

Stafford County Commissioners

**Minutes of Meeting
January 31, 2024**

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The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, in the Commission Room in the Annex. Commissioner Wycoff called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Todd Wycoff, Jim Stanford, and Bryce Garner.

Shannon Snyder, Health Dept., presented her employee performance reviews to the commissioners. She also advised the commissioners that the area for the new washer & dryer has been modified and is ready for the units to be installed. Shannon let them know that all three employees will be going to the governor's conference in Wichita March 4th through the 6th so the office will be closed. The WIC conference will be coming up in May and they will also be attending that one. Notice regarding those dates when the office will be closed will be posted at the Health Department as well as on the county website and Facebook page.

Commissioner Stanford moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 24th session. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Stanford moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded to approve the minutes from the January 29th special session. Motion carried 3-0.

Trisha Greene, Bailey Doggett, Marissa Hurst, and Jennifer Gleason, 21 Central Extension District, met with the commissioners to give an update on the current activities of the Extension District. They each gave information on the programs that they oversee. They have all been busy with several activities. More information regarding these activities can be found on their website and in their quarterly newsletter.

Don Hardin, Stafford City Mayor, and Chad Cleveland, Macksville City Mayor, met with the commissioners to discuss the consolidation of polling places to the Stafford County Annex. They inquired about how the decision was made and why the cities were not a party to that process. It was explained that the duty of election administration lies solely with the County Election Official. The decision was not made in haste and the commissioners were informed throughout the process as well as the Secretary of State's Election Administrator. Opposition expressed by citizens was expected and is understood, however, this is a change that can be managed in a positive way. Discussion was held regarding the offered options to work through this change with voters such as extended and Saturday hours for early voting and placing ballot boxes in the cities for mail ballots. Lisa Weber, County Clerk, also discussed election information, which is put on the county website, the county Facebook page, and is also published in the official county newspaper, Tri-County Tribune. The clerk's office will also be willing to send out this information to affected voters and as always emails and phone calls directly to her for appropriate information are welcome.

Carl Miller, Appraiser, notified the commissioners that he has been granted the requested deadline extension to send out value notices as the affected eleven counties have still not received them PVD. He also gave an update regarding the proposed Kansas Constitutional Amendment to change the rates of miscellaneous personal property items in the sub class "other." They are currently disproportionately high as compared to other class rates. This change would be to decrease the class rate in steps over the next couple of years. Carl will give testimony in Topeka regarding the bill for this change which would go to a state vote if it were to be successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

County Clerk

Chairman

Member

Member