

Special-called Joint Term,

Wednesday Day,

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Day of March

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At a special-called joint meeting of the Franklin City Commission and Simpson County Fiscal Court held in the City Hall Meeting Room located at 117 West Cedar ST, Franklin, Kentucky, March 1, 2017, at noon, was

Present: Honorable Jim Henderson, Judge/Executive  
\* Bobby Bush, Magistrate  
\* Marty Chandler, Magistrate  
\* Lary Randolph, Magistrate  
\* Blake Tarpley, Magistrate  
Pam Rohrs, Fiscal Court Clerk

Honorable Ronnie Clark, Mayor  
\* Mason Barnes, Commissioner  
\* Larry Dixon, Commissioner  
\* Jamie Powell, Commissioner  
\* Wendell Stewart, Commissioner  
\* Scott Crabtree, City Attorney  
Kenton Powell, City Manager  
Cathy Dillard, City Clerk

Absent: Honorable Sam Phillips, County Attorney

Mayor Ronnie Clark called the Franklin City Commission into session for this special-called meeting and Judge Executive Jim Henderson called the Simpson County Fiscal Court into order. City Commissioner Larry Dixon led with prayer and the pledge to the American flag followed.

This joint session was for the City of Franklin to formally present information to the Fiscal Court about the city's proposal of the Franklin Aquatic, Community and Convention Center. Franklin's Tammie Carey opened the presentation by introducing representatives from the consultants working with the city on plans for this project. Those firms are Arnold Consulting Engineering, S253 Design Group, Isaac Sports Group (ISG) and Water Technology, Inc. Franklin native Steve Crocker representing Water Technology, Inc. opened the presentation with a bit of history of the Franklin public pool which closed in 2008 after opening in 1951 with Kentucky native U.S. Vice President Alben W. Barkley present for the dedication. The presentations continued with each of the firms offering information from their areas of expertise including programming proposed for the center as well as financial projections and financing options. A 3% restaurant tax and additional hotel room taxes are proposed for some financing options as well as memberships and usage fees for the center. Estimates of \$20 million for construction with \$3 million annual operating costs were the figures presented to the joint session.

Questions were raised regarding the viability of the project and it was suggested that examination of similar projects in our region to see how those are currently fairing would be prudent. Examples of struggling facilities as well as successful ones were specifically mentioned.

The joint session was informed that public informational events were planned for the following day.

Motion by Chandler	Second by Tarpley	Yes-All
Motion by Powell	Second by Barnes	Yes-All
Adjourn. (2:00 PM)		

  
JIM HENDERSON  
COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE