

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

March 19, 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 19, 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

Commission Work Session – General Discussion with no decisions.

10:00 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Following the pledge of allegiance, Stone County Clerk Cindy Elmore, delivered the prayer. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: County Counsel William McCullah; Denise Dickens, Commission Administrative Assistant; Cindy Elmore Stone County Clerk 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 17, 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 \$20,581.63. 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.

Temporary Policies in effect during the current COVID-19 Pandemic Event

TEMPORARY POLICIES IN EFFECT DURING THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC EVENT

Adopted March 19 2020

Continuity planning for the County requires preparing for threats such as the current COVID-19 pandemic event.

This temporary policy is enacted due to the declared COVID-19 pandemic, and will be terminated upon order of the County Commission.

Purpose. This policy is enacted to protect employees' health and safety while limiting negative impact on services provided by the County.

Leave Reports

The County's elected officials and department heads will work with the Human Resources Director to document employees on leave. Leave reports must include the employee's name and date(s) of absences. Such reports need to be emailed to the Human Resources Director each working day.

An employee who cannot report to work due to illness must call his or her supervisor to report their absence prior to the start of the work shift.

To protect the healthy workforce, supervisors are encouraged to send home all employees that show the symptoms

If an employee is sent home due to illness, the supervisor must immediately report this to the Human Resources Director.

Symptoms. The following employees shall stay home from work:

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

Employees with high-risk exposure. Employees who have been exposed to household family members' symptoms are strongly encouraged to implement all practical social distancing, such as not attending meetings, practicing work place isolation, and using recommended sanitation practices.

An employee who believes that he or she may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact a healthcare provider immediately.

Sick Leave During Pandemic.

Any employee who is absent from work due to his or her own illness or an illness of his or her spouse, child, parent, or member of his or her household during a declared pandemic event, is eligible for sick leave without complying with the requirement to submit a health care provider's statement verifying illness or expected return-to-work dates.

This will allow community health care facilities to utilize resources for the most critically effected population. Employees will be expected to follow the regular interdepartmental notification process to supervisors.

If an employee has no accumulated sick leave, or the employee is still unable to return to work after exhausting all accumulated sick leave, the County Commission will grant additional sick leave.

This matter to accept the Temporary Policies in effect during the current COVID-19 Pandemic Event, adopted March 19, 2020 was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades - yes. Matter carried.

Discuss Disaster Proclamation-Tom Martin

Emergency Government Proclamation of State of Emergency in Stone County, Mo.

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN Stone COUNTY, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, Stone County, Missouri, has encountered ___Coronavirus (Covid-19)_____ conditions, and a threat exists to the lives and property of the people of Stone County, Missouri, and;

WHEREAS, that areas within the boundaries of Stone County, Missouri, are immediately threatened with ___ Coronavirus (Covid-19)_____ and curtailing the protection of the lives and property contained in Stone County, Missouri, and an emergency exists:

NOW THEREFORE, I Mark Maples_____, Presiding Commissioner_____, of Stone County, Missouri, hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in Stone County, Missouri, and I hereby invoke and declare in full force and effect in Stone County, Missouri, all laws, statutes, of the State of Missouri, and the County of Stone, for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Stone County, Missouri, and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

As pursuant with Chapter 44 of the Revised Missouri State Statutes, and Court Orders as pertinent to:

All public offices and employees of Stone County, Missouri, are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives state, and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and the Stone County, Missouri, Emergency Management Agency forces in executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public offices.

In witness, I have hereunto set my hand at 10:10^{am} hours, the 19th day of March, 2020 A.D.


Mark W. Maples
Presiding Commissioner

Witnessed  this 19th day of March, 2020 A.D.

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Candy Ellman
Stone County Clerk

This matter to accept the Emergency Government Proclamation of State of Emergency in Stone County, Mo. was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades - yes. Proclamation signed; Matter carried.

Recess: 10:18 AM to R&B meeting at noon

Announcements:

Public Time:

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

Adjournment:

Following the adjournment of the Highway Commission, 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 12:50 PM.