

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

October 22, 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 October 22, 2024. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades.

Morning session

10:00 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Those that were in attendance were William McCullah, County Council; Denise Dickens, Stone County Clerk; Sarah Perry, Stone County Clerk's Office.

Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated October 17, 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 \$12,304.06. 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.

Schedule of Bills - 2

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 \$181,276.76. 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.

2024 Informal Amended Budget Hearing

Discussed 2024 budget amendments, formal budget hearing date will be Thursday October 24, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

Missouri Department of Transportation letter

In response to the letter the County Commission signed and sent to MoDOT on August 29, 2024, regarding the roundabout that is planned for the intersection of Route 13, US 160 and Route 248 in Stone County.



Missouri Department of Transportation

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2024 October 18

Stone County Commission
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Dear Stone County Commissioners,


We wanted to formally acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 28, 2024, regarding the planned intersection improvements at Route 13, US 160 and Route 248 in Stone County. Your letter stated that you have received several concerns about the feasibility of the planned roundabout and would instead prefer a traffic signal or flashing light.

At the first public meeting, we received many comments from concerned citizens. Most comments were from citizens doubting the ability of heavy lake traffic to flow through the roundabout efficiently. We also received concerns regarding towing large boats through the roundabout, access to Old Route 160 Road just east of the roundabout, use of the intersection by emergency services as a landing spot for helicopters and constructing the roundabout during the busy summer lake season. We evaluated each of these concerns and attempted to address them. At the second public meeting, we presented a computer model showing how traffic would flow through the roundabout on a busy lake weekend. The model showed that traffic flows efficiently through the roundabout. We obtained information from businesses regarding the size of trucks and boats that would need to pass through the roundabout and modeled the travel path, confirming that the roundabout will have adequate space for these large loads. We redesigned the splitter island on the east leg of the roundabout to allow for left turns at Old Route 160 road and the splitter island on the west leg of the roundabout to allow emergency services to land a helicopter. To avoid construction during lake season, we now plan construction for this winter and spring, with all significant work to be completed prior to Memorial Day weekend. After the second public meeting, we only received two additional comments in opposition. Those in attendance seemed to appreciate the additional information and the efforts made to respond to previous concerns.

We are planning to move forward with the roundabout at this location. As the responsible agency charged with ensuring the safety of motorists using the state highway system, we must make our decisions based on our knowledge and expertise. Given the nature of the crashes at this location, a roundabout is the best solution.

If you would like any additional information or have questions regarding the information provided, please feel free to reach out. We would be glad to meet with you or any concerned citizens that have contacted the Commission.

Sincerely,


Stacy Reese, P. E.
District Engineer



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Recess time: 10:08 AM

Back in session: 10:13 AM

Recess time: 10:27 AM

Back in session: 10:31 AM

Recess time: 10:34 AM

Announcement

The Stone County Commissioners attended the Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce's Lake Splash on Saturday October 19, 2024.

The County Commissioners would like to recognize Sheriff Doug Rader for receiving the Guardian Award at the Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce's Lake Splash.

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 12:00 PM