# THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI January 21, 2025

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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 January 21, 2025. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades.

# 9:00 AM - Elected Officials/Department Head Meeting

Elected Official/Department Head Meeting. Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples and Kristi Stephens led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Following the pledge, Sheriff Doug Rader led the meeting in prayer. Those that were in attendance for the elected officials meeting were Southern Road Commissioner Roy Campbell; Coroner John Cunnygham; Earl Johnson, IT; Matt Daugherty, Assessor; Kristi Stephens, Treasurer; Sheriff Doug Rader; Tom Martin, Emergency Management; Mechelee Lebow, Circuit Clerk and Denise Dickens, Stone County Clerk. Several topics were discussed.

# Morning session

## 10:00 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples and Hank Smythe opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge, Pastor Cody Cypret with Newlife Fellowship Church located in Crane, MO.Those that were in attendance were Pastor Cody Cypret – Newlife Fellowship Church; Tina Didreckson – Stone County Museum; William McCullah, County Council; 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 16, 2025, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades –yes. Minutes ordered approved.

## Historical Society yearly update

Tina Didreckson – Stone County Museum came before the Commission to give a yearly update.

#### 2025 Informal Budget Hearing

County Commissioners discussed the 2025 proposed budget allowing time for public discussion. The 2025 Formal Budget Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2023, at 10:00 AM. All budget hearings are held on the third floor of the Historic Stone County Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

#### Announcement

#### 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: Blades – yes; Smythe-yes; Maples- yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM