



**Franklin-Simpson Industrial Authority
Special Called Board of Directors Meeting
Board of Directors Meeting
July 15, 2026**

Date and Attendance: The Franklin Simpson Industrial Authority Board of Directors held a special called meeting at Noon on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 in the conference room of the Page Center located at 403 North College Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Those in attendance were Chairman Gary Broady, Steve Compton, Wendell Stewart, Darla Knight, Ben Harris, Wayne Goodrum, Marty Chandler, Chris Kummer, Judge Mason Barnes, Chamber Director Steve Thurmond, Buddy Leach, Counsel of the Franklin Simpson Industrial Authority, Jim DeCesare Executive Director of the Franklin Simpson Industrial Authority. The invocation was given by Buddy Leach.

Public Comment- No visitors. No comments made.

Minutes Approval- The minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting were presented for review. On a motion by Marty Chandler and seconded by Wendell Stewart the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report- The June treasurer's report was presented for review. On a motion by Chris Kummer and seconded by Wayne Goodrum the report was approved.

June 30, 2027 SPGE Budget- The June 30, 2027 SPGE budget was presented for review. On a motion by Chris Kummer and seconded by Wayne Goodrum the 2027 budget was adopted.

Labor Report- The unemployment rate for Simpson County in May was 4.1 percent compared to 4.1 percent in April. The civilian labor force was 8,551 in May. The participation rate was 57.5 percent in May.

Chairman Gary Broady Remarks

Executive Director Jim DeCesare Remarks

Sumitomo Expansion Update- Mr. DeCesare told the Board that construction is underway with two change orders already known. The steel package is expected in a couple of months.

InvestPrep Update- No new information regarding this grant project.



Henderson Park Pad-Ready Site- Mr. DeCesare told the Board that the current owner is in the process of getting permits from the State to construct a 50,000 square foot facility.

RDAPP Monies- Mr. DeCesare told the Board that approval had been obtained to use these funds to construct a dry well in the Henderson Industrial Park and to add an extension to the Henderson Park main entrance sign.

Project Kangaroo- Mr. DeCesare told the Board that Franklin/Simpson County is still in the running for this project.

Thank You's- Mr. DeCesare thanked both the City and County governments for issuing support letters for grocery store projects.

Freeman Parkway- Mr. DeCesare informed the Board that Jeff Arnold has been hired by the City to assist with engineering of this roadway. Bids for construction are expected to be let within a month.

Roxy Repairs- Mr. DeCesare told the Boar about needed ceiling repairs. Estimated repair costs are \$8,771.00. On a motion by Darla Knight and seconded by Wendell Stewart the Board voted to authorize the needed repairs.

WaWa Update- Mr. Leach told the Board that the company has asked for the commercial restrictions in the park covenants be lifted. On a motion by Marty Chandler and seconded by Chris Kummer the Board voted to lift the commercial restrictions of the park covenants for this project.

Buddy Leach Remarks- No report

Mayor Larry Dixon Remarks- No report

Chamber Director Steve Thurmond- No report

Schools Superintendent Tim Schlosser Remarks- No report

On a motion by Wayne Goodrum and seconded by Darla Knight the Board voted to go into Executive Session under KRS 61.810(1)(f).

On a motion by Wayne Goodrum and seconded by Chris Kummer the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.



On a motion by Wayne Goodrum and seconded by Chris Kummer the Board voted to extend the executive director search by an additional two weeks and to delete the live in Simpson County requirement for an applicant that might be hired.

Gary Broady submitted his resignation from the Industrial Authority Board effective immediately as well as the executive director search committee. Darla Knight was added to the executive director search committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the special called meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:29 p.m.

Steve Compton, Interim Chairman