

**STONE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**December 6, 2018**

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**COUNTY OF STONE |**

Be it remembered that a session of the County Highway Commission of Stone County was held on December 6, 2018 at which the following were present Presiding Commissioner Dennis Wood, Northern Commissioner Mark Maples, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe, County Counsel Bill McCullah, Northern Road Commissioner Jim Gold. Southern Road Commissioner Randy Rogers-absent.

Others present for this meeting were; Mike Keithley, Northern Foreman, Randy Burke, Central Foreman; Bob Hazen, Southern Shop Foreman, Doug Neidigh, Ozarks Clean Air Alliance (OCAA) and Tena Foster, Stone County Clerk's office.

**12:00 PM**

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

**Approve Minutes**

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Highway Commission meeting dated November 15, 2018, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Gold – yes; Rogers – absent; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood-yes. Minutes ordered approved.

**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.

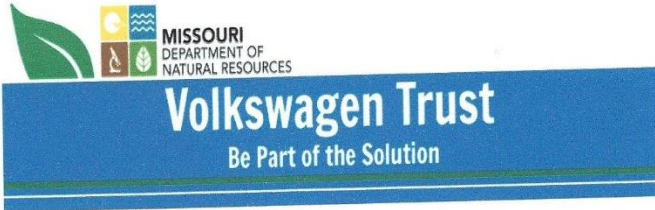
As per IRS recommendation and the *Commuting Valuation Rule* section of IRS Publication 15-B, effective May 1 2018, all County road & bridge employees who are required to drive county-owned vehicles to and from work shall be considered to have been provided a benefit of \$3.00 for each round trip.

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: Gold – yes; Rogers –absent; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood-yes. Matter Carried.

**Discussion-Announcements:**

Doug Neidigh, Ozarks Clean Air Alliance (OCAA), discusses a trust fund for governmental vehicles. Deadline for application in December 31, 2018



**Implementation Guidelines:  
Government Trucks**

Fleet operators may use funds from this award category to repower or replace government-owned medium or heavy-duty eligible trucks. Missouri’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan dedicates \$6 million to this award category, with the potential to grow up to \$12 million. The amount will grow only if the Department receives an insufficient number of applications for projects in the nongovernment trucks, locomotive/marine, airport/cargo equipment, the DERA option, or electric vehicle charging station award categories. Four area-specific funding pools are available within this award category, including the St. Louis area pool, Kansas City area pool, outside St. Louis and Kansas City areas pool, and statewide pool. The Department will dedicate approximately 25 percent of the total amount of funding in this award category to the St. Louis area pool; approximately 10 percent to the Kansas City area pool; approximately 15 percent to the outside St. Louis and Kansas City pool, and approximately 50 percent to the statewide pool. This award category includes multiple application rounds, and the later application rounds, if necessary, will reduce the cost share required for projects.

The projects implemented through this award category will help achieve several goals included in Missouri’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan. The Department may use funding from this award category to support public-owned fleet upgrades. Heavy-duty and medium-duty truck repowers and replacements can achieve significant NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions. Trucks operate on highways, truck stops, warehouses, and loading and unloading docks of facilities, areas that receive a disproportionately large share of diesel emissions.

In addition, the preferential treatment for targeted urban areas of the state will drive air quality improvements in areas that bear a disproportionate share of the air pollution burden. These areas struggle to comply with national ambient air quality standards and have the highest registration numbers of affected Volkswagen vehicles.

**Application Rounds**

There will be a minimum of two application rounds within this award category, with four possible. Rounds 3 and 4 are possible if funds remain in the award category after Rounds 1 and 2. In Rounds 3 and 4, the Department will reduce the minimum cost share requirements to encourage participation and ensure Missouri spends all funding in the award category within the 10-year trust period allowed by the VW consent decree on eligible projects. Table 1 summarizes the four potential application rounds within this award category.

Table 1 – Application Round Summary for Government Trucks

Application and Funding Round	Round Summary
Round 1	The Department will request applications in the coming months. Approximately half of the \$6 million allocated to this award category will be available for projects in Round 1. The Department will dedicate all of the funding during this round to target areas of the state. Approximately 50 percent of the available funds will go to St. Louis area projects, Approximately 20 percent of the available funds will go to Kansas City area projects, and approximately 30 percent of the available funds will go to projects in areas outside of St. Louis or Kansas City. All repower projects will require a minimum of 25 percent cost share, and all replacement projects will require a minimum of 50 percent cost share. Applicants may request a maximum of \$1 million during this round.
Round 2	In this round, all unfunded applications from Round 1 will compete in the statewide pool for the remaining half of the \$6 million allocated to this award category. The Department will also accept new applications for this second round to give all fleet owners a second chance to apply and allow successful fleet owners from Round 1 to submit new project proposals. The cost share requirements and maximum funding requests are the same as Round 1. The timing for this round depends on future legislative appropriations.
Round 3	This round will be identical to Round 2, except that the Department will reduce the minimum cost share for all projects to 25 percent. The timing for this round depends on future legislative appropriations, occurring only if funding remains in the award category after the Department has funded all eligible applications submitted in Rounds 1 and 2.
Round 4	This round will be identical to Round 2, except that the Department will reduce the minimum cost share for all projects to 10 percent. The timing of this application round depends on future legislative appropriations, occurring only if funding remains in the award category after the Department has funded all eligible applications submitted in Rounds 1, 2, and 3.

**Eligible Trucks**

If a project is receiving funding from an additional source such as a DERA grant, a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant, or another state’s share of the VW Trust funds, the Department cannot award VW Trust funds to the project. The Department may make exceptions only when the funding opportunity (e.g., grants) allows the combining of VW Trust funds on the same project. Applicants must obtain written authorization from the Department approving the combining of VW Trust funds with any other funding opportunity.

Discussion on Aramark-Customer Service, Equipment Purchases and Budget.

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

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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. in the Assessor’s office.

Christmas Dinner December 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

December 12, 2018, 8:00 am -12:00 pm, *Snow & Ice Control Training* in the Commission room Stone County Court House (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

**Budget Expenditure and Revenue**

Expenditure and Revenue lines were reviewed and discussed. All matters were discussion only no decision to be made.

**Public Time:** Time was extended to anyone who wanted to speak to the Commission at this time.

**Adjournment:**

The matter to adjourn this meeting of Stone County Road and Bridge was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Gold – yes; Maples – yes; Rogers – absent; Wood – yes; Smythe – yes. Matter carried, meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM.