

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

January 13, 2026

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 January 13, 2026. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Gordon Weathers, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades.

9:00 AM

Review 2026 Budget Requests

10:00 AM

Presiding Commissioner Gordon Weather opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge. Steve Seaton led the meeting in prayer. Those that were in attendance were: Teri Pierce; Tina Didreckson; Ron White, Ron LaRause, Steve Seaton with the Historical Society; Art Gallion; Deb Farris; Paul Weatherford; Alan Tillery; Sammie Thompson and Joy Wilson with Planning and Zoning; Melissa White with Soil and Water; Kathy Hass; Denise Dickens, Stone County Clerk and Amanda Parton, Stone County Clerk's Office.

Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated January 08, 2026, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Weathers – yes; Smythe – yes; Blades – yes. Minutes ordered approved.

Planning and Zoning board recommendations

RR-26-001 – Patrick and Teri Pierce are requesting to re-zone their property located Lot #9, Block #1 of the Hoot Owl Point 1st Subdivision at 134 Busch Ave., Kimberling City, MO (parcel #14-4.0-17-003-007-003.000) from **R – 1 to RR – 1 to Allow for a Short-Term Rental Application**. The Board voted to recommend DENIAL of the rezoning. Presiding Commissioner Gordon Weathers allowed time for anyone to speak for or against the recommendation. Teri Pierce came before the Commission to speak on behalf of re-zoning. No one came opposed. The matter to approve the re-zone request (#14-4.0-17-003-007-003.000) for a Short-Term Rental Application was brought to a decision by roll call vote: Weathers – no; Blades – no; Smythe – no. rezone DENIED.

Soil and Water – yearly update

Melissa White – Stone County Soil and Water Conservation District came before the Commission to give a yearly update. Discussion Only.

Historical Society – yearly update

Tina Didreckson – Stone County Historical and Genealogical Society and Museum came before the Commission to give a yearly update. Discussion Only.

Pardon Road

Art Gullion came before the Commission to discuss concerns about Pardon Road. Discussion Only.

Certifying Planning and Zoning Petition findings

Denise Dickens, Stone County Clerk, came before the Commission and certified that there were 948 valid signatures for the Planning and Zoning question to be placed on the ballot. The matter to sign the order (shall county Planning and Zoning be continued) to place on the ballot in the April 7, 2026, Municipal Election was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers – yes.



IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

ORDER TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS AT A
COUNTYWIDE ELECTION, THE QUESTION WHETHER
COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING SHALL BE CONTINUED

Whereas, §64.900 RSMo (Termination or continuation of county planning, zoning-election) provides:

1. Upon receipt of a petition signed by a number of voters in the county equal to five percent of the total vote cast in the county at the next preceding election for governor requesting the submission of the question of continuation or termination, the county commission in any county which has adopted a program of county planning, county zoning or county planning and zoning shall make an order to submit to the voters of the county the question to continue or to terminate the program.
2. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

Shall county planning and zoning be continued?

YES

NO

3. If a majority of those voting on the question vote yes for continuation, the program shall be continued unless and until terminated by a vote of the qualified voters voting thereon; if a majority of those voting on the question vote no for the termination of the program, the county commission shall declare the program terminated and shall discharge any commission appointed thereunder. Any resolution, ordinance or regulation adopted under the program pursuant to the provisions of sections 64.800 to 64.905 shall be void and of no effect from and after the termination of the program as provided in this section.

Whereas, the Clerk of the County Commission confirmed that the number of voters in the county equal to five percent of the total vote cast in the next preceding election for governor is 944, therefore, a petition signed by 1,496 registered voters within the County is necessary to submit the question to the voters.

Whereas, a Petition was circulated within the County to submit to the voters at a countywide election, the question whether county planning and zoning shall be continued, which petition purported to bear the signatures of 1,496 Stone County registered voters.

Whereas, on December 9 2025, said Petition was submitted to the Clerk of the County Commission as election authority, and on December 9 2025 the Clerk presented the Petition to the County Commission.

Whereas, on December 9 2025, the County Commission submitted the executed petitions to the Clerk of the County Commission for verification.

Whereas, the Clerk verified signatures on the petition and submitted a statement that said petition did contain a sufficient number of verified signatures, *to-wit*, 948 verified signatures.

Whereas, each signature page is stamped or impressed with a notary seal, each signature page or group of signature pages was stapled together, and the last page of each signature page or group of signature pages was a notarized, sealed or stamped affidavit of the circulator, that the circulator personally witnessed the signatures on the attached signature page(s).

Now, therefore, comes now the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri, and orders that the Clerk of the County Commission, as election authority, submit to the voters at a countywide election on April 7 2026, the question whether county planning & zoning shall be continued.

Done at the Courthouse in Galena, Missouri on January 13 2026.

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GORDON WEATHERS
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

HANK SMYTHE
COMMISSIONER

WAYNE BLADES
COMMISSIONER

Public Time:

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

Announcements

Recess Time: 10:56 AM

Adjournment: The adjournment of the Stone County Commission meeting was brought to decision by roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe-yes; Weathers – yes. Meeting adjourned at 2:00PM