

The Franklin City Commission convened with Simpson Fiscal Court in **regular joint session** at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, **March 5, 2009**, in the second floor meeting room of the Simpson County Court House, public square, Franklin, Kentucky. Elected Officials present were:

City of Franklin

Hon. Mayor Jim, chair
 Commissioner Herbert Williams
 Commissioner Wendell Stewart
 Commissioner Henry Stone
 Commissioner Bill Austin

Simpson Fiscal Court

Hon. Judge-Ex. Jim Henderson, chair
 Magistrate Kelly Banton
 Magistrate Larry Randolph
 Magistrate Charles McCutchen
 Magistrate Marty Chandler

Also present were City Manager, Hal W. Toomey; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree, Police Chief, Todd Holder; Assistant Police Chief, Dallas Whiles; Fiscal Court Clerk, Pam Rohrs; County Attorney, Sam Phillips; Simpson County Sheriff, Gene Starks, several of the Sheriff Department's Deputies, Jamie Powell, and several members of the public. Fiscal Court Clerk Pam Rohrs video taped the meeting.

Judge-Executive Henderson called the Fiscal Court to order and Mayor Brown called the City Commission in to session. Magistrate Charles McCutchen offered an opening prayer and led the pledge to the American flag.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Mr. Rick and JoLynn Bell were present regarding an opportunity they recently had to witness F-S Fire Rescue in action. Mr. Bell addressed the joint meeting to publicly commend and thank the F-S Fire Rescue for their actions during a fire at the home of his in-laws, Joe and Annie Robey, on Morgantown Road. The fire-fighters were able to rescue many sentimental and valuable items for the family and they are impressed and grateful for the performance of the professionals on the Fire Rescue team. Mr. Bell praised these individuals commitment to training; their service and concern for the community is a blessing.

REGULAR BUSINESS

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding City and County Issues**

The business being conducted during the current Kentucky legislative session was discussed, and included, but not limited to:

Senate Bill #73 was to be voted on today and concerns medical expense at County jail facilities, passage of this bill will go a great way in helping to alleviate the funding strains being placed on County budgets.

House Bill #117 will extend the phase in of actuary funding in the Kentucky Retirement System from five years to ten years; this action is very important to local governments to ease the impact on local budgets in meeting this financial requirement, the Bill has passed in the House and is now in committee in the Senate. Citizens are urged to contact members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee to move the bill forward during this session so financial relief might be realized during the current economic climate.

REPORTS

• **MAYOR AND/OR JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

None

• **MAGISTRATES AND/OR CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Magistrate Randolph discussed the Simpson County Sheriff Department's staffing on second and third shifts and the need for additional man power in certain situations. A recent incident involving gun shots at a location outside the City limits raised the concern. Simpson County Sheriff Gene Starks addressed the officials regarding his department's procedures, which included assistance from the State and City Police as needed; these resources are automatically available. Sheriff office shift commanders were present, and new Police Chief Todd Holder was introduced during the discussion.

Commissioner Henry Stone wished to acknowledge the recent passing of Bobby Payne, a long time volunteer firefighter who gave thirty-five years of service to Simpson County citizens during his years on the Fire Department.

• **CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY AND/OR COUNTY ATTORNEY**

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None


EXECUTIVE SESSION

None


ADJOURNMENT

The Simpson County Fiscal Court adjourned their meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Motion carried at 6:25 p.m. and the joint session was closed.



Jim Brown, Mayor
City of Franklin, KY



Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
City of Franklin, KY