

The Franklin City Commission convened with Simpson Fiscal Court in **regular joint session** at 6:00 pm on Thursday, **March 4, 2010**, 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 Herbert S. Williams, chair
Commissioner Jamie Powell
Commissioner Henry Stone
Commissioner Wendell Stewart

Simpson Fiscal Court

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

City Commissioner Mike Simpson was absent. Also present were City Manager, Jim Brown; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Chief, Todd Holder; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; County Attorney, Sam Phillips; County Sheriff, Gene Starks; Fiscal Court Clerk, Pam Rohrs and a representative from Franklin-Simpson Habitat for Humanity. F-S High Student Bobby Uhls was present to video tape the meeting. A member of the media, Keith Pyles, was present representing the Franklin Favorite/WFKN

At 6:08 pm Judge-Executive Henderson called the Fiscal Court into session and Mayor Williams called the City Commission into regular joint session. Commissioner Wendell Stewart offered an opening prayer and Judge-Executive Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Habitat for Humanity Project**

Executive director of Frankin-Simpson Habitat for Humanity, Marla Knight-Dutille, addressed the joint session requesting the refund of approximately \$990 in building fees paid to F-S Planning & Zoning last year. Ms. Knight-Dutille noted the organization she represents assists in the construction and ownership of homes for low-income individuals, and the local governments see benefit when those individuals immediately become tax payers who contribute to city, county, and state revenues and through mentoring become productive community members. Many companies donate materials in other ways to Habitat for Humanity, and if the local governments could help them reduce their cash outlay in this matter, it would free resources to be used to continue Habitats' goals and construction. During discussion, the City and County legal counsel expressed their concern that direct refund of building fees could create an undesirable precedent and advised against such action. Upon further consideration, both bodies desire to assist Habitat to continue its work and expressed interest in providing some type of assistance, perhaps through some type contractual service exchange. City and County staff will continue to investigate the request and options available. Ms. Knight-Dutille thanked the body for their interest, and expressed Habitat's gratitude for previous consideration shown their programs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Their being an item of business both bodies need to consider, **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to enter in to executive session for the purpose of discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business per KRS 61.810 (1g). Ayes: Commissioners Stewart, Stone, Powell and Mayor Williams. . Motion carried at 6:30 pm. The Fiscal Court adopted a similar motion, and entering the closed session were Mayor Williams and the three Commissioners, and Judge-Executive Henderson and the four Magistrates.

At 6:40 the members re-entered the open meeting room, and **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit executive session and return to open session. Ayes: City Commissioners Stewart, Stone, Powell and Mayor Williams. Motion carried. The Fiscal Court adopted a similar motion.

ORDINANCES

- **First Reading of an Ordinance Between the City of Franklin, Kentucky, County of Simpson, Kentucky and the Franklin-Simpson Industrial Authority Approving an Interlocal Agreement for Funding of Economic and/or Industrial Development**

Mayor Williams and Commissioner Powell had sponsored a City Ordinance to be prepared by City Attorney Scott Crabtree and City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave first reading to a summary of Ordinance number 830.7-3-2010 which would approve an interlocal agreement, and the signing of such, for funding of economic and/or industrial development. The entire text of the proposed ordinance and interlocal agreement are available at City Hall for public inspection.

Simpson County Fiscal Court had also heard first reading of an ordinance adopting and approving the agreements and necessary signatures for Simpson County. The Fiscal Court is required to take a vote upon the first reading of a proposed ordinance, and the vote was unanimous. Second reading is required before the legislation takes effect.

- **General Discussion of City/County Issues**

None

REPORTS

- **MAYOR/JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

None

- **CITY COMMISSIONERS AND/OR MAGISTRATES**

Fiscal Court reported that at a recent 911 Board meeting appreciation for the work of the F-S Fire/Rescue Department was heard. Mr. and Mrs. Harris praised the department for their performance during a fire at their residence on South Railroad Street. The couple could not

say enough about the response and courtesy extended them from all the Franklin-Simpson emergency services who responded to the crisis at their home.

In a related matter, Magistrate Chandler reported that at the last Fiscal Court meeting, the purchase of a new 2,000 gallon tanker truck for Fire/Rescue was approved.

Magistrate McCutchen reported on a successful Chamber meeting held this afternoon.

Mayor Williams wished to remind the public and urge everyone to attend the "Recycle Life" blood drive would be held in front of City Hall on East Cedar Street on March 9.

Commissioner Stone reported the Franklin Housing Authority has named Hal Toomey to serve as permanent Executive Director.

• **CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY/COUNTY ATTORNEY**

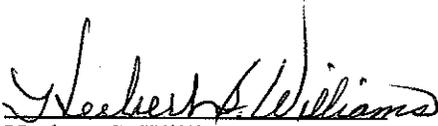
None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion and second was made by the Fiscal Court and all their members voted to adjourn. At 6:50 pm **motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to adjourn the City Commission. Ayes: Commissioners Stewart, Stone, Powell and Mayor Williams. Motion carried and the Joint Session was closed.


Herbert S. Williams, Mayor
City of Franklin, KY


Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
City of Franklin, KY
