

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI
December 06, 2022

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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 December 06, 2022. 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.

10:00 AM

Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, following the pledge. Those who were in attendance: Jason Rinker, Stronghold Date; Earl Johnson, IT Director; Denise Dickens, Stone County Clerk; County Counsel William McCullah and Amanda Parton, Stone County Clerk's office.

Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated December 01, 2022, 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 \$27,795.07. 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.

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 \$36,394.47. 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.

Discuss Personnel Policy

“Except for temporary or seasonal part-time employees, no officer or department of the County shall hire an employee: (1) who is related within the fourth degree by consanguinity or affinity to any other person employed by the County in the same department in which the new employee will work; each of the three road and bridge shops shall be considered a separate department.”

The matter to approve the personnel policy change was brought to decision by roll call vote: Smythe- yes; Maples- yes; Blades- yes. matter approved.

PROHIBITION ON HIRING RELATIVES OF EMPLOYEES OR ELECTED OFFICEHOLDERS

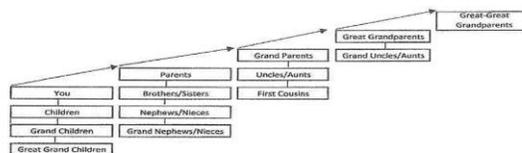
Modified by the County Commission on December 6 2022, effective immediately

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For purposes of this prohibition, the County's elected officials shall be considered as employees of the County.

Consanguinity means "by blood" and affinity means "by marriage." Spouses count as a unit, so that relatives of either are considered the relatives of both.

The degree of kinship is computed by counting upward from the employee to the nearest common ancestor and then downward to the relative, the degree of kinship being the sum of these two counts. Degrees of relationship are calculated by counting from one relative back to the common ancestor, then forward to the other relative. As examples, siblings are related in the second degree; parent's siblings (aunts and uncles) are related in the third degree; first cousins, the children of aunts and uncles, are related in the fourth degree.



Stronghold Data

Jason Rinker came before the Commission to discuss the FY 2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) that could assist with the cybersecurity for the county. The matter to move forward with the grant application was brought to decision by roll call vote: Smythe- yes; Maples- yes; Blades- yes. Matter carried.

Recess time: 10:42 AM

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: 11:30 AM