

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

August 21, 2018

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Be it remembered that a session of the County Commission of Stone County was held in the courthouse at Galena, on August 21, 2018. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Mark Maples.

Morning Session:

9:00 AM – Elected Officials/Department Heads Monthly Meeting

Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Following the pledge of allegiance, Circuit Clerk Debbie Scobee delivered the prayer.

Those present for this meeting today are as follows: David Daehling, Electronic Contracting Co.; Earl Johnson, IT Director; Joy Wilson, Planning and Zoning Director; John Cunyningham, Coroner; Randy Burke, Central Road & Bridge; Jodie Thomas, Assessors Office; Kristi Stephens, Treasurer; Wendy Metcalf, Public Administrator; Vicki May, Collector; Chief Tim Gideon; Captain Isaac Cornelison; Sergeant Dustin Johnson; Amy Larson, Recorder; Debbie Scobee & Mechelee Lebow, Circuit Clerk; Matt Selby Prosecuting Attorney; County Counsel William McCullah; Stone County Clerk Cindy Elmore; Donna McConkey Chief Deputy Stone County Clerk; Peggy Griffith, Kathy Hass & Tena Foster, Stone County Clerk's office.

Elected Officials/Department Heads Monthly Meeting

Kristi Stephens, discussion on Flower Fund Policy, to be added to next week's agenda for approval. Donna McConkey and Earl Johnson discussion on new phone system and need for safety code or alert system, all Elected Officials are to get with Donna by Tuesday August 28th with who they would like in their office to have the paging system.

Debbie Scobee, needs all Elected Officials who can serve chicken be at the Broiler Festival in Crane around 2 pm to help.

Discussion on how to fill Commission and Assessors vacant seats, and how it works.

The Commissioners & Elected Officials would like to thank all involved in the tragedy the County had last month.

Flower Fund Policy

\$50/ event

- Sickness/Hospital-Employee only
 1. Birth of a child
 2. Extended hospital stay- 1+ days

- Funeral
 1. Follow personnel policy
 2. Past officials-10 years removed
 3. Retired employees-5 years removed

Notes- If a death affects more than 1 employee only 1 flower/plant will be sent

If an order requires extra fees, those will be in addition to the \$50 limit. (\$50+ fees)

Sales Tax Report

General Revenue Sales Tax receipts were up 19.81% for the month and up 14.78% for the year. Capital Improvement Sales Tax receipts were up 21.56% for the month and up 14.83% for the year. Law Enforcement Sales Tax receipts were up 21.56% for the month and up 14.72% for the year. The Local Option Use Tax is up \$110,017.8 from this time last year.

2018 Budget Expenditure and Revenue lines

Expenditure and Revenue lines were reviewed and discussed.

Recess: 9:57 AM to Commission Meeting at 10:00 AM

10:11 AM

Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meeting dated August 16, 2018 was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood – yes. Minutes ordered approved.

Schedule of Bills - 1

Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood presented a schedule of bills that have been submitted to him from the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$309,941.52. This matter to accept the bills for payment was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood - yes. Order to pay carried.

Schedule of Bills - 2

Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood presented a schedule of bills that have been submitted to him from the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$88,811.82. This matter to accept the bills for payment was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood - yes. Order to pay carried.

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendations

Planning and Zoning had no board recommendations at this time.

Stone County General Revenue and Road & Bridge Levy Hearing

Cindy Elmore County Clerk, Kathy Hass and Peggy Griffith came before the Commission with the proposed 2018 levies for General Revenue and Road and Bridge. As per RSMO 67.505 the proposed property tax levy was calculated using a 50% sales tax reduction formula. County Clerk Cindy Elmore proposed that the 2018 General Revenue levy to be set at 0.0971 and that the 2018 Road and Bridge levy remain, at 0.0000.

The matter to accept the recommendation and set the 2018 tax levy for General Revenue at 0.0971 was brought to decision by a roll call vote; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood - yes. Matter carried, levy set.

The matter to accept the recommendation and set the 2018 tax levy for Road and Bridge at 0.0000 was brought to decision by a roll call vote; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood - yes. Matter carried, levy set.

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2018 Levy Hearing
Clerk Levy Recommendation Presentation to the County Commission

At the end of June 2018, the County Clerk received aggregate assessed valuation, and new construction reports from the Stone County Assessor. These valuations were reported to the State Tax Commission, to the State Auditor's Office, to all Stone County taxing entities, and to Stone County Schools. The aggregate assessed valuations for Stone County General Revenue and Stone County Road and Bridge are before you. These valuations were included with a notice of public hearing set for today. The notice ran in the County's newspapers for two weeks.

GENERAL REVENUE

The State Auditor reviewed the valuations that were submitted and computed that the 2018 tax rate For Stone County General Revenue is 0.2848.

The office of the County Clerk then used the State Auditor's approved formula for determining the sales tax reduction that is to be applied to the tax rate.

The sales tax reduction is calculated as follows:

- 1) Actual sales tax collected from the last six months of the previous year and the first six months of the current year is used as the estimate for the total current year collection. That Sales Tax estimate is divided by 50%. For 2018 the estimated sales tax revenue is 2,363,409 divided by 50%. This results in a 1,181,705 reduction of revenue to be collected from Property Tax.
- 2) The Assessed Valuation reported to the Auditor is multiplied by the Pro Forma Tax Rate Ceiling (629,655,770 x 0.2848) for Total Gross Tax revenue of 1,793,260.
- 3) The 50% reduction due to sales tax (1,181,705) is subtracted from the total gross tax revenue (1,793,260) leaving 611,555 to be raised by 2018 property tax.
- 4) The revenue from sales tax allows for property tax payers to have their General Revenue portion of their tax bill reduced by 0.1877.

Therefore the Office of the Stone County Clerk recommends to the Stone County Commission that the General Revenue Tax Rate for 2018 be set at 0.0971.

In December the formula will be recalculated with the actual 2018 sales tax revenue amounts. At that time if there is a surplus in the General Revenue Maximum Allowable Revenue, then that 2018 surplus will be allotted to Road and Bridge in the 2019 budget. The 2018 budget has already allotted Road and Bridge 30,000, so any surplus over that amount will be required to be budgeted to Road and Bridge in 2018 in addition to any other amount approved by the County Commission.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

The same calculations that were used for General Revenue apply to Road and Bridge. The 50% reduction of 2018's estimated sales tax (1,261,791) is more revenue than the Gross Tax Revenue from the 0.1456 tax rate (916,779) computed by the State Auditor.

Therefore the Office of the Stone County Clerk recommends to the Stone County Commission that the Stone County Road and Bridge Tax Rate for 2018 be set at 0.0000.

Discuss Installation of New Jail Locks

The Commission had given Electronic Contracting Company two more weeks, and was put on today's August 21st, agenda. David Daehling, Electronic Contracting Company came before the

Commission again stating that the locks still are not working properly. The Commission and County Counsel are looking over the ECC Contract and have put Mr. Daehling back on the next weeks agenda to discuss different options to make sure something gets done on this issue.

Jail Inmate Meal Contract Signed

County Counsel William McCullah reviewed and amended the Jail Inmate Meal Contract with Summit Food. The matter to accept the amended Contract with Summit Food Services was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood – yes. Matter carried, Contract Signed

Announcements

9:00 Wednesday August 22, 2018 the County Commissioners will be attending the SMCOG meeting held at the Library Center, Springfield.

Public Time:

Time was extended to anyone who wanted to speak to the commission at this time. No one came forward.

Adjournment:

The adjournment of the Stone County Commission meeting was brought to decision by roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood – yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM.