

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

March 20, 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 20, 2020. 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 Bob Fritz opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Following the pledge, Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples delivered the prayer. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: Steve Seaton Hurley Mayor, Chris Thornton SCHED, Pam Burnett SCHED, Jeffrey Herman Kimberling City, DJ Wells Galena, Tim Gideon Chief Deputy SCSD, Doug Rader SC Sheriff, Bob Fritz Kimberling City Mayor, Collin Brannan Crane Mayor, Sheila Thomas TRICC, Tom Martin EM Director, Denise Dickens Commission, Cindy Elmore Stone County Clerk & Bill McCullah County Counselor.

Discussion on the COVID-19 Outbreak

Pam Burnett gave update on the County, still no positive cases at this time, only one doctor in Stone County is testing for the virus at this time.

Several people spoke their concerns and asked questions about the Outbreak.

Sign Declaration for State of Emergency Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Outbreak

Sign Declaration of State of Emergency for Stone County, due to COVID-19 Outbreak.

Effective date is 12:01am March 23, 2020. Expires on April 5th, 2020.

49-people or less to hold gatherings, with 6 feet physical space between people according to the order. The matter to accept and sign the Declaration of Emergency was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades - yes. Matter carried.



IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION
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DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
DUE TO COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) OUTBREAK

WHEREAS, on March 13 2020 the Governor of Missouri declared that a state of emergency exists in the State and called for measures to address the COVID-19 virus outbreak to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety.

WHEREAS, on March 15 2020, the Governor of Missouri and the federal Center for Disease Control recommended the cancellation, suspension, or prohibition of public events with more than 50 people in attendance.

WHEREAS, a COVID-19 viral infection can result in mild or severe symptoms, but the elderly population and those with serious underlying medical conditions are most at risk from a COVID-19 infection, which may be fatal in some cases.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus is highly contagious, is spread by respiratory transmission through people in close contact, and poses a serious health risk for the County's residents and visitors.

WHEREAS, any large gathering of persons may accelerate the spread of infection from the COVID-19 virus and pose a risk to the health of the County's residents and visitors.

WHEREAS, the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus constitutes a natural calamity and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 192.300 RSMo and CSR 20-20.050(3), the County Commission and the Board of Trustees of the Stone County Health Department are authorized to promulgate orders intended to enhance the public health and prevent the infectious, contagious, communicable, or dangerous diseases, such as the COVID-19 virus, in the County, including, among other things, a declaration that a state of emergency exists in the County, and authorizing the exercise of all emergency powers not otherwise in conflict with any rules or regulations authorized by the Department of Health or the Department of Social Services under Chapter 198, RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The spread of the COVID-19 virus has caused a state of emergency in the County.
2. There is a need to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
3. This Order is necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of the County.
4. Due to the unique characteristics and the risks associated with the transmission dynamics of the COVID-19 virus, and its clinical severity, the lack of vaccine or antiviral medications as current treatment options, the inability to ensure social distancing and to prevent close contact among professional, social, cultural entertainment, or other special events where people are not separated by physical space of a least six feet, it is prohibited for any person to organize or attend a gathering of 50 people or more in a single space or room. All group events or gatherings of 50 people or more are prohibited from taking place during the duration of this Order.
5. Any person who organizes or attends a gathering of 49 people or less shall take appropriate action to minimize risk to the greatest extent possible by implementing and enforcing mitigation measures, including but not limited to, social distancing, limiting the time period of gatherings, frequent cleaning of all surfaces, and posting of warning signs.
6. This Order shall not apply to educational institutions, daycare facilities, places of employment, grocery stores, retail stores, courts, or government offices.
7. Stone County Health Department may promulgate such mandatory or advisory rules, policies, and guidance as is necessary and appropriate to implement this Order. Mandatory rules and policies so promulgated shall have the force of law to the greatest extent possible.
8. This Order shall be effective at 00:01 a.m. on Monday, March 23 2020 and shall expire at midnight on April 5 2020, unless extended or terminated by a later Order.
9. The County Clerk shall make this order available to the public.

Done at the Courthouse in Galena, Missouri on March 19 2020.

COUNTY COMMISSION OF
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MARK W. MAPLES
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

HANK SMYTHE
COMMISSIONER

WAYNE BLADES
COMMISSIONER

Attest:

CINDY AMORE
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

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 10:29 AM.