

Special-called Term, Friday Day, 8th Day of July 20 11

At a special-called meeting of the Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the County Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse on July 8th, 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
 Nicole Law, Finance Officer

Absent: Honorable Sam Phillips, County Attorney
 Pam Rohrs, Fiscal Court Clerk

Judge Henderson called the meeting to order with Magistrate Larry Randolph leading in prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Judge Henderson stated previous fiscal court approved actions regarding the purchase of vehicles for the Simpson County Sheriff's Department and Animal Control. He discussed budget procedures which would have to take place in moving forward with equipment purchases for the new vehicles.

Animal Control Officer/Deputy Sheriff Bart Blythe was present and explained the equipment quotes he had for the Animal Control vehicle. He presented a quote from Cowboys Custom Autoworks, Inc. for the Leer 100 R topper and spray-in bed liner for a cost of \$2,013.00. A Dodge truck package quote from L & W Emergency Equipment was presented for the lights, sirens, and lettering with a cost of \$2,675.00. An overall total cost for equipping the Animal Control Dodge Ram 1500 is \$4,688.00.

Sheriff Chris Cline was also present to discuss equipment for the (4) four Dodge Charger vehicles recently purchased. He presented a quote from L & W Emergency Equipment that included lights, sirens and lettering for a cost of \$3,800.00 per vehicle. The total cost for equipping all (4) four vehicles is \$15,200.00. The Sheriff explained the quote listing specific equipment and its function.

Sheriff Cline was questioned on other possibilities of equipping the car, such as, using local vendors for graphics and installation. Cline explained that there have been problems with local vendors leading to additional expenses for repairs and suggested using more experienced vendors. Judge Henderson, also, expressed the preference of using local vendors for graphics. Captain Jacky Hunt added that equipment on other emergency vehicles usually come equipped when purchased, unlike police vehicles. Magistrate Blake Tarpley questioned if all the equipment requested on the quote was absolutely necessary, and Sheriff Chris Cline replied that it was. Judge Henderson suggested we seek other options for an equipment package as other police departments have which could perhaps be less expensive and just as effective. The need for the push bumper was then discussed. Eliminating the push bumper would remove approximately \$600.00 from the package cost. Bart Blythe expressed that the push bumper is a piece of equipment that would provide protection in cases of off-road or pursuit experiences. Judge Henderson questioned whether Kentucky State Police vehicles have push bumpers, and Jacky Hunt answered that not all state police vehicles have them due to budget constraints and image.

A budget discussion then took place as the 2011 calendar year expenditures and revenues for the Sheriff's Department were reviewed. Fiscal Court questioned whether the revenues would increase sufficiently to meet the expenses. The sheriff assured them that it would because of changes in staffing positions and pay rates. He also stated that insurance money of \$5,000 for a wrecked cruiser had come to Fiscal Court. Judge Henderson explained that this money could be amended in for equipment but he had thought Sheriff Cline had had another plan. The sheriff said that he would like to use that money to purchase an SUV.

Magistrate Marty Chandler proposed equipping the vehicles with only necessary equipment and purchasing additional equipment if/when revenue numbers increase. Sheriff Chris Cline agreed to remove the push bumpers from the list of vehicle equipment purchases. Judge Henderson reiterated that he would like to use a local vendor for the graphics package, if possible.

Judge Henderson suggested that money be transferred out of Hazardous Duty Retirement into Vehicle Maintenance/Repair. Magistrate Chandler proposed using the \$5,000 insurance money for the equipment purchase for the vehicles and perhaps later consider the purchase of an SUV when revenue numbers improve.

Judge Henderson stated that a motion was in order to approve inter-fund transfer of \$17,100 from Hazardous Duty Retirement into 01-5015-340A-Vehicle Maint/Repair to purchase lights and sirens for Sheriff's Department's vehicles. At the next court meeting there will be a first reading of a budget amendment of \$13,800 to Hazardous Duty Retirement.

Motion by Banton Second by Tarpley Ayes-All
 Approve account transfer of \$17,100 from determined line items to purchase lights and sirens for the Sheriff's Department's vehicles.


Motion by Chandler Second by Randolph Ayes-All
 Go into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f) discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee. (9:55 AM)

Motion by Chandler Second by Randolph Ayes-All
 Come out of executive session. (10:49 AM)

Motion by Tarpley Second by Banton Ayes-All
 Approve Employee Status Resolution No. 2011-07-08EMP hiring 911 Dispatch employee, Dawn Hesson, as temporary/seasonal employee for six months at an hourly rate of \$9.50.

Motion by Randolph Second by Chandler Ayes-All
 Adjourn.

*See Attachments File July 8, 2011.


 JIM HENDERSON
 COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE