

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

January 28, 2025

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 28, 2025. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades.

Morning session

10:00 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples and Denise Dickens opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge, Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades led the meeting in prayer. Those that were in attendance Sheriff Doug Rader, Ladona Weathers and Shelia Thomas with Table Rock Lake Area Chamber of Commerce; Kristi Stephens, Treasurer; 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 23, 2025, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades –yes. Minutes ordered approved.

Schedule of Bills - 1

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples presented a schedule of bills that have been submitted to the County Commission from the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$533,742.85. This matter to accept the bills for payment was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Blades - yes; Maples – yes. Order to pay carried.

Schedule of Bills - 2

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples presented a schedule of bills that have been submitted to the County Commission from the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$403,082.32. This matter to accept the bills for payment was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Blades - yes; Maples – yes. Order to pay carried.

Hogan Title – discuss Edgewater Replat

Ross Chaffin – Hogan Title came before the Commission to discuss a plat ratification Edgewater Village Phase 6. After much discussion, the matter to approve/accept the plat ratification was brought to a decision by roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes. replat approved.

Table Rock Lake Area Chamber – proposed lodging tax

Shelia Thomas – Table Rock Lake Area Chamber came before the Commission to discuss a proposed lodging tax to be voted on at the April 8, 2025, General Municipal Election. This tax would authorize the governing body of Stone County to impose a tax on the charges for all sleeping rooms. The funds from the lodging tax would be used for tourism marketing. The matter to place the lodging tax on the ballot for that following townships: Flat Creek A; Flat Creek B; Ruth A; Ruth B Rural; Ruth B City; Ruth C; Sunset Cove; Alpine; Pine; Pine B and Williams was brought a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes.

ORDER OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, § 67.1003, RSMo. authorizes the governing body of a county to impose a tax on the charges for all sleeping rooms paid by transient guests;

WHEREAS, the governing body of any county may impose a tax on the charges for all sleeping rooms paid by transient guests who occupy a room or rooms for thirty-one days or less during any calendar quarter, situated in the county or a portion thereof, which shall be not more than five percent (5%) per occupied room per night, except that such tax shall not become effective unless the governing body of the county submits to the voters of the county at a state general or primary election a proposal to authorize the governing body of the county to impose a tax pursuant to this section; and

WHEREAS, the tax authorized by § 67.1003, RSMo. shall be in addition to the charge for the sleeping room and shall be in addition to any and all taxes imposed by law and the proceeds of such tax shall be used by the county solely for the promotion of tourism; and

WHEREAS, said tax shall be stated separately from all other charges and taxes; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri desires to submit a proposal in the form of a ballot question to the voters of certain portions of Stone County, Missouri, at the general municipal election, to be held on April 8, 2025, authorizing the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri to impose a county sales tax of three percent (3%) pursuant to § 67.1003, RSMo. for the promotion of tourism to be imposed on sleeping rooms located in the following described townships: Flat Creek A; Flat Creek B; Ruth A; Ruth B Rural; Ruth B City; Ruth C; Sunset Cove; Alpine; Pine A; Pine B; and Williams;

WHEREAS, if a majority of the votes cast on the question by qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the tax shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the election was held; and

WHEREAS, if a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the question, then the tax shall not become effective unless and until the question is resubmitted under § 67.1003, RSMo. to the qualified voters and such question is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

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

1. Order of County Commission. The Stone County Commission orders submission of the following ballot question to the voters of the following portions of Stone County, Missouri, at the general municipal election, to be held April 8, 2025, to authorize the County Commission to impose a county sales tax of three percent (3%) pursuant to § 67.1003, RSMo. for the promotion of tourism to be imposed on sleeping rooms located in the following

townships: Flat Creek A; Flat Creek B; Ruth A; Ruth B Rural; Ruth B City; Ruth C; Sunset Cove; Alpine; Pine A; Pine B; and Williams:

COUNTY TOURISM TAX

Shall Stone County impose a tax on the charges for all sleeping rooms paid by the transient guests of hotels, motels, and short-term rentals situated in specified portions of Stone County at a rate of three percent (3%) for the sole purpose of promoting tourism?

YES NO

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".

2. Notice and Publication. The Stone County Commission requests the Clerk of Stone County, Missouri, and the County Clerk is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary and appropriate to provide proper notice of election and publication of the notice of election regarding the ballot question described in paragraph 1, above.

3. Conduct of Election. The election shall be held and conducted by the County Clerk of Stone County, Missouri, under the general election laws governing the County, on April 8, 2025, at the polling places designated, or hereafter designated for each precinct in the County by order or orders of the County Clerk of Stone County, Missouri, and that the polls of the election shall be opened and kept open on that day during the hours required by law. The election shall be conducted by the judges and clerks appointed or to be appointed by the County Clerk of Stone County, Missouri, who shall supply the judges and clerks with all necessary voting equipment, machines, ballot boxes, poll books, tally sheets, and other supplies and equipment required for the conduct of the election, and that the ballot to be used in voting upon the proposition shall be in substantially the form set forth in paragraph 1, above.

4. Legal Effect. This Order shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

a. In the event a majority of the votes cast on the question described in paragraph 1 by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the tax shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the election was held. In such event, the tax shall be imposed at a rate of three percent (3%) on the charges for all sleeping rooms paid by the transient guests of hotels, motels, and short-term rentals located in the following described townships in Stone County, Missouri for the sole purpose of promoting tourism: Flat Creek A; Flat Creek B; Ruth A; Ruth B Rural; Ruth B City; Ruth C; Sunset Cove; Alpine; Pine A; Pine B; and Williams. Census Bureau data and zip code data associated with

the previously described townships shall be utilized to identify those locations in which the transient guest tax applies and shall be imposed.

b. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the question, then the tax shall not become effective unless and until the question is resubmitted under § 67.1003, RSMo. to the qualified voters and such question is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

By order of the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri this 28th day of January, 2025.


Mark Maples, Presiding Commissioner

Wayne Blades, Northern District Commissioner

Hank Smythe, Southern District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Denise Dickens, County Clerk



Initiate 45 Day Public Information for Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement (LAGERS)

The matter to initiate the 45-day public information period before electing membership in the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) was brought to a decision by roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes. Approved.



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NOTICE TO INITIATE 45 DAY PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD BEFORE ELECTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE MISSOURI LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The County Commission of Stone County, Missouri has received cost information for possible membership under the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS). Section 105.675 RSMo. provides that (a) when a political subdivision is adopting coverage with LAGERS, a prepared statement regarding the cost of adoption of coverage shall be prepared in accordance with Section 105.665 RSMo.; (b) the statement of cost shall be made available as public information for at least 45 calendar days before taking final action to adopt the change in benefits; and (c) the statement of cost shall be filed in the office of the clerk, secretary or other individual responsible for keeping the official records, and with the joint committee on public employee retirement in accordance with Section 105.675 Revised Statutes of Missouri. In compliance with section 105.675 RSMo, said cost information shall be made available for public inspection for at least 45 calendar days before adoption of the benefit change. Interested parties may view a copy of this cost information at the County Clerk's Office on the third floor of the Historic Courthouse in Galena, Missouri, and/or by contacting Denise Dickens, County Clerk, P.O. Box 19, Galena, Missouri 65656, 417 357-8141, denise.dickens@stonecountymo.gov

The cost to adopt LAGERS for calendar year 2025, based on 2025 proposed wages as budgeted, is:

<u>Budget Fund</u>	<u>Cost for entire year</u>	<u>9 months pro-rated</u>
General Revenue	\$332,782.45	\$249,588.00
Law Enforcement	\$460,944.00	\$345,708.00
Road & Bridge	\$195,382.51	\$146,537.00
Assessment	\$70,641.00	\$52,981.00

Very truly yours,

Mark W. Maples Hank Smythe Wayne Blades

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Announcement

Public Time:

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

Recess Time: 10:37 AM

Back in Session: 10:54 AM

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 10:55 AM