

THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF  
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

February 18, 2020

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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 18, 2020. 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**

**Elected Officials/Department Heads Monthly Meeting**

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Following the pledge of allegiance, Pastor Jim Cross First Baptist Church in Crane delivered the prayer. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: Randy Burke, Central Shop Forman; Amy Larson, Recorder; Wendy Metcalf, Public Administrator; Sammy Thompson, Planning and Zoning; Sheriff Doug Rader; Kristi Stephens, Treasurer; Matt Daugherty, Stone County Assessor; Mechelee Lebow, Stone County Circuit Clerk; Donna McConkey, Chief Deputy Stone County Clerk; Vicki May, Collector; Stone County Counsel William McCullah; Earl Johnson IT Director; and Tena Foster Stone County Clerk's office.

**Discussion:**

Recycle Electronics.

Historical Society will reveal what was found in the time capsule in the courthouse on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Dewayne Blevins has donated his time to find and replace the time capsule at no charge. The Commission thanked him for all he has done for the County.

March 10<sup>th</sup> Presidential Preference

**Budget Expenditure and Revenue**

Expenditure and Revenue lines were reviewed and discussed.

**Recess: 9:28 AM to Commission Meeting at 10am**

10:00 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples & Steve Seaton opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: Pam Burnett, SCHD; Rebecca Payne, Library Director; Steve Seaton, George Scott & Jim Huy, Library Board Members; Stone County Counsel William McCullah and Tena Foster Stone County Clerk's office.

### Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meeting dated February 6, 2020 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 him from the County Clerk's office in the amount of 79,450.87. 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 him from the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$18,310.76. 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.

### Health Department-updates

Pam Burnett, Stone County Health Department, came before the Commission with updates on the Health Department, and some discussion on the Coronavirus Disease (COVID). The Commission thanked her for all their hard work.

**COVID-19**  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

### What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

**What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?**  
Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

**Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?**  
COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in China, and limited spread among close contacts has been detected in some countries outside China, including the United States. At this time, however, this virus is NOT currently spreading in communities in the United States. Right now, the greatest risk of infection is for people in China or people who have traveled to China. Risk of infection is dependent on exposure. Close contacts of people who are infected are at greater risk of exposure, for example health care workers and close contacts of people who are infected infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. CDC continues to closely monitor the situation.

**Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?**  
Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/cases-in-us.html>.

**How does COVID-19 spread?**  
The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but now it seems to be spreading from person to person. It's important to note that person-to-person spread can happen on a continuum. Some diseases are highly contagious (like measles), while other diseases are less so. At this time, it's unclear how easily or sustainably the virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading. It's unclear what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/about-transmission.html>.

**What are the symptoms of COVID-19?**  
Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:  
• fever  
• cough  
• shortness of breath

**What are severe complications from this virus?**  
Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs.

**How can I help protect myself?**  
The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

**There are simple everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

**If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should**

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

**What should I do if I recently traveled to China and got sick?**  
If you were in China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should seek medical care. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

**Is there a vaccine?**  
There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

**Is there a treatment?**  
There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

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### STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.**
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.**
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.**
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**

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### **Stone County Library Updates**

Rebecca Payne, Library Director, came before the Commission to report the Stone County Library's 2019 updates. The remodel on the Crane Library should be completed mid-June. Ms. Payne presented the Commission with the library's annual financial report. Also, introduced George Scott, Steve Seaton & Jim Huy, Library Board members to the Commission.

**Recess: 10:55 AM**

**Back in Session: 11:26 AM**

### **Announcements:**

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe, Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades and Stone County Counsel William McCullah met in Jefferson City on February 11<sup>th</sup> to meet with Representative Brad Hudson.

Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe spoke at the Local Government Committee hearing on House Bill 1403.

Feb 12-14, Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades attended the County Commissioners' Association (CCAM) conference in Columbia for their annual 20 hours of training.

### **Sign Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Housing of Greene County Inmates**

Stone County Counsel William McCullah presented the Commission with an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Housing of Greene County Inmates, at a rate of \$48.00 a day, to accept & sign. The matter to accept and sign the Contract was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades - yes. Matter carried.

### **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: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades – yes. Meeting adjourned at 11:29AM.