

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI
April 3, 2020

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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 April 3, 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 & Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: County Counsel William McCullah; Denise Dickens, Commission Administrative Assistant; Cindy Elmore Stone County Clerk & Tena Foster, Stone County Clerk's office.

Teleconference with: Steve Seaton & Chris Daugherty Hurley, Ray Dean Hicks, Crane & Collin Brannan, Crane.

Discussion to Accept & Sign Joint Resolution & Proclamation of Emergency

Due to CoVID-19 (Coronavirus) Outbreak, and Emergency Stay-at-Home Recommendations.

The Commission has reached out to the cities of Branson West, Crane, Hurley, Galena, Kimberling City, Reeds Spring, Indian Point and McCord Bend, and the Fire Departments of Hurley, Stone County, Stone County Emergency Management and the Stone County Health Department all are on board with this Joint Resolution and Proclamation of Emergency Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Outbreak, and Emergency Stay-at-Home Recommendations.

The matter to accept and sign Joint Resolution and Proclamation of Emergency Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Outbreak, and Emergency Stay-at-Home Recommendations was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades – yes. Matter carried; Resolution signed.



IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY
DUE TO COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) OUTBREAK, AND
EMERGENCY STAY-AT-HOME RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, in December 2019, medical professionals detected a novel coronavirus, now designated, as "SARS-CoV-2," which causes a disease known as "coronavirus disease 2019" abbreviated as COVID-19".

WHEREAS, on January 30 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared an outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease.

WHEREAS, on March 11 2020, the World Health Organization Director General characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic.

WHEREAS, on March 13 2020 the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency.

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

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, COVID-19 is spread person to person through direct or close proximate contact, is highly contagious, and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness and a threat to public health.

WHEREAS, after consultation with local jurisdictions, the Stone County Office of Emergency Management, and the Stone County Health Department, it was determined a state of emergency exists which requires a response by the County Commission to protect human life.

WHEREAS, people have tested positive for COVID-19 in Stone County.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the United States, and all evidence suggests that the number will continue to increase in the near future.

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in these Recommendations should prohibit any individual from performing or accessing "Essential Governmental Functions." Essential Government Functions means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of any government agencies, including schools, and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. All Essential Governmental Functions should be performed in compliance to the extent possible with Physical Distancing Recommendations as defined in these Recommendations.

II. Section Two: Non-Essential Business and Other Non-Essential Operations Should Cease

- A. All businesses and other operations in the County, except as defined herein as an Essential Business or exempted by force of law or Order, should cease all in-person operations. Non-essential businesses and other operations may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees, contractors, or other agents of businesses performing activities at their own residences or places of rest. All essential business activities should carry out to the greatest degree possible Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") recommended social distancing guidelines. Essential businesses should perform only those activities defined as an essential business and should not perform non-essential business activities. These Recommendations do not apply to government agencies.

III. Section Three: Definitions and Exemptions

- A. Definitions. For purposes of these Recommendations, the following terms will have the meaning ascribed to them:

- 1. "Essential Activities," means:
 - a. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), or close personal acquaintances, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home;
 - b. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or close personal acquaintances, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, groceries and essential household goods and products, such as cleaning and personal care products and

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WHEREAS, after consultation with local jurisdictions, including the Cities of Branson West, Crane, Galena, Hurley, Kimberling City, and Reeds Spring; the Villages of Indian Point and McCord Bend; the Hurley Fire Protection District; the Stone County Fire Protection District; the Stone County Office of Emergency Management; and the Stone County Health Department; the County Commission has adjudged that a state of emergency exists that requires a response by the County Commission to protect human life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This Resolution and Proclamation of Emergency is made pursuant to §49.650, RSMo. and enacted as described herein.

Section 2. The exercise of certain powers granted to the County Commission in §49.650, RSMo. appears reasonably necessary due to the local state of emergency, and the County Commission strongly encourages and recommends to the citizens and businesses in the County to follow the recommendation set out below.

Section 3. Pursuant their respective statutory authority, the Cities of Branson West, Crane, Galena, Hurley, Kimberling City, and Reeds Spring; the Villages of Indian Point and McCord Bend; the Hurley Fire Protection District; the Stone County Fire Protection District; the Stone County Office of Emergency Management; and the Stone County Health Department; join the County Commission in strongly encouraging and recommending that citizens and businesses follow the recommendations set out below.

Section 4. This Resolution and Proclamation of Emergency is effective at 12:01 a.m. on April 4 2020, and shall continue until amended or rescinded.

WHEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

I. Section One: Stay at Home Recommendation

- A. Individuals should leave their residences or place of rest only to perform "Essential Activities," as defined herein or to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of Essential Business, Minimum Basic Operations, or other enumerated exempted categories as prescribed by Order or other prevailing law. People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are strongly urged to stay in their residence or place of rest except as necessary to seek medical care and to obtain provision of essential life items. All individuals should exercise physical distancing requirements at all times.
- B. Exemptions. All persons working for or to support Essential Businesses are categorically exempt from these Recommendations. Further, nothing

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other products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;

- c. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Physical Distancing Requirements as defined herein, such as, by way of example and without limitation, biking, walking, hiking, or running;
 - d. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in these Recommendations, including Minimum Basic Operations, as defined herein, at Non-Essential Businesses; and
 - e. To care for a family member, close personal acquaintance, or pet in another household.
2. "Essential Businesses" means any for-profit, non-profit, or educational entity, regardless its corporate or entity structure, to the extent that a substantial element of its daily operations is included in the following activities:
- a. Construction, including critical home and building repairs;
 - b. Healthcare and public health services and supply manufacturing and distribution, including mental health and home health services, blood and plasma donation and related activities, and pharmacies but not including gyms and fitness centers. This should be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare;
 - c. Veterinary care and other healthcare services for animals, including boarding;
 - d. Food, shelter, and social services and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, such as those residing at shelters;
 - e. Mortuary services, including funeral homes, crematoriums, and cemetery workers, except that not more than 10 persons at a time should be allowed into a funeral, visitation, or wake;
 - f. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;

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- g. Law enforcement, emergency management, public safety, first responder, emergency dispatch, and security;
- h. Hazardous materials handling and cleanup;
- i. Agriculture and food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
- j. Grocery stores, food banks, convenience stores and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household products (such as cleaning and personal care products), provided that farmers' markets and produce stands should provide drive-thru or carry out services only. This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences and persons, and includes the retail sale and distribution of alcohol;
- k. Restaurant carry-out, drive-thru, and delivery services; drive-thru and delivery services provided they are food services; pick-up or take-away food services provided by a school, provided that no more than 10 people should be within the establishment and Physical Distancing Recommendations as defined these Recommendations,;
- l. Energy, electricity, petroleum, natural and propane gas acquisition, production, generation, processing, storage, distribution, and retail distribution;
- m. Waste and wastewater maintenance and operation of infrastructure, including processing, treatment, conveyance, and distribution;
- n. Logistics and transportation of goods and people, including taxis, rental services, rideshare, and private transportation providers and businesses that ship or deliver foods, goods, or services directly to residences;
- o. Freight transportation services including railroads and rail systems
- p. Gas stations;

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- bb. Laundromats, dry cleaners and laundry service providers;
- cc. Residential care facilities, including nursing homes and group homes;
- dd. Mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
- ee. Educational activities to support distance learning activities;
- ff. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in these Recommendations to work as permitted. To the extent possible, childcare should be carried out in stable groups, preferably with 10 or fewer ("stable" means that the same 10 or fewer children are in the same group each day); children should not change from one group to another; if more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group should be in a separate room. Groups should not mix with each other; and childcare providers should remain solely with one group of children;
- gg. Religious activity to support distance and/or virtual services provided fewer than 10 persons are in the group;
- hh. Any business involving the possession, transfer, sale, transportation, storage, display or use of firearms or ammunition;
- ii. "Minimum Basic Operations" of otherwise non-essential businesses, provided that employees comply with Physical Distancing Requirements as defined herein to the extent possible while carrying out such operations and which should be limited to the following:
 - i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory and facilities, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions; and
 - ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences, place of rest, or elsewhere;

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- q. Vehicle and boat sales, repair, and maintenance facilities, including vehicle and boat parts manufacturers and suppliers, and boat dock repair and construction;
- r. Public works support, inspection, and maintenance, including workers such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers whose services are necessary to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences and buildings, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses;
- s. Public infrastructure support and maintenance;
- t. Communications infrastructure support and maintenance, including storefronts that sell or repair communication devices and media services, including radio, television, and print;
- u. Information technology development, management, support, and security, including client service centers;
- v. Inspection services for construction functions of new facilities and/or maintenance of existing buildings;
- w. Hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts, provided that they should not offer dining-in services and no more than 10 people should be congregated in any one area including the lobby area, or outdoors within six feet of each other;
- x. Critical manufacturing of materials and products needed for medical supply chains, transportation, energy, communications, food and agriculture to include: food and beverage processing, wholesaling, storage, warehousing, and distribution, chemical manufacturing, water and wastewater treatment, emergency services, and the defense industrial base;
- y. Legal and critical financial services, including banks, and property services, including supportive activities such as appraisals, title searches, and inspections;
- z. Lawn and landscaping services and grass, weed, and vegetation removal necessary to protect the health, safety, and sanitation of the community;
- aa. Building supply stores;

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- ii. Direct support services necessary to ensure an essential business activity will not have to cease operation.

3. "Physical Distancing Requirements" includes maintaining at least a six-foot physical distance from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

IV. Section Five: Effective Date, Duration, Questions, and Availability.

- A. These Recommendations will be effective at 12:01 a.m. on April 4 2020 and will be in effect until modified or rescinded.
- B. Persons having questions about this document should contact the County Commission office, telephone 417-357-8141, email denise.dickens@stonecountymo.gov.
- C. The County Clerk shall make these Recommendations available to the public.

Adopted and approved by the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on April 3 2020 at the Courthouse in Galena, Missouri.

COUNTY COMMISSION OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

MARK W. MAPLES
PRESIDENT, COMMISSIONER

HANK SMYTHE
COMMISSIONER

WAYNE BLADES
COMMISSIONER

Attest:

CINDY ELMORE
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

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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 10:15 AM.