

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI
May 14, 2026

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 May 14, 2026. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Gordon Weathers, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades.

10:10 AM

Presiding Commissioner Gordon Weathers opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Those that were in attendance were: Denise Dickens, Stone County Clerk.

Amend Agenda for May 14, 2026

The matter to amend the agenda for May 14, 2026, was brought to a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers – yes.

Agenda Amended:

Add Letter of Support for OzarkSafe: A Geospatial and Simulation-Based Road Safety Demonstration for Rural Southwest Missouri and award Contractor for Recorder of Deeds Building project

Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meeting dated May 08, 2026, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Weathers – yes; Smythe – yes; Blades – yes. Minutes ordered approved.

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meeting dated May 12, 2026, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Weathers – yes; Smythe – yes; Blades – yes. Minutes ordered approved.

Schedule of Bills - 1

Presiding Commissioner Gordon Weathers presented a schedule of bills that have been submitted to the County Commission from the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$31,863.40. This matter to

accept the bills for payment was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Blades -yes; Weathers – yes. Order to pay carried.

Schedule of Bills - 2

Presiding Commissioner Gordon Weathers presented a schedule of bills that have been submitted to the County Commission from the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$647,767.13. This matter to accept the bills for payment was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Blades -yes; Weathers – yes. Order to pay carried.

Edgewater Village Subdivision review petition to vacate platted road

After reviewing the platted road, the matter to vacate platted road in Edgewater Village Subdivision was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers – Abstained. vacation carried.

Appoint Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustments Board Members

After interviewing the applications for Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Adjustments Board Members, the following applicants were appointed:

The matter to appoint John Clark to the Board of Adjustments Board was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers – yes. appointment carried.

The matter to appoint Brandon Lentz for Planning and Zoning representing Pine A was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers – yes. appointment carried.

The matter to appoint Scott Pieper for Planning and Zoning representing Ruth A was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – no; Smythe – yes; Weathers – no. appointment not carried.

The matter to appoint Robert Scott Jay for Planning and Zoning representing Ruth A was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – no; Weathers – yes. appointment carried.

The matter to appoint Marla Schuler for Planning and Zoning representing Union was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers – yes. appointment carried.

The matter to appoint Brenda Walters for Planning and Zoning representing Ruth B Rural was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers – yes. appointment carried.

Sign Letter of Support for Opportunity Zone Designation – Reeds Spring, Missouri

The matter to sign letter of Support for Opportunity Zone Designation - Reeds Spring, Missouri was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers -yes. Letter signed



Hank Smythe
Southern Commissioner

Gordon Weathers
Presiding Commissioner

Wayne Blades
Northern Commissioner

5-12-2026

Missouri Department of Economic Development

RE: Support for Opportunity Zone Designation – Reeds Spring, Missouri

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of The Stone County Commission. We support the designation of Census Tract 906.06 within Stone County as a Qualified Rural Opportunity Zone (QROZ).

The proposed tract contains several underutilized properties and development opportunities that have not advanced due to persistent barriers to private investment common in rural communities. Designation as a Qualified Rural Opportunity Zone would provide an important tool to help attract private capital for development and revitalization efforts to support housing availability, job creation and retention, and infrastructure expansion within the community.

This designation would strengthen the area's ability to compete for investment, support local economic development goals, and encourage reinvestment in properties and corridors that are critical to the long-term success of the community and surrounding region.

I respectfully encourage the Missouri Department of Economic Development to support this designation.

Sincerely,

Gordon Weathers

Presiding Commissioner, Stone County, Missouri

Sign Letter of Support for Opportunity Zone Designation – Kimberling City, Missouri

The matter to sign letter of Support for Opportunity Zone Designation – Kimberling City, Missouri was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers -yes. Letter signed



5/12/2026

Missouri Department of Economic Development

RE: Support for Opportunity Zone Designation – Kimberling City, Missouri

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Stone County Commission, we support the designation of Census Tract 905.01 within Stone County as a Qualified Rural Opportunity Zone (QROZ).

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Sign Letter of Support for OzarkSafe: A Geospatial and Simulation-Based Road Safety Demonstration for Rural Southwest Missouri

The matter to sign the letter of support for OzarkSafe: A Geospatial and Simulation-Based Road Safety Demonstration for Rural Southwest Missouri was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers- - yes. letter signed.

Award Contractor for Recorder of Deeds Building Project

The matter to accept KCI Construction as the Contractor for the Recorder of Deeds Building Project was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Weathers -yes. matter carried.

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; Weathers – yes. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM