

THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF  
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

August 25, 2020

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COUNTY OF STONE |

Be it remembered that a session of the County Commission of Stone was held in the courthouse at Galena, on August 25, 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**

Commission Work Session – Shawn Mayr, Connell Insurance, General Discussion with no decisions.

**10:08 AM**

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

**Approval of Commission Minutes**

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated August 20, 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 \$105,618.50. 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.

## 2020 Stone County General Revenue and Road & Bridge Levy Hearing

Peggy Griffith, County Clerks office, came before the Commission with the proposed 2020 levies for General Revenue and Road and Bridge. As per RSMO 67.505 the proposed property tax levy was calculated using a 50% sales tax reduction formula. Peggy Griffith Stone County Clerks office proposed that the 2020 General Revenue levy be set at 0.1052 and that the 2020 Road and Bridge levy remain, at 0.0000.

The matter to accept the recommendation and set the 2020 tax levy for General Revenue at 0.1052 was brought to decision by a roll call vote; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood - yes. Matter carried, levy set.

The matter to accept the recommendation and set the 2020 tax levy for Road and Bridge at 0.0000 was brought to decision by a roll call vote; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Wood - yes. Matter carried, levy set.

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2020 Levy Hearing  
Clerk Levy Recommendation Presentation to the County Commission

At the end of June 2020, the County Clerk received aggregate assessed valuation, and new construction reports from the Stone County Assessor. These valuations were reported to the State Tax Commission, to the State Auditor's Office, to all Stone County taxing entities, and to Stone County Schools. The aggregate assessed valuations for Stone County General Revenue and Stone County Road and Bridge are before you. These valuations were included with a notice of public hearing set for today. The notice ran in the County's newspapers for two weeks.

### GENERAL REVENUE

The State Auditor reviewed the valuations that were submitted and computed that the 2020 tax rate For Stone County General Revenue is 0.2848.

The office of the County Clerk then used the State Auditor's approved formula for determining the sales tax reduction that is to be applied to the tax rate.

The sales tax reduction is calculated as follows:

- 1) Actual sales tax collected from the last six months of the previous year and the first six months of the current year is used as the estimate for the total current year collection. That Sales Tax estimate is divided by 50%. For 2020 the estimated sales tax revenue is 2,504,079 divided by 50%. This results in a 1,252,040 reduction of revenue to be collected from Property Tax.
- 2) The Assessed Valuation reported to the Auditor is multiplied by the Pro Forma Tax Rate Ceiling (696,984,217 x 0.2848) for Total Gross Tax revenue of 1,985,011.
- 3) The 50% reduction due to sales tax (1,252,040) is subtracted from the total gross tax revenue (1,985,011) leaving 732,971 to be raised by 2020 property tax.
- 4) The revenue from sales tax allows for property tax payers to have their General Revenue portion of their tax bill reduced by 0.1796.

Therefore the Office of the Stone County Clerk recommends to the Stone County Commission that the General Revenue Tax Rate for 2020 be set at 0.1052.

In December the formula will be recalculated with the actual 2020 sales tax revenue amounts. At that time if there is a surplus in the General Revenue Maximum Allowable Revenue, then that 2020 surplus will be allotted to Road and Bridge in the 2021 budget. The 2020 budget has already allotted Road and Bridge 40,000, so any surplus over that amount will be required to be budgeted to Road and Bridge in 2021 in addition to any other amount approved by the County Commission.

### ROAD AND BRIDGE

The same calculations that were used for General Revenue apply to Road and Bridge. The 50% reduction of 2020's estimated sales tax (1,338,156) is more revenue than the Gross Tax Revenue from the 0.1456 tax rate (1,014,809) computed by the State Auditor.

Therefore the Office of the Stone County Clerk recommends to the Stone County Commission that the Stone County Road and Bridge Tax Rate for 2020 be set at 0.0000.

### **Sheriff-Discuss Personnel Issue**

Discussion only, with no decision made.

### **Recess: 10:20AM**

#### **11:00 AM CARES Act Relief Fund Review**

Sheila Thomas, TRLCC came before the Commission discussing the CARES Act Funding. There were no new applications. CARES Act committee are still reviewing several applications at this time. It was recommended by the Commission to have County Counsel William McCullah write an agreement for the Stone County Health Department's \$150,000.00 CARES Act funding that was agreed on July 28, 2020. Matter to accept the Recommendation for the \$150,000.00 CARES Act Funds to Stone County Health Department and have County Counsel William McCullah write an agreement was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe –yes; Maples – yes; Blades – yes. Approved

**Phase 1:** Public entities, including health, law enforcement, school, county and city submission and nursing homes. Deadline was August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Phase 2:** Non-Profit entities. AUG. 10-31, 2020

**Phase 3:** Private entities, will start September 14, 2020

Discussion on hazard pay, Discussion only.

Next meeting September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM

### **Recess: 12:00 PM to meeting at 1:00 PM**

#### **Judicial Building Construction Bond Meeting via teleconference**

#### **(RE Smith & Jennifer Wilson N-Form)**

Bond Meeting via teleconference. Discussion only.

### **Announcements/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: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades – yes. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

