

THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF  
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

March 18, 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 March 18, 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 Amanda Parton opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge Missouri State Representative Burt Whaley led the meeting in prayer. Those that were in attendance were: Ellie Blankenship, Ryan Becker, Julianne Stone with Veregy; Missouri State Representative Burt Whaley, Attorney Patrick Platter; Lynn Hilburn, Flood Plain Administrator; William McCullah, 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 March 13, 2025, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades –yes. Minutes ordered approved.

**Discuss petition to vacate a portion of a platted road**

Attorney Patrick Platter came before the Commission with an order to vacate a portion of Tall Tree Drive located in Blue Eye, MO. The matter to vacate a portion of Tall Tree Drive was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes. Order signed.

**Veregy – discuss courthouse energy review**

Ellie Blankenship with Veregy came before the Commission to discuss Stone County maximizing economic and environment impact through guaranteed energy and savings. Discussion Only.

## Sign Resolution to join Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 70.600 through 70.755 RSMo Stone County has complied with the notice and filing requirements of Section 105.675 RSMo.

The 45-day public notice was posted on January 28, 2025.

The matter to sign the resolution for Stone County to join LAGERS (Local Government Employees Retirement System) was brought to a decision by roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes. Order Signed.



### IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

#### ORDER FOR ADOPTION OF THE MISSOURI LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Stone County desires to provide retirement benefits for its eligible employees under the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS), pursuant to the provisions of Sections 70.600 through 70.755, RSMo and has complied with the notice and filing requirements of Section 105.675 RSMo.

WHEREAS, the County Commission understands that, by joining LAGERS, the County Commission is accepting the legal obligation to fully fund the elected benefits now and in the future.

WHEREAS, employees of Stone County do participate in the federal Social Security program; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission agrees not to continue or commence coverage of its current or future employees under another retirement plan similar in purpose to LAGERS as is prohibited by Sections 70.615 and 70.620 RSMo.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The County Commission of Stone County, the governing body of Stone County, a "political subdivision," as defined in Section 70.600(19) RSMo, hereby elects to become a participating employer of the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System, as defined in Section 70.600(11), and to thereby provide retirement benefits to all its eligible general employees and sheriff's employees under Benefit Program L-12 pursuant to Section 70.655.1 RSMo.

2. 100% of the employment prior to the date Stone County becomes a participating employer is to be considered for vesting purposes for current employees and for determining the beginning date of employer contributions for employees hired and/or employed during this period but not for the calculation of credited service or final average salary.

3. "Membership service," as defined in Section 70.600(15), refers to any period of employment beginning or rendered on or after the date Stone County becomes a LAGERS employer. Such service shall be considered for purposes of vesting, calculating credited service, and calculating final average salary.

4. The County Commission of Stone County hereby elects that employees eligible to become members of LAGERS are those employees employed in positions normally requiring 1,000 hours of work a year, provided such employees are not members of another governmental retirement plan, or are otherwise excluded from membership in LAGERS by state law, pursuant to 16 CSR 20-2.010(B); and

5. The County Commission of Stone County hereby elects to have the "final average salary" of its employee members determined over a 36 consecutive-month period pursuant to the provisions in Sections 70.600(12) and 70.656 RSMo; and

6. The County Commission of Stone County hereby elects to require employees who become members of LAGERS to pay 2% of gross salary and wages as employee contributions to LAGERS, pursuant to Section 70.705 RSMo; and

7. The County Commission of Stone County hereby elects the minimum service retirement age for all eligible employees in accordance with Sections 70.600(16) or 70.646 RSMo; and

8. The County Commission of Stone County agrees to hold LAGERS harmless from any liability with respect to this transaction, apart from those obligations imposed on LAGERS by Sections 70.600 – 70.755 RSMo, provided the transaction is completed according to the terms contained herein; and

9. The fiscal officer of Stone County is hereby authorized and directed to deduct from the wages or salaries of each employee member, the employee contributions, if any, required by Section 70.705, RSMo, and to promptly remit such contributions to LAGERS, along with the employer contributions required by Sections 70.705, 70.730, and 70.735 RSMo. It is understood there is no statutory provision for a participating political subdivision to terminate its membership under LAGERS.

10. The Clerk of the County Commission is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions, sign all documents, and to do any and all things and take any and all actions required to place the foregoing resolutions into effect, including the revision of any relevant ordinances and resolutions of Stone County which shall be promptly submitted to the County Commission for approval.

11. Stone County's participation as a LAGERS employer will commence on March 18 2025.

This Order was enacted by the County's governing body, the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri, at a meeting held on March 18 2025.

COUNTY COMMISSION OF  
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

  
MARK W. MAPLES  
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

  
HANK SMYTHE  
COMMISSIONER

  
WAYNE BLADES  
COMMISSIONER

I hereby certify that the foregoing Order is a true and correct copy of the Order that was duly enacted by the County Commission of Stone County.

  
DENISE DICKENS  
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

**Recess Time: 10:53 AM**

**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: Blades – yes; Smythe-yes; Maples- yes. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM