

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

January 18, 2024

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 18, 2024. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades.

Morning Session:

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Commission Work Session – General Discussion with no decisions.

10:10 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples and Doyle Childers opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Those that were in attendance for the meeting were Ben Bonner; Tom Martin, Emergency Management; Gary Lewis; Kimberling City Emergency Management; Jerry Jenkins, Assistant Coroner; Steven Campbell, Stone County Ambulance Committee; Mary Long; Mark Alexander, Cox Health; Ricky Sause, Cox Health; Abby Pendergrass, Stone County Health Department; Ryan Hamilton; LaDella Thomas, Stone County Developmental Disability Board; Chief Tim Gideon, Sherriff's Department; Doyle Childers; Denise Dickens, Stone County Clerk; Counsel William McCullah 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 16, 2024, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Maples –yes. Minutes ordered approved.

Stone County Developmental Disability Board

LeDella Thomas – Executive Director of the Stone County Developmental Disability Board came before the Commissioners to give an update on the various programs and projects happening within Stone County.

LeDella Thomas also came before the Commission to recommend the appointment of a new member to the disability board. No decision made.

The Commission gave Ryan Hamilton and Ben Bonner (as applicants) time to speak about the Stone County Developmental Disability Board.

Public Hearing to receive petition to submit to voters of Stone County the question to form a “Stone County Ambulance District”

The Stone County Clerk, Denise Dickens came before the Commission to present the petition that was submitted by the ambulance committee to create an ambulance district in Stone County. They needed 1844 valid signatures. After the County Clerk’s Office processed the petition there were 2,212 valid signatures. The matter to approve the order for the question to be on the April 2, 2024 election to create the “Stone County Ambulance District” and to impose a county wide sales tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) on the receipts from all retail sales with Stone County to fund the “Stone County Ambulance District” was brought to a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes.



IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

ORDER FOR BALLOT SUBMISSION FOR CREATION OF STONE COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT, A COUNTYWIDE AMBULANCE DISTRICT; A SALES TAX BALLOT SUBMISSION OF ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT FOR OPERATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICES, AND CALLING AN ELECTION, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 190.005 TO 190.085 RSMo

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Section 190.005 to 190.085 RSMo, a petition was filed with the County Clerk to establish the Stone County Ambulance District to be comprised of the entire County, excluding territory that is part of the Christian County Ambulance District. The following municipalities and village will be included: Branson West, Crane, Galena, Hurley, Kimberling City, Reeds Spring, Blue Eye, Coney Island, Indian Point and McCord Bend.

WHEREAS, the County Clerk as election authority has determined, confirmed, and certified that the petition is signed by a number of voters residing in the proposed district equal to ten percent of the vote cast for governor in the proposed district in the next preceding gubernatorial election.

WHEREAS, a public hearing notice was published on three separate days in one or more newspapers having a general circulation within the territory proposed to be incorporated as an ambulance district, the first of which publications was not less than twenty days prior to the date set for the hearing. The notice contained a description of the territory as set out in the petition, names of municipalities located therein, the name of the proposed district, and the question of creating an ambulance district, all as is required by Section 190.020 RSMo.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.030, the County Commission determines the sufficiency of the petition and determines that the territory meets the requirements of Sections 190.005 to 190.085, and orders submission of the question whether it is in the best interest of the County to create the district and to impose a county sales tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) on the receipts from all retail sales within the County that are subject to taxation under Sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, inclusive.

WHEREAS, no order imposing a sales tax pursuant to Sections 190.005 to 190.085 RSMo shall be effective unless the County Commission submits to the voters of the County a proposal to authorize the imposition of the sales tax, and a majority of the voters approve such proposal.

Whereas, the County Commission wishes to submit to the voters of the County at the election to be held on April 2 2024 a ballot submission seeking authority to create the district and to impose a countywide sales tax with a maximum approved levy of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) pursuant to Sections 190.005 to 190.085, to begin collection as soon as is allowable under Missouri law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subject to approval of a ballot submission, the Stone County Ambulance District is established.

Section 2. Subject to approval of a ballot submission, there is hereby imposed a sales tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) on the receipts from all retail sales or taxable services at retail within the County, upon all sellers within the County for the privilege of engaging in the business of selling tangible personal property or rendering taxable services at retail to the extent and in the manner provided by Sections 144.010 to 144.525, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri issued pursuant thereto. Revenues from this sales tax shall be allocated for operation of ambulance services.

Section 3. An election is hereby ordered to be held in Stone County, Missouri, on April 2 2024 on the following proposition. The election authority shall submit the following ballot of submission to the voters of the County at an election to be held on April 2 2024:

STONE COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Shall there be organized in the County of Stone, State of Missouri, an ambulance district for the establishment and operation of an ambulance service to be located within the boundaries of said district and having the power to impose a sales tax in an amount not to exceed one-half of one percent without voter approval, and such additional tax as may be approved hereafter by vote thereon, to be known as “Stone County Ambulance District” as prayed for by petition filed with the County Clerk of Stone County, Missouri, on December 29 2023?

- Yes
 No

Instructions to Voters: If you are in favor of the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “Yes”. If you are opposed to the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “No”.

Section 4. Subject to ballot submission, pursuant to Section 190.005 to 190.085 RSMo, a sales tax in addition to all other taxes provided for by law is hereby imposed on all retail sales of tangible personal property, and all taxable services subject to a sales tax in the County that are subject to taxation, under the provisions of Sections 144.010 through 144.510, inclusive, at the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%), in the manner and to the extent provided in the Sales Tax Law and the Rules and Regulations of the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri issued pursuant thereto.

Section 5. This order is hereby certified to the Clerk of the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri, as election authority for the County.

The County Commission of Stone County, Missouri entered this Order at a meeting held on January 18 2024.



COUNTY COMMISSION OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

By: 
MARK W. MAPLES
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

By: 
HANK SMYTHE
COMMISSIONER

By: 
WAYNE BLADES
COMMISSIONER

Attest:


DENISE DICKENS
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION


IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION
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AMBULANCE SERVICES, AND CALLING AN ELECTION,
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 190.005 TO 190.085 RSMo

Comes now the County Commission and certifies to the Clerk of the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri, as election authority for the County, the following ballot submission at an election to be held on April 2 2024, seeking authority from the voters of the County to create the Stone County Ambulance District, and to impose a countywide sales tax with a maximum approved levy of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) pursuant to Section 190.015 RSMo, to become effective as soon as is allowable under Missouri law:

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Yes
 No

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The County Commission of Stone County, Missouri entered this Certification at a meeting held on January 18 2024.



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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

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DENISE DICKENS
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

FOR APRIL 2 2024 ELECTION

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Announcement**Public Time:**

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

Recess Time: 10:50 AM to R&B at Noon**Back in Session:****Adjournment:**

The adjournment of the Stone County Commission meeting was brought to a decision by roll call vote: Blades – absent; Smythe- yes; Maples- yes. Meeting adjourned at: 1:10 PM.