THE COUNTY COMMISSION

OF

STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

April 29, 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 29, 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: Chief Tim Gideon, Stone County Sheriff's Office; 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 24, 2025,

was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe - yes; Maples - yes; Blades -yes. Minutes

ordered approved.

Sign Resolution Promoting Public Safety

Tim Gideon, Chief Deputy with the Stone County Sheriff's Department presented a public safety

resolution to the County Commission. The matter sign the resolution promoting public safety and

make Stone County a Blue Sheild Community was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades

yes; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes. Resolution signed.

Whereas, the safety and well-being of all residents within the jurisdiction of Stone County is of paramount importance to the Stone County Commission; Whereas, violent crime in any form undermines the sense of security and prosperity for individuals, families, and the community as a whole; Whereas, reducing violent crime and addressing its root causes is essential to creating a safer, more vibrant community; Whereas, The Stone County Commission is committed to promoting public safety through collaborative efforts among law enforcement, community leaders, social services, and residents; Whereas, The Stone County Commission recognizes that a comprehensive approach to public safety, including crime prevention, early intervention, and rehabilitation, is crucial to reducing violence and fostering long-term positive change; Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Stone County Commission hereby commits to: 1. Implementing evidence-based crime reduction strategies to reduce violent crime within the jurisdiction, including enhanced community policing, increased collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, and data-driven approaches to crime prevention. 2. Providing resources for community-based violence prevention programs that address underlying social issues, such as poverty, lack of education, and substance abuse, that contribute to violent crime. 3. Supporting victims of violent crime through dedicated victim support services, including counseling, legal assistance, and access to emergency resources 4. Enhancing public education and community engagement by facilitating programs that build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve, fostering partnerships that encourage reporting of crime and promoting community resilience. Ensuring accountability by establishing clear metrics for evaluating the success of public safety and crime reduction initiatives and publishing regular reports to the public on progress made. 6. Seeking additional state and federal funding to support crime reduction efforts, community health, and public safety infrastructure. Be It Further Resolved, that Stone County Commission commits to ongoing dialogue with residents, stakeholders, and experts to continuously evaluate and improve strategies aimed at reducing violent crime and promoting a safe, just, and peaceful community for all. Adopted this 29th Day of April, 2025 Mark Maples Hank Smythe Wayne Blades

Amendment of Contract for Army Corps of Engineers

The matter to sign an amended contract between Stone County Sheriff's Department and Army Corps of Engineers to patrol Amry Corps of Engineers campgrounds in Stone County was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes.

Recess Time: 10:15 AM

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 11:45AM