

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

December 3, 2019

STATE OF MISSOURI |

COUNTY OF STONE |

Be it remembered that a session of the County Commission of Stone was held in the courthouse at Galena, on December 3, 2019. 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 – General Discussion with no decisions.

10:10 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Following the pledge of allegiance Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples delivered the prayer. Those present for this meeting today are as follows: Carin Love, Ronna Haxby & David Casaletto with Ozarks Water Watch; County Counsel William McCullah; Denise Dickens, Commission Administrative Assistant; Stone County Clerk Cindy Elmore and Tena Foster, Stone County Clerk's office.

Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated November 26, 2019 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 \$103,559.81. 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.

Receive petition to vacate road in Cove Crest Acres Subdivision

Tabled due to no one showing up for Cove Crest Acres Subdivision.

Ozark Water Watch-yearly update

David Casaletto, Ozarks, Water Watch came before the Commission with a yearly update. The County Commissioners appreciate all they do and are very happy to continue supporting Ozark Water Watch.

OZARKS WATER WATCH

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MISSION
TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY IN THE UPPER WHITE RIVER WATERSHED THROUGH BIPARTISAN COLLABORATION ON RESEARCH, EDUCATION, PUBLIC POLICY AND ACTION PROJECTS.

VISION
"BY YOUR HELP WE WILL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE BEAVER, TABLE ROCK, TANAYCOMO AND BULL SHOALS LAKES THE FOUR CLEANEST VOLUNTARILY LAKES IN NORTH AMERICA"

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December 3, 2019

Stone County Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

The Board of Trustees of the Upper White River Basin Foundation (dba Ozarks Water Watch) thanks Stone County Commission for contracting with water quality organizations, Table Rock Lake Water Quality and Ozarks Water Watch (OWW) starting in 2001 to provide information and education to Stone County residents on water quality. Ozarks Water Watch proposes to continue this contract with the County in 2020 at the same funding rate, \$10,000. This funding will be allocated for use in Stone County to allow Ozarks Water Watch to continue to provide environmental services for the residents of Stone County. We appreciate your support.

This year OWW has continued to help advance water quality and wastewater treatment in Stone County. Our contract with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources through the State Revolving Loan program has allowed us to provide funding for residents to replace failing septic systems. While we seek to assist residents throughout the upper White River watershed in Missouri, the majority of our assistance goes to residents of Stone County. Missouri Department of Natural Resources has allocated a second \$1 million grant for us to provide this valuable service.

Our success has also allowed the Missouri Department of Conservation to seek our partnership again to provide septic tank pump-out rebates. This program has also reached thousands of residents in the lakes area with many in Stone County. We also provide newsletters, media, expert consultation and action projects such as the shoreline cleanups to citizens of Stone County and surrounding areas.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has also indicated that they have funds for Ozarks Water Watch, in partnership with Missouri State University, to complete the Table Rock Lake Watershed Management Plan. This will allow OWW and all nonprofits to work in the watershed utilizing \$319 grant funding from EPA and DNR.

With the growth that Stone County continues to experience, wastewater treatment, water quality and environmental issues need our constant and renewed attention. Ozarks Water Watch will continue to serve the residents of Stone County by providing environmental, water quality and wastewater education, consultation and services. Specifically, OWW would like to continue to:

1. Assist Stone County residents with environmental, water quality and wastewater solutions
2. Help residents deal with regulatory agencies and understand regulations
3. Provide newsletters on water quality subjects to subscribers, online audiences and media
4. Help county residents find funding sources for repair/replacement of failing wastewater systems
5. Educate and provide demonstrations for solutions to storm water runoff issues
6. Represent Stone County's environmental interests at the state and federal level
7. Obtain grants to assist in the water quality conservation and protection efforts
8. Attend meetings with local decision makers to discuss water quality issues and projects
9. Continue the annual Shoreline Cleanup of Table Rock Lake
10. Continue the annual Taneycomo and Bull Shoals Lakeshore Cleanup
11. Work with government and regulatory agencies to find solutions to failing septic systems
12. Continue to provide ongoing septic system maintenance programs and septic systems inspection / repair at the time of property sale
13. Promote a network of water quality monitoring teams to help provide real data on the status of the watershed and water quality

Items listed above:	Budget (County Contract)	Budget (estimated match)
1-2, 4, 12	\$4,500	\$150,000
3, 5, 7	\$2,000	\$ 2,000
9, 10, 11	\$1,000	\$ 5,000
8	\$1,000	\$10,000
6	\$1,500	\$ 2,000
Total	\$10,000	\$169,000

Together we are making a positive difference in the lake, streams, rivers and ground water of Stone County which allows us to continue to enjoy our current quality of life.

Sincerely,


David Casaletto
President

Watershed Management Plans

OWW is partnering with other agencies and organizations to assist with Watershed Management Plans for Taneycomo and Table Rock Lakes and the James River. This not only includes assessment of issues and solutions but allows the watersheds to be eligible for non-point pollution prevention grants in the future.

Weekly Newsletter and Online Presence

Our Newsletter has 2700 subscribers and our Facebook posts have reached, on average, over 14,000 people each week and have received an average of 750 weekly engagements (clicks, shares or likes).

Department of Natural Resources and Clean Water Commission

OWW is a regular presence in Jefferson City to ensure that our decision makers are informed about how rules and laws may impact our water quality and therefore the citizens and visitors of the Ozarks and Southwest Missouri.

Media Coverage

OWW continues to be regularly featured in newspapers, TV articles on our events, programs and water related topics or newsletter stories.

Ozarks Environmental Services

OES is a 501 (c)3 charitable organization. Our customer list continues to grow, including municipalities such as Rockaway Beach, Reeds Spring, and Highlandville. Our 16 operators service over 140 water and wastewater systems and many septic systems. Our newest service is septic pumping with our 3 pump trucks (see bottom right photo). OES offers 24/7/365 emergency maintenance service for our contract customers.

Ozarks Clean Water Company

OCWC now has over 2650 connections through ownership of wastewater treatment facilities, drinking water systems, pipelines and sewer collection systems with the majority of our systems located in Stone County. OCWC is also a 501 (c)3 charitable organization, so water and sewer systems donated are tax deductible.



Ozarks Water Watch (OWW) is a nonprofit organization that works to preserve the water quality of the upper White River watershed, located in Southwest Missouri and Northwest Arkansas which include the rivers, streams and four major impoundments: Beaver, Table Rock, Taneycomo and Bull Shoals Lakes. Formed in late 2001 as the Upper White River Basin Foundation, Ozarks Water Watch's mission is: **to promote water quality in the upper White River basin watershed through bi-state collaboration on research, public policy and action projects in Arkansas and Missouri.**

Annual Shoreline Cleanups on Table Rock, Taneycomo and Bull Shoals Lakes

OWW has been doing shoreline cleanups for 19 years on Table Rock, 10 years on Taneycomo and 2 years on Bull Shoals. With support from community sponsors and thousands of dedicated volunteers we have:

- Cleaned over 4,000 miles of shoreline
- Removed 334 tons of trash and debris
- Recycled almost 5,000 tires

Septic System Remediation

In 2011, OWW received a \$1 million SRF Grant from DNR to replace failed septic systems. In 2015 we received another \$1 million. To date we have replaced 300 failed septic systems, reducing bacteria and nutrient pollution to ground water, drinking water wells and area rivers and lakes.

Septic System Pump-outs

Through grants from the Conservation Department and others, OWW has provided a \$50 rebate to almost 900 area residents to pump out their septic tanks. This helps keep their system working properly and reduces the likelihood of septic effluent surfacing in yards or backing up into homes. We have also provided a free pumpout to 14, low-income households.

Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring (VWQM)

VWQM teams in AR & MO cover 43 stream sites and include around 90 individuals. Volunteers monitor the sites 4 times per year to test water chemistry, identify aquatic macroinvertebrates, measure streamflow and conduct visual surveys. AR also monitors several sites on Beaver Lake for clarity, and dissolved O2. Using this and other data OWW publishes the *Status of the Watershed Report*. We annually distribute 1,200 copies of this report.

Public Events & Engagements


OWW staff attends and coordinates many public events which have had a total of over 17,000 attendees. All of these events have an educational aspect, and many include hands on activities. We have engaged with many school children, organizations and communities.

Missouri Clean Marina Program

7 Marina's on Table Rock Lake and 1 on Taneycomo Lake have been designated as "Missouri Clean Marinas". This means they are going above and beyond normal practices to help keep our lakes clean and beautiful. We plan to be active in AR in 2020.

Approve 2020 County Holidays

The matter to accept & observe the following Holidays in 2020 was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Maples – yes; Blades – yes. Matter carried; Holidays set for 2020.


STONE COUNTY COMMISSION

Hank Smythe
Southern Commissioner

Mark W. Maples
Presiding Commissioner

Wayne Blades
Northern Commissioner

2020 STONE COUNTY HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20, 2020
Washington's Birthday	Monday, February 17, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2020
Independence Day (observed)	Friday, July 3, 2020
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2020
Columbus Day	Monday, October 12, 2020
Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2020
	Friday, November 27, 2020
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2020
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2020

We will not observe Wednesday, February 12, 2020 (Lincoln Day) in exchange for Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24, 2020

We will not observe Friday, May 8, 2020 (Truman Day) in exchange for Good Friday, April 10, 2020

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Announcements:

State audit will start December 16, auditors will be here December 12 to introduce themselves.

Last day to pay bills will be December 19th.

Christmas Dinner, December 23rd, at noon. Ben Hilton will provide the meat; Road & Bridge will provide the drinks, plates, silverware, and napkins; Judicial Building-desserts; all other offices-side dishes.

Stone County's Clerk office will be closed Friday, December 6th, for their annual County Clerks & Election Authorities Christmas meeting in Springfield.

Recess: 10:50AM

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 10:50 AM.

