

Stafford County Commissioners

**Minutes of Meeting  
April 23, 2025**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met on Wednesday, April 23, 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.

As April is County Government Month, Stafford County hosted high school seniors from all three county schools for a County Government Day at the courthouse. Students started at 8:30 a.m. by attending the county commission meeting. The commissioners introduced themselves and explained what districts they each represent. They discussed the duties and responsibilities of the county commission and the county structure of elected officials and department heads.

Students then proceeded to the courthouse to visit individual offices for presentations regarding the role that each department plays in the county process. LuAnn Brister, Register of Deeds escorted the students on a tour of the courthouse and provided them with interesting details and history of the building.

Brooke Haulmark, Central Kansas Community Corrections, presented the 2026 Kansas Department of Corrections block grant funding allocation request for the approval of the commissioners. Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded to approve the KDOC funding request for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$807,892.86 and for Ms. Haulmark to submit the request to KDOC. Motion carried 3-0.

Patrick Smith, KCAMP (Kansas County Association Multiline Pool) Risk Manager, presented the commissioners with a \$750.00 Risk Management Award for having one of the lowest loss ratios among Kansas counties for 2024.

Phil Nusser, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented the commission with information from Reno County regarding the Salt Marsh Bridge located on the Reno and Stafford County line. The wood bridge has surpassed its life span, and Reno County has chosen to replace it with a steel and concrete bridge which they will construct resulting in cost savings. Reno County is requesting that Stafford County participate in the shared cost of construction of the new bridge at 12% which would total \$18,000.00. Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded to approve the \$18,000.00 expense contribution to be paid from the Road & Bridge Special Improvement Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded, to approve the annual request of \$950.00 in funding to the South West Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SWKAAA) to support services for older residents in Stafford County.

Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to approve the bid from Mansel Concrete in the amount of \$7,500.00 to replace concrete in front of the Health Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Lisa Weber, County Clerk, advised the commissioners that Nicole Petty, Deputy Clerk, would be attending Secretary of State election training along with her on May 1<sup>st</sup> in Mulvane. The County Clerk's office will be closed on that day.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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