

Special-called Joint Term, Thursday Day, 19th Day of January 20 12

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

County Judge Executive Jim Henderson called the fiscal court to order and Mayor Ronnie Clark called the Franklin City Commission to order for the special-called joint meeting at 6:00 PM in the County Courtroom of the Simpson County Historic Courthouse. City Commissioner Larry Dixon opened the meeting with prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

The session opened with Boys and Girls Club representatives, President Bill Harris, Treasurer Lydia Latham and Chief Professional Officer Jef Goodnight addressing the joint session. Their desire is to educate the public about the Boys and Girls Club of Franklin-Simpson. They expressed appreciation for support, gave a brief history, dispelled misconceptions, encouraged funding, presented a financial report, explained the daily operations and activities of the club and issued an invitation for the public to come by the club. The mission statement of the Boys and Girls Club of Franklin-Simpson is "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens."

Ms. Ann St. Clair of West Cedar Street had recently suffered the loss of one of her dogs because of an attack by a vicious dog. She relayed this to the joint session and reported the growing concern of the neighborhood about the lack of enforcement of the recently passed animal control ordinance. West Cedar Street resident Kim Buck reiterated this concern as she briefly addressed the joint session. The West Cedar Street Neighborhood Association submitted a petition of approximately thirty names to the City of Franklin requesting that the pit bull dogs responsible for the incident when Ms. St. Clair's dog was killed, and which have on several occasions roamed the neighborhood threatening the safety of the residents and their pets, be immediately removed from their owner's West Kentucky Avenue residence. It was then reported that those three dogs had in fact been removed due to non-compliance with regulations of the animal control ordinance. Animal Control Officer Bart Blythe reported that there has been an average of 60 calls per month with 90% of those relating to pit bull dogs and that enforcement at this time is complaint driven. The majority of those complaint calls are within the city limits or urbanized areas. He does not go out looking for violations. As animal control calls are made, preferably through the non-emergency 270.586.8824 dispatch number so as to generate a CAD (computer aided dispatch), the appropriate law enforcement agency – city or county – is dispatched. An assessment is made by the responding officer and that officer may ask for the animal control officer to respond. Animal Control Officer Bart Blythe has the authority to deem the animal vicious and the authority to put it down if he thinks it necessary to maintain public safety. Tom Moody, also a resident of West Cedar Street, presented another aspect of regulations within the ordinance that he would like to see enforced relating to the matter of community pride and the unsightly, unsanitary conditions resulting when dogs are allowed to run loose or walked by irresponsible owners.

Fire Rescue Chief Mark Halcomb reported that Simpson County dispatch service, including law enforcement, fire and EMS, has been transitioned to the Kentucky State Police Post 3 in Bowling Green as of 10:00 AM Tuesday, January 10th. The switch took less than ten seconds with numerous tests to ensure the desired level of functionality. He explained that there is a level of redundancy never before achieved but now with all the battery backups and generators as well as a T-1 two-way circuit monitored 24/7 by Frankfort, any hiccups will set off warning signals resulting in a transition from main to alternate system. The initial projected cost of this transition was \$110,000 but the ultimate burden came closer to \$70,000 after a \$26,000 Office of Homeland Security grant was re-energized. Another benefit of this dispatch consolidation is a partnering with the Commonwealth Office of Technology. Halcomb was commended for his dedication to this transition with particular emphasis on the technical and equipment side of this endeavor and Franklin City Police Chief Todd Holder worked diligently with the personnel side in maintaining the local dispatch operation in the midst of the transition period as employees found other jobs and scheduling required numerous part-time temporary employees to get the service to that switchover date.

The joint session took a ten-minute break at 7:40 PM.

Emergency Management Director Robert Palmer explained the One Call Now that the Franklin Electric Plant Board, the City of Franklin and Simpson County have partnered to implement as the public phone call notification system. He reported that the installation of software is now in progress and training is scheduled for January 26th for personnel who will use the system. He stated that this would not replace weather radios nor outdoor sirens. Public education will be the key to the success of this system as citizens become aware of its value and their responsibility for registration of contact information.

Motion by Chandler Second by Banton Ayes-All
 Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 340.1 prohibiting the sale and possession of synthetic drug products with second reading and scheduled for the regular fiscal court meeting on February 7, 2012.

Motion by Powell Second by Barnes Ayes-All
 Motion by Chandler Second by Tarpley Ayes-All
 Appoint City Manager Kenton Powell and County Judge Executive Jim Henderson to develop a job description contract and all other matters related to retaining a code enforcement officer and conduct interviews and recommend contracting with an individual subject to approval of the Franklin City Commission and Simpson County Fiscal Court.

Motion by Clark Second by Henderson Ayes-All
 Adjourn. (8:20 PM)


 JIM HENDERSON
 COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

See Attachments File January 19, 2012.