

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

December 6, 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 December 6, 2018. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Mark Maples.

Morning Session:

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Commission Work Session – General Discussion with no decisions.

10:00 AM

Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: David Casaletto, Ozark Water Watch; Sally Bartnett, Cochran Engineering; Sheila Thomas, Susan Mayr & Kathy Clark, Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce; Kristi Stephens, Treasurer; County Counsel William McCullah; Denise Dickens, Commission Administrative Assistant; Stone County Clerk, Cindy Elmore; Stone County Clerk Chief Deputy, Donna McConkey and Tena Foster, Stone County Clerk's office.

Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated December 4, 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 \$135,282.45. 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 \$68,017.70. 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.

Ozark Clean Water Watch-Yearly Update

David Casaletto, President of OCWW came before the Commission with a yearly update, And some history on Ozark Water Watch:

Water Quality Protection in Stone County

In 1998, exactly twenty years ago, the Table Rock Lake Area Chamber of Commerce formed Table Rock Lake Water Quality (TRLWQ), an independent, 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. The chamber recognized that a continued decline in the lake's water quality could have a devastating impact on the region's tourism industry. TRLWQ's mission was to improve and maintain water quality in Table Rock Lake. In the year 2000, I became the first employee of TRLWQ. In 2001, the Stone County Commission, understanding how important a clean and clear Table Rock Lake was to Stone County, started contracting with TRLWQ for environmental and water quality related services. In 2002, TRLWQ received a \$2 million dollar grant from EPA that changed how we deal with wastewater, not only in Stone County and Southwest Missouri, but also across the whole state of Missouri. Other grants followed over the years bringing more funds to replace failing septic systems, pumpout septic systems, install pervious pavers at the Kimberling City Shopping Center and produce watershed management plans. I estimate close to \$10 million in grant dollars has flowed to our area in the last 20 years.

Also, every year starting in 2001, we host the Table Rock Lake Shoreline Cleanup. Thousands of volunteers have removed hundreds of tons of trash and debris, thousands of tires, and in the early days especially, a literal mountain of Styrofoam. And we have attended, hosted and spoke at hundreds of events and meetings, bringing the water quality message to thousands of people. Today we continue that educational work utilizing social media and a weekly newsletter.

Around 2001, a group of prominent Southwest Missouri businessmen were getting together and talking about water quality. This group included Johnny Morris, Peter Herschend, Ben Parnell, Leon Combs, to name a few. Out of those meetings, the Upper White River Basin Foundation, now doing business as Ozarks Water Watch, was formed, a non-profit 501(c)3 foundation with the following vision: "WITH YOUR HELP WE WILL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE BEAVER, TABLE ROCK, TANEYCOMO AND BULL SHOALS LAKES THE FOUR CLEANEST MANMADE LAKES IN NORTH AMERICA".

In 2010, after 10 years with TRLWQ, I became the executive director of Ozarks Water Watch (OWW). I continued to work close with TRLWQ and in 2014 OWW and TRLWQ merged together with the new company being better and stronger than the two companies had been before as separate entities.

The accomplishments I am most proud of over the years include:

- 2002: EPA \$2 million Onsite Wastewater Demonstration Project Grant
- 2004: Formation of Ozarks Clean Water Company—nonprofit owning 20 sewer and water systems
- 2010: DNR \$800,000 Stormwater Kimberling City Shopping Center Grant
- 2011: DNR SRF \$2 million grant to replace failing septic systems
- 2016: Purchase Ozarks Environmental Services—now a nonprofit that maintains over 120 sewer and water systems with 16 professionally trained and licensed operators
- 2018: Purchase the old Noel's Marine building to house all three nonprofit operations under one roof

But I am most proud to have played a role in the improvement of the water quality of Table Rock Lake, and I think that you, as Stone County Commissioners, should be proud that your predecessors stepped up from the beginning to protect water quality through the years and that you have continued to do so. Thank, you!

Ozarks Water Watch will continue to serve the residents of Stone County by providing environmental, water quality and wastewater education, consultation and services. Specifically, OWW would like to continue to:

1. Assist Stone County residents with environmental, water quality and wastewater solutions
2. Help residents deal with regulatory agencies and understand regulations
3. Provide newsletters on water quality subjects to subscribers, online audiences and media
4. Help county residents find funding sources for repair/replacement of failing wastewater systems
5. Educate and provide demonstrations for solutions to storm water runoff issues
6. Represent Stone County's environmental interests at the state and federal level
7. Obtain grants to assist in the water quality conservation and protection efforts
8. Attend meetings with local decision makers to discuss water quality issues and projects
9. Continue the annual Shoreline Cleanup of Table Rock Lake
10. Continue the annual Taneycomo Lakeshore Cleanup
11. Work with government and regulatory agencies to find solutions to failing septic systems
12. Continue to provide ongoing septic system maintenance programs and septic systems inspection / repair at the time of property sale
13. Promote a network of water quality monitoring teams to help provide real data on the status of the watershed and water quality

Items listed above:	Budget (County Contract)	Budget (estimated match)
1-2, 4, 12	\$4,500	\$150,000
3, 5, 7	\$2,000	\$ 2,000
6, 8, 11	\$1,000	\$ 5,000
9-10	\$1,000	\$10,000
13	\$1,500	\$ 2,000
Total	\$10,000	\$ 169,000

Together we are making a positive difference in the lake, streams, rivers and ground water of Stone County which allows us to continue to enjoy our current quality of life.

Sincerely,

 David Casaletto
 Executive Director

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Casaletto for everything that he has done and continues to do for our lakes. Stone County hopes to continue their \$10,000 support for their services, and truly appreciates everything OCWW does!

Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood requested that the OCWW bring or send them a detailed breakdown on how the funds will be spent, so the County has it for their 2019 budget.

Table Rock Lake Area Chamber- Yearly Update

Sheila Thomas, Susan Mayr & Kathy Clark, Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce came before the Commission with a recap on 2018. Mrs. Thomas would like for Stone County to continue their support to help promote tourism & economic development in 2019. Each Commissioner was given a letter from Mayor Bob Fritz for their continued support.

Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood agreed that tourism is extremely important to all of Stone County and would like the Chamber of Commerce to contact surrounding schools and make sure they are contacting all of Stone County. Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood requested that the TRLCC bring or send them a detailed breakdown on how the funds will be spent, so the County has it for their 2019 budget. The County has supported TRLCC since 1990.



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To the office of Dennis Wood:

My name is Robert Fritz, I am the Mayor and a resident of Kimberling City. I am also a member of the Table Rock Chamber of Commerce here in Stone County Missouri. I am requesting your continued support to the Table rock Chamber of Commerce.

Tourism marketing and economic development is very important in this area. The Table Rock Chamber is not funded by tourism tax, but is dependent on businesses and elected officials like you that show your support through donations, and contributions.

We, as a City and County need continued support for the upcoming year. Any contributions made by your office should not be looked at as a cost but as an investment in your citizens, by helping make the area thrive.

Consideration in the matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Fritz".

Robert Fritz
Mayor
City of Kimberling City
Mayor@ckcmo.com

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Approve County Vehicle Policy

POLICY CONCERNING PERSONAL USE OF COUNTY VEHICLES BY ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES

In order that the County's road and bridge employees may be available during off-duty hours for emergency response, and to allow employees to return to parked road maintenance machinery so that such machinery need not be transported to the County's shop facilities at the end of each business day, the County requires certain county road and bridge employees to drive county-owned vehicles to and from work.

As per IRS recommendation and the *Commuting Valuation Rule* section of IRS Publication 15-B, effective May 1 2018, all County road & bridge employees who are required to drive county-owned vehicles to and from work shall be considered to have been provided a benefit of \$3.00 for each round trip.

Personal use of county vehicles other than commuting between the employee's home and workplace is prohibited, other than minimal personal use, such as a stop for a personal errand on the way between the workplace and the employee's home. Personal use of a vehicle is all use that is not for county business.

Roll call to accept the policy concerning personal use of County vehicles by road & bridge employees was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood - yes. Matter Carried.

Announcements:

All bills need to be in by December 18, last day to pay bills will be December 20th.

Retirement Party for Deborah Scobee, Cheryl Tittsworth and Nancy Harmon will be Wednesday December 12, 2018, 1-4, Stone County Annex Building.

Brad Hudson going away party is on Thursday, January 3rd at 2 p.m. in the Assessor's office.

Christmas Dinner, December 20th at 12:00, in the basement of the Judicial Building.

Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood stated that it has been a privilege working with everyone over the past 9 years. The Commissioners also thanked Northern Road Commissioner Jim Gold for his 20 years of service.

Retirement Party for Dennis Wood, 9 Years of Service; Sue Tichenor, 20 Years of Service & Jim Gold, 13 Years of Service, will be December 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM, in the Commission Room.

Recess: 11:11 AM to Road & Bridge meeting at Noon

Public Time:

Time was extended to anyone who wanted to speak to the commission at this time.

Adjournment:

Following the adjournment of the Highway Commission, 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 12:54 PM.

