

THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF  
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

March 17, 2020

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 March 17, 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 and Assessor Matt Daugherty opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Following the pledge of allegiance, Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples delivered the prayer. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: Patty Marshall, Cathy Pendergrass, Custodians; Joy Wilson, P&Z; Matt Daugherty, Stone County Assessor; Amy Larson, Recorder; Prosecuting Attorney Matt Selby; Sheila Thomas, TRLCC; Tom Martin, Emergency Management; Pam Burnett & Chris Thornton, SCHED; John Cunyngnam, Coroner; Judge Mark Stephens; Vicki May, Collector; Wendy Metcalf, Public Administrator; Mechelee Lebow, Circuit Clerk; Michelle Starforth SCPA; Kristi Stephens, Treasurer; Earl Johnson, IT Director; Randy Burke, Mike Keithley & Bob Hazen R&B Foremen; Sheriff Doug Rader; Chief Tim Gideon; Cindy Elmore, County Clerk; County Counsel William McCullah & Tena Foster, Stone County Clerk's Office.

**9:00 AM**

Judge Mark Stephens read the administrative order, ordered by Judge Goodman, effective Monday, March 16, 2020 until Further notice ...

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STONE COUNTY  
STATE OF MISSOURI

In Re: COVID-19

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

**WHEREAS** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic, and the President of the United States and the Governor of Missouri have, accordingly, declared a state of emergency;

**WHEREAS** the Missouri Supreme Court has instructed courts in this state to "prepare for potential infection in their community";

**WHEREAS** the Missouri Supreme Court has directed its courts to "consider strategies to prevent the spread of respiratory germs into, within, and between facilities."

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that effective Monday, March 16, 2020, until further order of this Court, that the following persons shall not enter the Stone County Circuit Court, or any of its Divisions in Stone County Missouri:

- Persons who have traveled to any foreign country within the last 14 days;
- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has traveled to any foreign country within the last 14 days;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency;
- Persons who have tested positive, been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and
- Persons with fevers, or unexplained coughs or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry and removed from the Judicial Center by Court Security.

Any attorney or party shall immediately notify opposing counsel and the court if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any proceeding authorized by this Court's Administrative Order of March 16 may come within any of the above listed categories.

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the offices or divisions of this Judicial Center in Stone County Missouri, and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, you should proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
- If you are without representation and are scheduled to appear in Court, please contact the Circuit Clerk's Office at 417-357-6115;
- If you need information about the status of your case, please consult Case.net or contact the Circuit Clerk's Office at 417-357-6115;
- If you are a prospective Juror, please call 417-357-6115;
- If you are seeking an Order of Protection regarding adult/child abuse, please contact the Circuit Clerk's Office at 417-357-6115;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation Officer, please contact the Stone County Probation Office at 417-357-1216;
- For Stone County Prosecuting Attorney matters, please contact the Prosecutor's Office at 417-357-6137;
- For Stone County Public Defender matters, please contact the Public Defender's Office at 417-235-8828;
- For Stone County Sheriff matters, please call the Sheriff's main line at 417-357-6116;
- For Stone County Public Administrator matters, please call the Public Administrator at 417-357-8404.

For safety reasons, these restrictions will remain in place until further order of this Court. Those individuals who think that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.


For the most current information regarding Stone County Circuit Court's coronavirus protocols, please proceed to the Missouri Judiciary Responses to Coronavirus (COVID-19) webpage: < <https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=151673> >.

If you have any questions as to this Administrative Order, please contact the Clerk of the Court, Mechelee Lebow, at 417-357-6115.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, and continuing from day-to-day.

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*Jack A. L. Goodman*  
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Presiding Judge  
Stone County Circuit Court

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Pam Burnett & Chris Thornton, SCHD discussed symptom's, concerns, prevention and handed out pamphlets to help aid in the concerns of the COVID 19 outbreak. Tom Martin Emergency Management and some of the Elected Officials voiced some concerns as well. The County Commission stated they are doing their best to keep all employees and citizens as safe as possible.

**Recess: 10:00AM**

**10:20 AM**

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples and Tom Martin Emergency Management opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Those present for this meeting today are as follows Tom Martin, Emergency Management; Vicki May, Stone County Collector; Cindy Elmore, County Clerk; 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 March 12, 2020 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 \$192,450.63. 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 Historical Society-Update on the Courthouse 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Has been postponed till further notice, due to the COVID 19 outbreak.

## Discuss Personnel Policy

Stone County Clerk Cindy Elmore came before the Commission with 2 pages from the personnel policy, stating that the verbiage needs to be changed on pages 47 & 48 to read the same. It was recommended to re-word both pages to say "will be required" instead of "they may". This matter to accept recommendation and change the verbiage on page 47 & 48 was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades - yes. Mater carried.

## Collector-Annual Settlement Report

Stone County Collector Vicki May presented the Commission with the Collector's Annual Settlement.

*Cindy Elmore*

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DIVISION OF TAXATION AND COLLECTION COUNTY TAX SECTION (873) 751-5858 TDD 1-800-735-2966 PO BOX 453, JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65105-0453		FORM 206 (REV. 9-2007)	
<b>COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT ANNUAL SETTLEMENT OF VICKI A. MAY, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE STONE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING February 29, 2020</b>			
<b>SUMMARY OF CHARGES</b>		<b>SUMMARY OF CREDITS</b>	
TOTAL CURRENT TAX CHARGES	\$31,027,423.74	TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS	\$31,647,885.65
TOTAL OTHER TAX CHARGES	\$530,008.66	TOTAL OTHER COLLECTIONS	\$247,887.28
TOTAL BACK AND PROTESTED	\$4,408,970.85	TOTAL DELINQUENTS	\$4,193,541.86
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	\$247,887.28	TOTAL ABATEMENTS	\$124,918.14
		TOTAL PROTESTED	\$67.56
TOTAL CHARGES	\$36,214,290.53	TOTAL OUTLAWED TAXES	\$0.00
TAX BOOK DIFFERENCES		TOTAL CREDITS	\$36,214,290.53
<b>GRAND TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>\$36,214,290.53</b>	TAX BOOK DIFFERENCES	
		<b>GRAND TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$36,214,290.53</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS</b>			
STATE	196,344.34	INTEREST DISTRIBUTION	\$10,890.34
GENERAL REVENUE	641,119.76	SURTAX INTEREST DISTRIBUTION	\$288.34
ROAD AND BRIDGE	0.00	MERCHANTS LICENSES	\$19,350.00
HEALTH CENTER	505,980.74	PILT	\$2,364.78
SCHOOLS	25,115,013.80	TAX SALE/REDEMPTIONS	\$214,983.62
FIRE DISTRICTS	1,092,556.30		
CC AMBULANCE DISTRICT	18,930.69		
JUNIOR COLLEGE	45,842.23		
LIBRARY	644,522.13	OTHER FEES	
NID'S	143,328.52		
DISABILITY BOARD	643,956.25		
CITIES (Surtax and RR not in this figure)	2,744.22		
SENIOR CITIZEN	310,691.27		
REASSESSMENT	372,135.25		
SURTAX (42601.92- RR-1148.72 AS)	366,076.13		
RAILROAD & UTILITY	686,815.47		
CURRENT COMMISSIONS	453,153.30		
DELINQUENT COMMISSIONS	230,340.70		
LATE ASSESSMENT CHARGES	71,898.30		
COLLECTOR FEE	12,408.60		
CLERK FEE	12,687.95		
ASSESSMENT OVERAGE DISTRIBUTION	80,336.71		
<b>SUB-TOTAL TAX DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>37,647,885.65</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>247,887.28</b>
		<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$31,595,772.53</b>
I, Cindy Elmore, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF STONE COUNTY HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE AND THE ATTACHED TO BE A COPY OF THE ANNUAL SETTLEMENT OF THE COUNTY COLLECTOR WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE 5 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2019 AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN MY OFFICE. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREBY SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF STONE COUNTY. DONE AT MY OFFICE IN GALENA, MISSOURI THIS 17 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF March, 2020.			
		<i>Cindy Elmore</i>	
		<i>Vicki May</i>	

**Discussion:**

Tom Martin came before the Commission with a Proclamation to sign and declare a state of emergency. Commission stated they need more time to look the proclamation over and will add it to Thursday, March 19 Commission meeting at 10am for more discussion.

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples requested County Counsel William McCullah read over Temporary Policy for the COVID-19 Pandemic Event/Sick leave during pandemic. It was requested Mr. McCullah reviews the policy, and bring back his recommendation on Thursday March 19 Commission meeting.

**Announcements:**

Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades and Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe attended the Barry, Lawrence and Stone County Circuit Court Meeting at the Monett Municipal Building to discuss extraordinary measures for the COVID-19 Outbreak. Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples attended Greene County meeting for the same purpose.

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples; Sheila Thomas, TRLC; Tom Martin, Emergency Management & Pam Burnett, SCD will meet with SDC tomorrow to discuss more extraordinary measures for the COVID -19 Outbreak.

**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 11:10 AM.