

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

April 30, 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 30, 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 Covid-19 Briefing, Commission Work Session - General Discussion with no decisions.

10:24 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: Denise Dickens, Commission Administrative Assistant; County Counsel William McCullah; and Tena Foster, Stone County Clerk's office.

Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meeting dated April 28, 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 \$4, 064.11. 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.

Joint Resolution and Proclamation of COVID-19 Recovery Plan, Phase I.



IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) RECOVERY PLAN PHASE I

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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WHEREAS, after consultation with local jurisdictions, including the Cities of Branson West, Crane, Hurley, and Kimberling City; the Village of Indian Point; the Hurley Fire Protection District; the Stone County Fire Protection District; the Stone County Office of Emergency Management; the Stone County Health Department; and the Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce; 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:

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

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.

3. Pursuant to their respective statutory authority, Cities of Branson West, Crane, Hurley, and Kimberling City; the Village of Indian Point; 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.

WHEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Stone County's economic recovery plan will focus on the diversity of the County and its people, businesses, communities, and infrastructure, among others. A strategic "re-opening" of The County's economy will not be successful without proactive steps taken to mitigate risk of COVID-19 resurgence by our County's businesses, communities, and citizens.

While the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has issued guidance on what the federal government considers "essential businesses," we believe that all of The County's businesses and employers are vital to our County's economy and individual well-being.

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General Guidelines for Individuals

- Citizens who feel sick should stay home
- Continue to practice good hygiene, including:
 - Washing hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces;
 - Avoiding touching your face;
 - Sneezing or coughing into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow; and
 - Disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
- Avoid socializing in groups that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing (receptions, trade shows, etc.). When in public (parks, outdoor recreation spaces, shopping malls, etc.), individuals should maximize physical distance from others.
- Minimize travel to the extent possible.

General Guidelines for Communities

- Closely monitor and track the containment, spread, and any resurgence of COVID-19, and adjust plans as necessary.
- Limit situations where citizens cannot maintain social distancing.
- Facilitate widespread testing of symptomatic and asymptomatic citizens.
- Work to protect the most vulnerable populations.

Workplaces that are engaged in retail sales to the public must limit the number of customers in each retail location to the following standards based on the workplace's fire or building code occupancy:

- For smaller locations (less than 10,000 square feet), they must maintain 25 percent or less of the authorized occupancy.
- For larger locations (10,000 square feet or greater), they must maintain 10 percent or less of the authorized occupancy.

Employees at the workplace and vendors delivering products into the store are not included in this calculation and do not count toward occupancy limitations.

Grocery stores are strongly encouraged to set aside hours, outside of regular store hours, to allow third-party grocery delivery services to provide grocery shopping services for their customers. This will allow individual shoppers to shop during regular store hours, and reduce congestion during such times. This will further allow such services to function in an environment where their services may be in excessive demand.

Shoppers at all retail stores are also encouraged, when possible, to limit the number of people shopping in stores to one person per household at any one time. This will better enable all families to access necessary goods in grocery stores, and further reduce the number of individuals necessary to access such goods.

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If your business is not subject to fire or building code occupancy limitations set by your local jurisdiction, you should calculate your occupancy limits based on the following formula:

For a business with a retail location less than 10,000 square feet:

- Building Square Feet divided by 30 = Quotient
- Quotient x .25 = Occupancy Limit

For a business with the retail location of 10,000 square feet or more:

- Building Square Feet divided by 30 = Quotient
- Quotient x .10 = Occupancy Limit

Examples:

- A 40,000 square foot grocery store would be able to have 133 customers in the store at any one time.
- An 8,000 square foot retail store would be able to have 66 customers in the store at any one time.

For businesses without a fire or building code occupancy limitation, use either the calculation set forth above, or the calculation applied to your business based upon your specific local jurisdiction fire and building code occupancy limitation, whichever is greater.

Examples:

- A 30,000 square foot retail business has a local jurisdiction fire or building occupancy limitation of 700 people. Using the formula allowing only 10% of the local jurisdiction, 70 customers would be permitted in the store at any one time. For an identical business without a local fire or occupancy limitation, they would be able to have 100 customers in their store at any one time. Under this guidance, you may have up to 100 customers in your store at any one time.
- A 6,000 square foot retail business has a local jurisdiction fire or building occupancy limitation of 150 people. Using the formula allowing only 25% of the local jurisdiction, the business would be able to have 37 customers in the store at any one time. For an identical business without a local fire or occupancy limitation, they would be able to have 50 customers in their store at any one time. Under this guidance, there could be up to 50 customers in your store at any one time.

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Implementing a system where customers/citizens can wait inside their vehicles prior to entering the business is strongly encouraged, as are pre-scheduled appointments to minimize interaction between people. In situations where this is not feasible, such as public transit, medical offices, and parks, entities should develop public health and safety measures using the above direction as a guide, in addition to any guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Medical providers, such as dentists and optometrists, may provide usual services at their discretion. The social distancing requirements do not apply to individuals performing job duties that require contact with other people closer than six feet (6').

Medical providers should develop and implement public health and safety measures for employees and patients, using the above direction as a guide, in addition to any guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Implementing a system where patients can wait inside their vehicles prior to entering the office is strongly encouraged, as are pre-scheduled and spaced out appointments to minimize interaction between people.

Restaurants are strongly encouraged to prioritize public health and safety by implementing measures including, but not limited to, regulating self-serve options such as salad bars and buffets, using disposable menus, and employee use of personal protective equipment if available. Tables and seating shall be spaced out according to social distance requirements.

The continued use of drive-through, pickup, or delivery options is encouraged.

Food court establishments may operate, but the social distancing and communal seating requirements will prevent them from offering seating.

Daycares, childcare providers, or schools providing childcare for working families can continue operations, but should follow the CDC guidance targeted for those operations found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>.

As long as the social distancing requirements are followed, places of worship are allowed to hold in-person services. Common practices that may occur with worship services, such as hand shaking and shared communion cups, should be avoided.

Places of worship and fraternal organizations such as Masons, Shriners, Knights of Columbus, and members of the fraternal orders of Elks and Eagles may gather, but must adhere to the social distancing and communal seating areas requirements.

Traditional summer activities such as utilizing aquatic facilities, community centers, fitness centers, libraries, organized athletics, and camps offer a variety of recreational opportunities. If these services are offered, we encourage adjustments be considered to mitigate the risks of contracting or spreading COVID-19 between participants, patrons, and staff, such as limiting the number of participants, modifying activities, restructuring programs, and increasing sanitization measures for facilities and participants.

Areas of high touch or high traffic, such as playgrounds, must remain closed.

Events at large venues or stadiums, or movie theaters, must have seating shall be spaced out according to social distancing requirements.

This will apply to events such as amusement parks and attractions, concerts, funerals, museums, school graduations and weddings.

The County is working with local health authorities to support the order. Local health authorities and law enforcement maintain the same jurisdiction and authority they have always had.

This Order establishes the minimum requirements that must be complied with Countywide. Local health authorities may enforce more restrictive public health requirements for businesses or individuals.

The only exception is the Order from the Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services dated March 24, 2020, removing the authority of a local health authority from closing or restricting the operations of a business which is a part of the food supply, whether that be agricultural production, manufacturing, distribution, or sale of food. This limited waiver does not limit the authority of a local health authority from closing or restricting the operations of a retail food establishment.

Effective Date, Duration, Questions, and Availability.

A. These Recommendations will be effective at 00:01 a.m. on May 4 2020 and will be in effect until modified or rescinded.

B. Persons having questions about this document should contact the Stone County Health Department, telephone 417-357-6134, <https://stonecountyhealthdepartment.com/>.

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Adopted and approved by the County Commission of Stone County, Missouri at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on April 30 2020 at the Courthouse in Galena, Missouri.

COUNTY COMMISSION OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

MARK W. MAPLES
COMMISSIONER

HANK SMYTHE
COMMISSIONER

WAYNE BLADES
COMMISSIONER

Attest:

CINDY ELLMORE
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

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Roll call vote to adopt and sign Joint Resolution and Proclamation of COVID-19 Recovery Plan, Phase I, Effective Monday 12:01 AM: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades - yes.
Matter carried.

Recommended Guidelines for Opening Churches from COVID-19

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These guidelines are recommendations for churches in our Stone County communities to begin to meet again inside their church buildings in a way that will help protect their parishioners' health as well as minister to their souls. Church leaders must understand that whenever they choose to open their facilities, they now have a greater social responsibility for keeping everyone safe. It is encouraged for churches to do a "soft opening" no sooner than the weekend of May 2 and 3 so they might have adequate time to prepare their facilities and educate their parishioners on their plans to open.

Social Distancing

- Churches should encourage families to sit together as a family group but be seated at least 6 ft. from other families. Hugs and hand-shakes should be strongly discouraged for the next few weeks.
- Post Social Distancing reminders on doors, on video screens and make announcements. Sign might also include "If you are ill we invite you to join us for worship online until you are feeling better."
- Churches should try to limit their attendance to 30% of their seating capacity. Adding additional service times on Saturday night or on Sundays and opening up fellowship halls or balconies for seating with video screens are a possible solution. A special service time for the elderly and "at-risk" parishioners is also a good option.
- It is recommended that churches not hold Sunday School or small groups for at least a couple of weeks and not hold any special dinners or events that would bring a crowd through May.
- It is recommended that churches not offer nursery or children's church ministries for the next few weeks.

Cleanliness and Godliness

- Offer plenty of hand sanitizer in various locations and encourage usage.
- Have volunteers do a good cleaning after each service.
- Shorten service times to 45 minutes or less in order to cut down the exposure time and to decrease the number of people needing to use the rest room.
- It is suggested to not "Pass the Offering Plate" from person to person. Some ideas are a "giving box" at the entrances, online giving or if possible, one person holding the plate at all times. Ushers are encouraged to wear gloves when counting the money.
- If your church offers communion, it is recommended to use individual communion packets. Pre-packaged ones can be purchased at most Christian Book Stores.

Churches that agree to these recommendations are asked to fill out the information below and return it to the County Health Department along with any other things your church is doing to be pro-active.

Church _____ Address _____
Contact Person _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Public Time:

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

Discussion:

Employee salary committee meetings have been suspended at this time, due to budgetary shortfall.

Federal Funding Certification was discussed with no decisions made.

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 10:35 AM.