

SIMPSON COUNTY FISCAL

Quarterly Joint

Thursday

5th

March

2009

The Simpson County Fiscal Court met in a regular quarterly joint meeting with the Franklin City Commission in the County Courtroom of the Simpson County Courthouse on March 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Honorable Jim Henderson, Judge/Executive
" Kelly Banton, Magistrate
" Marty Chandler, Magistrate
" Charles McCutchen, Sr., Magistrate
" Larry Randolph, Magistrate
" Sam Phillips, County Attorney
" Pam Rohrs, Fiscal Court Clerk

Honorable Jim Brown, Mayor
" Bill Austin, Commissioner
" Wendell Stewart, Commissioner
" Henry Stone, Commissioner
" Herbert Williams, Commissioner
" Hal Toomey, City Manager
" Scott Crabtree, City Attorney
Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk

The regular quarterly joint city commission fiscal court meeting convened with Mayor Brown and County Judge/Executive Henderson calling the meeting to order. Magistrate Charlie McCutchen led in prayer followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Ricky Bell was given the opportunity to address this joint session to express his family's appreciation and commend the Franklin-Simpson Fire Rescue for their professional and compassionate response to a fire on February 13, 2009, at the residence of his elderly parents-in-law, Joe and Annie Robey. Mr. and Mrs. Robey had resided in this home for 72 years of their 73-years of marriage. Both escaped the fire without injury but watched with heavy hearts as keepsakes, photographs and cash were posed for destruction. The responding firefighters retrieved many of the cherished possessions accumulated during the Robey's lifetime, and the family is grateful for the noble efforts of those firefighters in accomplishing that.

There was some discussion on the status of pending legislation with particular interest in SB73 regarding medical costs in the jails and HB117 which proposes a 10-year plan as opposed to the current 5-year time frame to achieve the retirement rate that has been mandated for employer-contributed dollars. HB117 has passed the House but is now in the Senate.

Another discussion that surfaced during this joint session of the city and county was that of law enforcement response in the county particularly during the 2nd and 3rd shifts when staffing is at a minimum. Sheriff Gene Starks addressed the meeting with assurances that with the available assistance of two state police officers assigned to this area and the potential assistance of city police, when needed, that Simpson County is adequately covered. The sheriff confirmed that all law enforcement entities monitor radio traffic which provides information to experienced officers to determine when assistance/back-up is needed even before requests are issued. Sheriff Starks reported that he has ten deputies with one as a school resource officer, another one as transport officer and another as a drug task force officer.

City Police Chief Todd Holder was recognized and welcomed as he recently assumed his duties.

Commissioner Stone recognized the recent passing of a former veteran firefighter, Bobby Payne.

There were no comments from the public and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

See Attachments File March 5, 2009.