

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

February 6, 2024

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COUNTY OF STONE |

Be it remembered that a session of the County Commission of Stone County was held in the courthouse at Galena, on February 6, 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.

10:00 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples and Wayne Blades opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge, Pastor Roy Burk with Freedom Apostolic Church located in Branson West led the meeting in prayer. Those that were in attendance for the meeting were Rebecca Lewis, Stone County Library; Roy Burk, Freedom Apostolic Church, 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 February 1, 2024, 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 \$56,125.95. This matter to accept the bills for payment was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades -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 \$107,073.88. This matter to accept the bills for payment was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades -yes. Order to pay carried.

Stone County Library yearly update

Rebecca Lewis - Stone County Library Director came before the Commission to give their yearly update. Rebecca talked about how the library is expanding in different areas for their outreach program and how the e-book program has seen major growth as an alternative for those that can't come to the library. The Commissioners thanked Rebecca for all of the work and accomplishments that the Stone County Library is experiencing.

Discussion

Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe spoke to a landowner who owns property down towards Baxter on H Hwy in Stone County. The homeowner wanted to discuss the remains of a mobile home that are located on the adjacent property. The homeowner was inquiring about what the county could do about having the neighboring property cleaned up. All three Commissioners and the County Attorney agree that the county does not have authority to enforce property clean up.

Announcement

Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades, Stone County Clerk Denise Dickens, and Stone County Treasurer Kristi Stephens attended the University of Missouri Livestock and Forage Conference on February 1, 2024.

Public Time:

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

Recess Time: 10:36 AM

Back in Session:

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: 12:00 PM