

Special-called Joint Term, Thursday Day, 8th Day of September 20 11

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 and Franklin City Commission to order at 6:00 PM in the County Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse. Magistrate Blake Tarpley opened the meeting with prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

The proposed ordinance addressing vicious dogs drew public comments from three citizens. A couple of pit bull dog owners expressed concerns that the ordinance exhibits breed profiling as it singles out that particular breed and also claimed that dogs are often misidentified as pit bulls when they in fact are not. Another objection was the required proof of financial responsibility in the form of certificate of insurance or surety bond.

Simpson County Animal Control Officer Bart Blythe reported that approximately 300 of the 334 animal control calls from March thru June were called in as pit bulls. Blythe and a city police officer have been bitten in the past few months in the line of duty by dogs identified as pit bulls.

Motion by Chandler Second by Tarpley Ayes- Banton, Chandler, Randolph, Tarpley and Henderson
 Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 310.14 establishing animal and livestock controls and prohibitions, licensing fee structure and setting penalties for violations.

Motion by Randolph Second by Chandler Ayes-Banton, Chandler, Randolph, Tarpley and Henderson
 Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 310.13 relating to the establishment of a PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) E-911 answering system at Post 3 of the Kentucky State Police with the City of Franklin, Simpson County and KSP entering into an interlocal agreement and authorizing Mayor Ronnie Clark and County Judge Executive Jim Henderson to execute any necessary documents related to this agreement.

The last matter of discussion was related to the recently passed codes enforcement ordinances passed by the City of Franklin and Simpson County. City Manager Kenton Powell and County Judge Executive Jim Henderson agree that both ordinances provide a means for enforcement through an officer as well as an appeals-type board. Since the ordinances mirror so closely with only a few exceptions where the county ordinance makes provision for certain agricultural exemptions, codes enforcement could be achieved by joint effort with one codes enforcement officer and one board with city and county representation. The city already has a three-member board in place and with a couple of appointments from the county a full board could be in place for joint enforcement. It was noted that violations primarily occur in the city or in the urbanized areas just outside the city limits. Judge Henderson proposed that with the savings that will be realized from the 911 dispatch consolidation with KSP, perhaps a reinvestment of public safety dollars could provide joint funding for a full-time codes enforcement officer. An interlocal agreement for cost sharing and county board appointments are points to be negotiated to have full enforcement measures in place to achieve the purpose of the ordinances passed by both city and county.

Motion by Tarpley Second by Banton Ayes-All
 Adjourn. (7:42 PM)

Motion by Barnes Second by Powell Ayes-All
 Adjourn. (7:42 PM)


 JIM HENDERSON
 COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

See Attachments File September 8, 2011.