

Stafford County Commissioners

**Minutes of Meeting
February 26, 2025**

DRAFT MINUTES

The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, in the Commission Room in the Annex. Chairman Stanford called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Jim Stanford, Bryce Garner, and Todd Wycoff

Marisa Woodmansee, Mike Daniel, and Ryan Lichter, 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services presented information regarding the 2026 budget for juvenile services. Discussion was held regarding the grants which fund their services as well as information regarding services offered. Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to approve the 2026 Juvenile Services budget as presented and authorize its submission to the Kansas Department of Corrections Juvenile Services. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to approve the minutes from the February 12th and February 19th sessions. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Witt, Zoning & Planning, advised the commission on the zoning hearing, which was held on Monday, February 24th. He also gave an update regarding other zoning issues. Ryan advised that the zoning board is discussing solar energy and working on creating a county policy and regulations.

Charlie Brown, Undersheriff, updated the commissioners on the payment request the City of St John submitted to the Sheriff Department for training expenses for a city officer hired by the Sheriff Department. The request was made since the officer left city employment prior to completing one year of employment.

Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to approve the tax roll corrections. Motion carried 3-0.

Phillip Nusser, Road & Bridge, discussed the purchase of the two sheriff department vehicles. He also updated the commission on the fuel tank quote he received. Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded, to approve Phillip to purchase a new fuel tank from McDonald Tank for a maximum purchase price of \$12,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Russell and Carolyn Dunn, Economic Development, presented letters of support for St John City and Stafford City for USDA Rural Business Development Grant applications. Commissioner Garner, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded, to approve the chairman to sign both letters. Carolyn discussed a letter of support regarding a grant application seeking technical assistance for developing plans for clean energy programs which align with our county. Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded, to have the chairman sign the letter of support for the Municipal Investment Fund Grant application. Motion carried 3-0.

Vanessa Cornwell, Treasurer, updated the commissioners on the 2024 tax sale which has not been able to be closed yet.

Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to approve the presented pay increase for Charlie Brown as he was promoted from Sergeant to Undersheriff. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded, to adopt Resolution 2025-5 setting 2025 pay rates for county employees. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded, to sign Resolution 2025-6 authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Program for 2025. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded, to approve the landfill fee waiver submitted by Kansas Dirt regarding the demolition of 406 E 1st, St John. Motion carried 3-0.

During the meeting payroll vouchers and checks were signed from the following funds:

General	\$	204,224.11
Road		63,426.18
Health		12,436.54
Rural Fire		5,178.85
Nox Weed		4,315.92
Appraiser		10,806.55
Solid Waste		4,206.27
EMS		31,873.64
Motor Vehicle		2,130.00
PHEP Grant		100.00

Total \$ 338,698.06

Chairman

Member

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Member

County Clerk