

THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF  
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

December 28, 2017

STATE OF MISSOURI |  
COUNTY OF STONE |

Be it remembered that a session of the County Commission of Stone County was held in the courthouse at Galena, on December 28, 2017. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Mark Maples.

**Morning Session:**

**10:20 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: Cindy Elmore, County Clerk; County Counsel William McCullah 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 26, 2017 was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood – abstain. 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 \$26,134.99. 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.

## **Lakes Area Advocacy Center-Yearly Update**

Melinda Ingram, spoke on behalf of the Child Advocacy Center, and thanked the Stone County Commission for their support. Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood stated they have the Lakes Area Advocacy Center in their budget for \$12,000.00 again for 2018. Mrs. Ingram thanked them again and told them it was very much appreciated.

Thank you for \$12,000 provided to the LACAC in 2017.

That funding helped us to continue to provide services to child abuse victims in our area by assuring we have rent, equipment, supplies.

- Primary sources of income for the LACAC are
- National Children's Alliance through remaining accredited 7,000
- Dept of Public Safety – exams
- State Children's Division – formula where funds are dispersed according to population of counties served and number of children seen at each CAC
- 39,000
- VOCA- provides our full time Victim Advocate 75,000
- Donations and fundraisers
- Stone Co. Commission 12,000

In 2017, the LACAC provided forensic interviews and exams to 76 Stone Co. children.

44 of those children were victims of sexual abuse  
32 were victims of physical abuse; witness to DV; or exposed to drug use in the their home.

We ask that Stone Co. continue to provide funding to help us continue services to children in our community.

**Recess: 10:40 AM**

### **Discuss 2018 Budget Appropriations**

Budgets still being reviewed.

### **Public Time:**

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

### **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 1:30 PM.

