

THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

September 8, 2022

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 September 8, 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 and Amanda Parton opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Those who were in attendance: Rachel Lubbening, Life 360; Gene Keeton, Kdent, Inc.; LaDella Thomas, Stone County Development Disability Board; Estephanie Pike; Joy Wilson, Planning and Zoning Director; County Counsel William McCullough and Amanda Parton, Stone County Clerk's office.

Approval of Commission Minutes

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated September 6, 2022, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – abstain; 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 \$23,776.06. 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 \$236,631.64. 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.

Stone County Developmental Disability Board

LaDella Thomas with SCDDDB, came before the Commission to give an update on all of the upcoming projects that will be happening within Stone County. LaDella Thomas spoke about the land purchase the Disability Board made to expand services.

Public Defender Office Lease

Rachel Lubbenig, Life 360, and Gene Keeton, Kdent, Inc. came before the Commission to discuss the contract for the Public Defender's Office, located in Monett, MO. After reviewing the contract, County Counsel William McCullough stated amendments needed to be made to the contract. The Commission will have further discussions with the Public Defender, Barry County, and Lawrence County. Discussion Only, no decisions made.

Insurance Agent of Record

On September 8, 2022, the Commission considered the request of Ollis/Akers/Arney to advise the Commission what they could 'bring to the table' in the way of risk management solutions and to learn whether the Commission wishes to further discuss the wants and needs of the county relevant to property & casualty insurance, worker's compensation, and health & benefits coverages.

The Commission's decision is that the Commission is content with the services provided by its current agent of record, Connell Insurers, and does not wish to entertain proposals from other agents at this time. The decision to send a response to Ollis/Akers/Arney stating that the County of Stone was satisfied with our current insurance agent of record was brought to decision by roll call vote: Smythe: yes; Maples- yes; Blades- yes.

Title I Letter

The Commissioners reviewed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Development Act of 2000 letter. The matter to sign the Title I letter was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Smythe: yes; Maples- yes; Blades- yes



Hank Smythe
Southern Commissioner

Dennis Wood
Presiding Commissioner

Mark W. Maples
Northern Commissioner

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State of Missouri
Office of Administration
Division of Accounting
Post Office Box 809
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our County, being eligible to receive \$100,000 or less under SRS, elects to use 100% of our share for Title I purposes, for public schools and roads.

Very truly yours,

MARK W. MAPLES HANK SMYTHE WAYNE BLADES

Sign Order Adopting Code of Ethics

The Commissioners signed an Order Adopting a Code of Ethics to establish a procedure to disclose conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain county officers and employees to be sent to the Missouri Ethic Committee.



IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDER ADOPTING A CODE OF ETHICS TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Whereas, Chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri governs conflicts of interest and substantial interest for government officers and employees; and

Whereas, Section 105.485 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri permits a political subdivision to adopt an ordinance establishing a procedure to disclose conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain county officers and employees; and

Whereas, on this Commission has on several occasions adopted and re-adopted a code of ethics establishing a procedure to disclose conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain county officers and employees; and

Whereas, Section 105.485 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri requires that a political subdivision adopt such an ordinance biennially;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. The proper operation of government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, there is hereby established a procedure for disclosure by certain officials and employees of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the County.

Section 2. Conflicts of Interest.

- a. All elected and appointed officials as well as employees of a political subdivision must comply with section 105.454 of Missouri Revised Statutes on conflicts of interest as well as any other state law governing official conduct.
- b. Any member of the governing body of a political subdivision who has a "substantial or private interest" in any measure, bill, order or ordinance

proposed or pending before such governing body must disclose that interest to the secretary or clerk of such body and such disclosure shall be recorded in the appropriate journal of the governing body. Substantial or private interest is defined as ownership by the individual, his spouse, or his dependent children, whether singularly or collectively, directly or indirectly of: (1) 10% or more of any business entity; or (2) an interest having a value of \$10,000 or more; or (3) the receipt of a salary, gratuity, or other compensation or remuneration of \$5,000 or more, per year from any individual, partnership, organization, or association within any calendar year.

Section 3. Disclosure Reports. The County's Presiding Commissioner (being the County's chief administrative officer), the Clerk of the County Commission (being the County's chief purchasing officer) shall disclose the following information by May 1, or the appropriate deadline as referenced in Section 105.487, RSMo, if any such transactions occurred during the previous calendar year:

- a. For such person, and all persons within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity of such person, the date and the identities of the parties to each transaction with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that such person had with the political subdivision, other than compensation received as an employee or payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision.
- b. The date and the identities of the parties to each transaction known to the person with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that any business entity in which such person had a substantial interest, had with the political subdivision, other than payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision or transactions involving payment for providing utility service to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision.
- c. Each candidate for the offices of the County's Presiding Commissioner (being the County's chief administrative officer), the Clerk of the County Commission (being the County's chief purchasing officer) shall disclose by May 1, or the appropriate deadline as referenced in Section 105.487, RSMo, the following information for the previous calendar year:
 1. The name and address of each of the employers of such person from whom income of one thousand dollars or more was received during the year covered by the statement;
 2. The name and address of each sole proprietorship that he owned; the name, address and the general nature of the business conducted of each general partnership and joint venture in which he was a

partner or participant; the name and address of each partner or co participant for each partnership or joint venture unless such names and addresses are filed by the partnership or joint venture with the secretary of state; the name, address and general nature of the business conducted of any closely held corporation or limited partnership in which the person owned ten percent or more of any class of the outstanding stock or limited partnership units; and the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership that is listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system in which the person owned two percent or more of any class of outstanding stock, limited partnership units or other equity interests;

3. The name and address of each corporation for which such person served in the capacity of a director, officer or receiver.

Section 4. Filing of Reports.

- a. The financial interest statements shall be filed at the following times, but no person is required to file more than one financial interest statement in any calendar year;
 1. Every person required to file a financial interest statement shall file the statement annually not later than May 1 and the statement shall cover the calendar year ending the immediately preceding December 31; provided that any person required to report may supplement the financial interest statement to report additional interests acquired after December 31 of the covered year until the date of filing of the financial interest statement.
 2. Each person appointed to office shall file the statement within thirty days of such appointment or employment covering the calendar year ending the previous December 31.
 3. Every candidate required to file a personal financial disclosure statement shall file no later than fourteen days after the close of filing at which the candidate seeks nomination or election or nomination by caucus. The time period of this statement shall cover the twelve months prior to the closing date of filing for candidacy.
- b. Financial disclosure reports giving the financial information required in Section 3 shall be filed with the local political subdivision and with the Missouri Ethics Commission. The reports shall be available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours.

Section 5. Filing of Ordinance. A certified copy of this order shall be sent within ten days of its adoption to the Missouri Ethics Commission.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval and shall remain in effect until amended, superseded, or repealed.

Done at the Courthouse in Galena, Missouri on August 8 2022.

COUNTY COMMISSION OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI


MARK W. MAPLES
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER


HANK SMYTHE
COMMISSIONER


WAYNE BLADES
COMMISSIONER

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Letter of Support

The Commissioners signed a letter of support for the low-income housing remodel project in Crane, MO. The decision to sign the letter of support was brought to a roll call vote: Smythe: yes; Maples- yes; Blades- yes

Public Time:

Time was extended to anyone who wanted to speak to the commission at this time.

Announcements

Recess: 10:38 AM

Back in Session: 10:44 AM

Recess: 10:50 AM

Back in Session: 11:44 AM

Adjournment:

The adjournment of the Stone County Commission meeting was brought to decision by roll call vote: Smythe – absent; Maples – yes; Blades – yes. Meeting adjourned at: 11:48 AM

Purchase of Real Estate

The County Commission, in executive session on July 26, 2022, decided to purchase real estate from Garrick and Darla Stumpff, located at 204 E 5th St. Galena, MO. The real estate appraisal was less than the purchase price and the Commission discussed whether to proceed with the real estate purchase, because of its location, the property is uniquely valuable to Stone County in a manner that would not apply to another purchaser. A contract was approved by the Commission on July 26, 2022 and the Commission will proceed with the real estate purchase of the land located at 204 E 5th street Galena, MO. The Commission is in possession of a fully executed warranty deed, and authorizes payment of \$175,000 to Wessels & Gerber, PC, attorneys for Garrick and Darla Stumpff. These minutes and the minutes of July 26, 2022 are ordered released to the public.

Vote: Blades – yes; Smythe – yes; Maples – yes.