

THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF  
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

April 22, 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 April 22, 2025. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades.

**Morning session**

**10:25 Am**

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Those that were in attendance were: Joy Wilson and Sammie Thompson, Planning and Zoning; John Torgerson, Torgerson Design Partners; Matt Daugherty, Stone County Assessor; William McCullah, County Council and Amanda Parton, Stone County Clerk's Office.

**Approval of Commission Minutes**

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated April 17, 2025, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades –yes. Minutes ordered approved.

**Sign Order Imposing a lodging Tax**

The matter to sign and accept implementing the lodging tax for Stone County that was passed during the April 8, 2025, Municipal Election was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe- yes; Maples – yes.

**ORDER OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**WHEREAS**, on the 28th day of January, 2025, the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri, entered an Order for an election to be held in conjunction with the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, for the purpose of imposing and placing on the ballot the question of imposing a tax on the charges for all sleeping rooms paid by transient guests, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2025, a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon were in favor of the proposal by the voters located in the following described townships in Stone County, Missouri: Flat Creek A; Flat Creek B; Ruth A; Ruth B Rural; Ruth B City; Ruth C; Sunset Cove; Alpine; Pine A; Pine B; and Williams; and

**WHEREAS**, this tax is authorized pursuant to § 67.1003, RSMo.

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

1. Ratiofication, Approval, and Imposition of Tax; Order of County Commission. The Stone County Commission ratifies, adopts, and imposes the above-referenced tax submitted to and approved by the qualified voters of the County located in the above-described townships. The tax shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the election was held. The tax shall be imposed at a rate of three percent (3%) on the charges for all sleeping rooms paid by transient guests of hotels, motels, and short-term rentals located in the following described townships in Stone County, Missouri for the sole purpose of promoting tourism: Flat Creek A; Flat Creek B; Ruth A; Ruth B Rural; Ruth B City; Ruth C; Sunset Cove; Alpine; Pine A; Pine B; and Williams. Census Bureau data and zip code data associated with the previously described townships shall be utilized to identify those locations in which the transient guest tax applies and shall be imposed.

2. Notice to Missouri Department of Revenue. The County Commission authorizes and requests the County Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Revenue of the ratification, adoption, and imposition of the tax described herein by submitting a copy of this Order upon passage and approval of this Order.


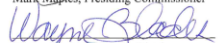

3. Authorization. The Presiding Commissioner and County Clerk are authorized and directed to take such further additional actions and to execute such additional documents as is necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Order.

4. Effective Date. This Order shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

By order of the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri on April 22 2025.



ATTEST:  
  
Denise Dickens, County Clerk

  
Mark Maples, Presiding Commissioner  
  
Wayne Blades, Northern District  
Commissioner  
  
Hank Smythe, Southern District  
Commissioner

## **Award Architect services for remodel/construction project**

After much discussion, the matter to accept Torgerson Design Partners for the remodel/construction project for Planning and Zoning, Assessor, and Recorder's building was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades- yes; Smythe-yes; Maples-yes.

**Recess Time:** 10:30 AM for Road and Bridge

## **Public Time:**

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

## **Announcements**

**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 11:46 AM