

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

May 28, 2024

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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 May 28, 2024. 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

No scheduled agenda

10:10 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge, Pastor Royce Burke with Freedom Apostolic Church led the meeting in prayer. Those that were in attendance were Sargent Gary McDaniel, Stone County Jail; Shawn McKoy, Sheriff's Office Management; Keith Kinnard, Stone County 911; Pastor Royce Burke, Freedom Apostolic Church in Branson West, MO.; County Counsel William McCullah; Denise Dickens, County Clerk and Amanda Parton, Stone County Clerk's Office.

Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated May 28, 2024, 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 the County Commission from the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$15,401.20. This matter to accept the bills for payment was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Blades - yes; Maples – yes. Order to pay carried.

Inmate Medical Services

The County Commission considered the jail medical bids from Advanced Correctional Healthcare and Turnkey Healthcare, Thursday, May 23, 2024. Both bids were rejected as being too expensive. The vote was Commissioner Blades, yes; Commissioner Smythe, yes; Presiding Commissioner Maples, yes.

The previous jail medical provider had already stopped providing services, thereby creating an emergency situation. Captain Randall Bennett obtained a commitment from Dr. Jeff Semeyn to provide jail medical services on a short-term basis, and to submit a proposal for a long-term basis. Captain Bennett provided a memorandum of the short-term agreement. The Commission voted on whether to approve the short-term agreement with Dr. Semeyn. The vote was Commissioner Blades, yes; Commissioner Smythe, yes; Presiding Commissioner Maples, yes.

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Recommendation for Medical Services to the Stone County Jail

I, Captain Randall Bennett, am recommending to the Stone County Commissioners, Dr. Jeff Semeyn and Ozark Correctional Health Care to take over Medical Services provided to the Stone County Jail. Dr. Semeyn was personally recommended to me by Scott Weseloh the Saline County Jail Administrator and spoken highly of by Tony Wheatley the Sheriff of Pulaski County to Sheriff Doug Rader and myself.

Ozark Correctional Health Care has proposed \$12,000 per month for 24/7 on call services from Dr. Semeyn (\$6,000), a 30 hour per week LPN (\$3,600) and \$2,400 per month for medications, running until 12/31/2024. This proposal would keep the Stone County Jail close to our original budget for the 2024 year.

Currently, Ozark Correctional Health Care is our best option. Not only for the price, but also the availability for immediately resuming medical services for inmates requiring daily medications and treatment.

This is to be considered at first to be a short-term solution with the possibility to renew the contract starting 01/01/2025. If any reason were to arise of dissatisfaction with Ozark Correctional Health Care from the Sheriff's Office or from the Commissioners, the Stone County Jail would reopen bids for the medical services for 2025.

Captain Randall Bennett
Stone County Sheriff's Office
Jail Administrator

Sign Emergency Services (911) Quit Claim Deed

The matter to sign the Emergency Services (911) Quit Claim Deed was brought to a decision by roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes. Deed Signed.

Announcement

Northern Commissioner Blades attended the Ground Breaking of the Developmental Disability Board's new facility on Friday, May 24, 2024.

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: Blades – yes; Smythe- yes; Maples- yes. Meeting adjourned at: 10:40 AM