue stream decreases as land line phones decrease and cell phones increase. The 911 Advisory Board has examined options that will maintain the desired level of service, and at an Advisory Board meeting on June 8, 2011, with a unanimous vote of the five members attending, the Board recommends to the Franklin City Commission and the Simpson County Fiscal Court to move forward with the Kentucky State Police dispatching services proposal. Sheriff Cline was not in attendance at the time this vote was taken.

KSP Post Commander Lisa Rudzinski presented the proposal. She explained that she as well as other KSP personnel have met with the Advisory Board to provide information to the board regarding regional dispatching services for Simpson County. She assured the commission and the court that KSP has the certifications and enhancements to effectively operate 911 services with professionalism and competency and, of course, troopers already service Simpson County. The annual proposed cost is \$275,000 with a two-year agreement and quarterly billing with an annual review of the money. There will be an initial start-up cost of roughly \$100,000 plus 10% for equipment. Rudzinski explained that T-1 lines are the fastest source of communications and this source is already in place between Bowling Green and Simpson County. Consolidation draws us a step closer to the concept of interoperability (mutual aid) which is necessary to efficiently handle area as well as regional crisis, disaster or catastrophic situations as the different agencies communicate between one another. Back-up measures will be in place to ensure continued communications. All phone calls to 911 and local dispatch will ring directly to KSP. There are now four consoles with telecommunicators at KSP; that will increase to six if Simpson County goes to KSP. Each console/terminal will function independently. Dispatchers will cross train and will rotate every couple of hours during their shifts so as to be knowledgeable of all KSP dispatching services including Hart County dispatch and Simpson County dispatch. A Simpson County sign-on would create five telecommunicator positions. All Simpson County dispatchers qualify for these positions, and while they cannot by state regulations be guaranteed a position, they are guaranteed an interview. One of the attractive features of regional dispatching is the closest call concept which dispatches the closest unit, no matter which agency, to an emergency with the second closest dispatched as back-up. There will be no delay in answering the calls with professional, competent dispatchers at the consoles they will efficiently process and prioritize the calls which would be no different from the current local dispatch service. The Simpson County and KSP communication systems are compatible and historical data can be merged. Rudzinski spoke in detail about many aspects of the consolidation. She assured the joint session that KSP looks forward to consolidation. Non-emergency numbers will ring into Post as well as any agency after-hours calls that choose that option. Educating the public is a key component in the transition as the KSP goal is to provide a centralized 911 dispatch center not to run the sheriff's department, city police, fire or EMS. Simpson County would be required to provide an address database and responsible for updating that database by the terms of an agreement with KSP. The need for equipment upgrades at the local dispatch center will require a capital investment soon as equipment there has exhausted its useful life. The investment will have to be made anyway whether it is with KSP or a county purchase.

City Manager Kenton Powell reported that he had visited Post and was comfortable with all that he observed and the procedures that were in place.

A break was taken at 10:05 AM.

The meeting resumed from break at 10:15 AM.

Sheriff Department Staff, Tracy Spears and Beth Williams voiced concerns about the consolidation which were addressed by Captain Rudzinski and Christy Basham, KSP Communication Supervisor. Fourteen-year veteran dispatcher and interim supervisor, Wendy Henson and Sheriff Chris Cline registered their oppositions to the proposed plan. Points raised by Henson and Cline were those of displacement of the employees and the personal, hometown service of a local dispatching center. City Police Chief Todd Holder, whose calls constitute about 70% of the local dispatch services and who has attended all of the Advisory Board meetings where all of the details of consolidation have been presented, supports the proposal as well as Fire Chief Mark Halcomb who assures the assembly that there will be no delay in calls going to KSP with 911 or non-emergency dispatch numbers and encouraged a supportive vote. EMS Director Peggy Cox has consulted with several other counties around the state who have experienced KSP regional dispatch services and found no negative replies to her inquires and supports the proposal. Judge Henderson reported that he has spoken with the majority of the dispatchers and while the most difficult aspect of this proposal is the possibility of displaced employees, namely dispatchers, he is optimistic that most, if not all, who choose to continue as dispatchers will be able to secure positions at KSP dispatch at a much higher rate of pay. The judge had also contacted county judges in other counties in the state who have been receiving KSP dispatch service and none had any reservations about recommending the regional KSP dispatch service. Commissioner Mason Barnes commented that this was clearly a fiscal matter and that this proposal has nothing to do with any complaints about the service provided by the local dispatch service. Magistrate Marty Chandler said that he has had no calls regarding this issue and that he supports the proposal. Commissioners and magistrates presented different scenarios to Captain Rudzinski and Ms. Basham and their responses appeared to answer questions and allay any concerns.

If this proposal of consolidation is approved today, Captain Rudzinski said that there will be a six-month transition period, putting start up in January 2012.

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Motion by Chandler Second by Banton Ayes-All

Give notice to the City of Franklin of termination of the 911 Emergency Dispatch and Dispatch Agreement (which originated in December 2002).

Motion by Powell Second by Stone Ayes-All

Authorize acceptance of the notice of Simpson County Fiscal Court to terminate the 911 Emergency Dispatch and Dispatch Agreement and authorize Mayor Ronnie Clark to sign any necessary documents to proceed with the proposal of the 911 Advisory Board to move the local dispatch services to regional dispatch by Kentucky State Police.

Motion by Randolph Second by Chandler Ayes-All

Proceed with the proposal to consolidate dispatching services with Kentucky State Police at Post No. 3 in Bowling Green.

Motion by Barnes Second by Dixon Ayes-All

Adjourn City Commission. (11:05 AM)

Motion by Chandler Second by Tarpley Ayes-All

Adjourn Fiscal Court. (11:05 AM)


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COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE