

**Stone County Emergency Services  
105 Stonebridge Pkwy  
Branson West Mo 65737**

Board Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2026  
5:30pm

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Michael Cupp at 5:30pm.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Michael Cupp, Ron Thomas, Collin Brannan, Carrie Stephens, Brad Harrison, Dr. Larry Huffman

Staff Present: Keith Kinnard, Jen Turner, Christine Kessler

Others Present: Dani Givens, Dave Cash

**102-Agenda**

A motion to approve the May 28, 2026 agenda was made by Carrie Stephens and seconded by Ron Thomas.

All Members present approved and motion was passed.

**103- Open/ Closed Session Minutes**

A motion to approve the open session minutes of the meeting held on April 23, 2026 was made by Collin Brannan and seconded by Ron Thomas.

All members present approved and motion was passed.

**104/105- Treasurer Report/Approval of April Bills & Payments**

Keith Kinnard had Christine Kessler give the treasurer's report. We are up for the month of May but still down for the year for sales tax revenue. The large bills were Carbyne and Cyberlink for the networking project equipment which both were paid.

A motion to approve the payment of May 2026 bills and payments was made by Collin Brannan and seconded by Carrie Stephens.

All members present approved and motion was passed.

## **Members of the Public**

Dave Cash came by to introduce himself. He is going to various board meetings throughout the county. He is working on learning about ongoing things in the county.

## **200- Old Business**

### **201 – Andy Mackey Presentation**

Andy Mackey was absent and therefore did not have a presentation to give at this meeting. The board still discussed the presentation from last month. The attorney looked at the proposal for letter of intent and did not find any issues with it and said it is non-binding. There are still a lot of questions and concerns regarding the proposal. The board decided to discuss the Stonebridge proposal before making a decision. Previously, Andy requested to have an answer by this evening if we have signed the letter of intent or not.

The board discussed all other new business before coming back to this topic.

The board came back to this topic after discussing the Stonebridge proposal. Collin Brannan stated he is against saying we are not interested in his property but to let Andy know that we have created a committee. The board decided to let Andy Mackey know we have created a 3-man committee to explore land options in Stone County.

A motion to not sign Andy Mackey's letter of intent was made by Ron Thomas and seconded by Dr. Larry Huffman.

Ron withdrew the motion as there is not a motion needed for this.

Alan Furman, who was on the phone during the Stonebridge proposal, got off the phone after the end of the Andy Makey presentation was discussed.

### **202 – Policy 113: Complaints & Grievances**

Michael Cupp recapped that the new policy agreed upon last meeting would be to have the grievance given to the Chairman of the Board, then the Board would decide who to give the grievance to by majority vote at the next meeting. The grievance counselor chosen would then be assigned to the grievance instead of having one grievance counselor for all grievances. Carrie Stephens brought up how with the new policy there would not be a resolution or anyone looking into the matter until weeks later and she had an issue with that. This issue was discussed and a potential resolution would be for the Chairman to be given the authority to assign a counselor to the grievance at time of receiving the grievance. Carrie also wanted to clarify that with the old policy, the grievance always went to the Board, and she is unsure

where it was being confused at the previous meeting where the Board stated that she made the decisions as the grievance counselor. The Board decided to change the policy to have the Chairman appoint one of the board members within a 3-day notification.

A motion to approve the policy with the changes discussed was made by Collin Brannan and seconded by Brad Harrison.

All members present approved and motion was passed.

### **203 – Stonebridge Land Proposal**

Keith Kinnard stated that some board members and himself went with Corey Stone to the land behind us yesterday for review. He stated that for \$250,000 there is land located behind our current building with potentially more land available to us. Keith said that Stonebridge would like to continue to maintain their road instead of us having the easement. Michael Cupp called Alan Furman as he requested to be included in the conversation by phone for this part of the meeting. Keith stated that we would have to fill the land a little bit to fit a 2-way road off the side of our building to go to and from our new building. Having a radio tower already here, we would not have to rebuild one and could still operate off our current one. Keith stated that we would still need to discuss what to do with our current building. Keith stated that a discussion with architects would probably be a good idea since they may be able to come up with other ideas to do with the building than what we may be able to think of. Keith Kinnard stated that Alan Furman, Michael Cupp, Ron Thomas, and Dr. Larry Huffman all went to view the land yesterday. Carrie Stephens stated that keeping our current building could be a training and utility building in addition to having this as a backup building. Alan Furman stated that depending on the purpose of the building, it would probably need to be renovated at some point in time. The portion of the land behind us that we are looking at is just over 2 acres, but if we would like more land, we could have it surveyed in. Brad Harrison stated he thinks that is too much money for that land. Michael thought that amount was a steal for that land. Alan stated that having too many unknowns, he does not think to make a motion to purchase at this time.

Alan gave some examples of the ambulance district's cost issues they have ran into while building in Galena and how the excavation cost may be more than we realize or are expecting. Alan was under the impression we wanted our current location to be a redundant location.

Dr. Larry Huffman arrived to the meeting during this conversation.

Alan Furman stated he would like to see if it is cost-effective and what the other options are for other locations. Carrie Stephens thought a committee would be good to investigate options for due diligence purposes. Ron Thomas stated that he does not think it needs drawn out a year but also would not like to vote on it tonight. Keith Kinnard stated that they could do a letter of intent including various factors that they would still need to look at. Michael Cupp stated he would like a letter of intent that is non-binding and to create a committee of 3 board members to look at the land and excavating costs. Collin Brannan asked if a letter of intent for this was needed for Stonebridge. Alan stated he is 100% against a lease purchase and many board members agreed. Alan stated that right now, we are just looking at securing the land and don't need to discuss the building at this time.

A motion to create a committee to look at land options with 3 board members created by the chairman was made by Carrie Stephens and seconded by Brad Harrison.

All members present approved and motion was passed.

Michael Cupp nominated Alan Furman, Ron Thomas, and Carrie Stephens to be the land committee.

Dr. Larry Huffman stated he believes that there needs to be some sort of communication with Stonebridge. Alan Fruman stated we should let both Stonebridge and Andy Mackey know that we created the committee.

### **300- New Business**

#### **301 – Motorola Service Agreement**

The Motorola Service Agreement check was signed and will be mailed next week.

### **400- Closed Session**

A motion to go into closed session at 6:37pm was made by Carrie Stephens and seconded by Brad Harrison.

All members present approved and the motion was passed.

### **Return to Regular Session**

A motion to return to regular session at 8:19pm was made by Brad Harrison and seconded by Collin Brannan.

All members present approved and motion was passed,

### **500- Directors Report**

- Dismissal hearing for the use tax case, attorney will hear more next week
- Have some new employees, looking at some more employees
- Started a new form for agencies to release information. We will be giving those to applicants who are from our partner agencies

### **600- Comments from the Floor**

### **700- Announcement of Next Board Meeting**

June 25, 2026 at 5:30pm

Announcement made by: Michael Cupp

### **800- Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn at 8:27pm was made by Dr. Larry Huffman and seconded by Collin Brannan.

All members present approved and the motion passed.