

THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF  
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI  
July 2, 2024

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 July 2, 2024. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples (absent), Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades.

**Morning Session:**

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

No scheduled agenda

**10:00 AM**

Presiding Commissioner Pro-Tem Hank Smythe opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades led the meeting in prayer. Those that were in attendance were Jacqueline Brown and Austin Faigh, State Auditor's Office; Kristi Stephens, Treasurer; County Counsel William McCullah; Sheriff Doug Rader, Stone County Sheriff; Denise Dickens, Stone County Clerk and Amanda Parton, Stone County Clerk's Office.

**Approval of Commission Minutes**

The matter to approve decision minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated June 27, 2024, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – absent; Blades –yes. Minutes ordered approved.

**Schedule of Bills - 1**

Presiding Commissioner Pro-Tem Hank Smythe presented a schedule of bills that have been submitted to the County Commission from the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$194,028.02. This matter to accept the bills for payment was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Blades -yes; Maples – absent. Order to pay carried.

### **Discuss contract wages**

Thunder Ridge Amphitheater has requested through Sheriff Rader to have some of the Stone County Deputies work security for their concerts. Sheriff Doug Rader met the Commissioners about the deputies pay being processed through the county's payroll. After much discussion it was decided that Thunder Ridge could pay the Stone County Deputies directly for the security. Discussion Only.

### **State Auditor's Office – employee introduction**

Jacqueline Brown and Austin Faigh with the State Auditor's Office came before the Commission to introduce themselves.

*A closed executive session was held pursuant to §160.021 (17) RSMo for discussions with State Auditor's Office personnel. Notice had been provided at least 24 hours before the session. The issue to go into closed executive session was decided by a roll call vote: Presiding Commissioner pro tempore Smythe, yes; Commissioner Blades, yes. The closed meeting began at 10:15 am and ended at 10:25 am. The decision to not release the minutes from the closed session was decided by a roll call vote: Presiding Commissioner pro tempore Smythe, yes; Commissioner Blades, yes. The decision to return to open session was decided by a roll call vote: Presiding Commissioner pro tempore Smythe, yes; Commissioner Blades, yes. Presiding Commissioner Maples was absent. The Commission returned to public session.*

### **Recess Time:**

### **Announcement**

### **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- absent. Meeting adjourned at: 10:36AM