

THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF  
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

March 16, 2021

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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 March 16, 2021. 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 and Tena Foster opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: John Cunyningham, Coroner; Anna Burk, Collector; Kristi Stephens, Treasurer; Sheriff Doug Rader; Chief Tim Gideon; Cindy Elmore, County Clerk; County Counsel William McCullah; Denise Dickens, Commission Administrative Assistant & Tena Foster, Stone County Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:**

Covid-19 Vaccine at the Stone County Health Department

All laptops are to be brought back to the Commission, due to no more working from home.

New software with Tyler Technology may cause some down time end of May/first of June.

Scheduled to go live sometime in June.

**Recess: 9:12AM**

**10:00 AM**

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples and Matt Daugherty Stone County Assessor opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: Grant Cameron, Steve Pocivs, Marianne & Michael Ruben; Nancy & Ken Sorensen; Virginia Williams; Jackie Williams, Anna Burk, Stone County Collector; Kristy Stephens, Treasurer; Matt Daugherty, Assessor; Cindy Elmore, County Clerk; County Counsel William McCullah, Denise Dickens, Commission Administrative Assistant and Tena Foster, Stone County Clerk's Office.

### **Approval of Commission Minutes**

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meeting dated March 11, 2021 was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – abstain; 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 \$9,969.68. 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 \$37,947.45. 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.

### **Discuss Petition to Vacate a Portion of Talking Rocks Road**

Attorney Harry Styron came before the Commission on March 2nd, 2021 with a petition to Vacate a Portion of Talking Rocks Road. Commission met with Mr. Styron on March 9<sup>th</sup> around 12:30, to look over property to be vacated.

This morning, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe stated that, after looking over the property, there is a 90' cul-de-sac that is being used now, didn't see an issue with putting up a gate. Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades agreed with Southern Commissioner Smythe. Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples gave time for those to speak, several spoke their concerns about the issue.

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples recommended using the 90' cul-de-sac, the Contractor will be responsible for all improvements to the cul-de -sac, per County Specs; putting Dead-End Sign at the end of Talking Rock/Sleepy Hollow Road, 30' stub to the gate, and to vacate the rest of that road. All agreed to recommendations.

The matter to vacate a Portion of Talking Rocks Road and accept the recommendation using the 90' cul-de-sac, Contractor responsible for improvements to the cul-de -sac per County Specs, putting Dead-End Sign at the end of Talking Rocks Road/Sleepy Hollow Road, and a 30' stub to the gate was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades – yes. Matter carried;

### **Appoint Library Board Member**

The matter to appoint Craig Swenty to the Stone County Library Board, representing the Reeds Spring area was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades - yes. Matter carried.

### **Announcements:**

#### **10:15 AM Conference call with the State Auditor's office-concerning Collectors Audit.**

Revised Statutes of Missouri, RSMo Section 52.150

**52.150.** Appointee to fill vacancy — powers and duties — audit of collector's office required, procedure. — 1. ... The person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of collector shall within five days after assuming the duties of the office notify the state auditor of the need for an audit of the office.

Those present for conference call were: Anna Burk, Stone County Collector; Kristy Stephens, Treasurer; Matt Daugherty, Assessor; Cindy Elmore, County Clerk; County Counsel William McCullah, Denise Dickens, Commission Administrative Assistant and Tena Foster, Stone County Clerk's Office.

Conference call with Lori Melton & Joyce Thompson, was a brief discussion on general procedures, cost (\$10-20,000.00 Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples asked Collector Anna Burk & the auditors if this could be paid from the Collectors, Tax Maintenance Fund) and timing of audit.

Engagement letter and details will be sent to Stone County Clerk Cindy Elmore.

### **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 10:35 AM.