

Stafford County Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
May 25th, 2022

DRAFT

The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022, in the Commission Room in the Annex. Chairman Wycoff called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Todd Wycoff, Bryce Garner and Clayton Grimm.

Members of the Childcare Committee along with representatives from Childcare Aware of Kansas discussed the current childcare situation in Kansas as well as our county. They explained the group home model for daycare that they are working on. They outlined the resources and programs they offer and how they can partner with local communities to support childcare services. Kathleen Norman, Economic Development Director, advised that they had met with the Macksville City Council and were informed that they have made commitments for most of their ARPA funding with local projects in their city so they could not make a commitment at this time. She also reported that St. John City has allocated \$65,000.00 to the childcare project. This puts the project in need of another \$60,000.00 in funding which the Childcare Committee is requesting from the county.

Carolyn Dunn joined the meeting to discuss current housing grant opportunity deadlines that are approaching. Economic development is looking at a \$600,000.00 housing grant and mapping out a housing plan that would involve asking the cities to commit funds prorated according to the city size. They would like to see the county make a commitment of \$350,000.00 to the program which would then allow Eco Devo to pursue the \$600,000.00 grant funding and move forward with the plan. The plan would include 17 houses with 10 being constructed following the pre-built plan and the remaining 7 having some flexibility regarding options.

Ryan Witt presented his 2023 budget for Environmental Services which was \$7,600.00 reflecting no change from 2022. He also presented his Noxious Weed budget which came in at \$103,000.00 which was an increase from \$96,000.00 in 2022. Chemical costs account for most of the increase. Ryan advised that he has sprayed the south lot and the Taylorville cemetery.

Commissioner Grimm moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to approve the minutes from the May 18th session. Motion carried 3-0.

At the request of Misty Rudy, EMS Director, Commissioner Garner moved to recess to executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception to discuss a performance matter. Motion carried 3-0. In at 9:40 a.m. Out at 10:00 a.m. Those present: Commissioners, County Clerk, Misty Rudy. Misty presented and went over her employee evaluations. Upon returning to open session Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Grimm seconded, to approve a step increase for Michelle Huston from Range 8 Step 3 - \$18.13 to Range 8 step 5 - \$19.18. Motion carried 3-0.

Phillip Nusser, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented step increases for four of his employees. Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Grimm seconded, to approve the following step increases: Brandon Hoffman from Range 6 Step 5 - \$17.19 to Range 6 Step 6 - \$17.63; Chris Smith from Range 6 Step 6 - \$17.63 to Range 6 Step 7 - \$18.12; Jason Thole Range 6 Step 3 - \$16.20 to Range 6 Step 4 - \$16.76; Eric Young Range 6 Step 4 - \$16.76 to range 6 Step 5 - \$17.19. Motion carried 3-0.

At the request of Phillip Nusser, Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Grimm seconded, to recess to executive session for 10 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried 3-0. In at 10:12 a.m. Out at 10:22 a.m. Those present: Commissioners, County Clerk, Phillip Nusser.

At the request of Lisa Milton Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Grimm seconded, to recess to executive session for 10 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried 3-0. In at 10:25 a.m. and out at 10:35 a.m. Those present: Commissioners, County Clerk, Lisa Milton, and Phillip Nusser.

The commissioners then convened to an ARPA workshop to discuss the tentative allocation of Stafford County ARPA funding. Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Grimm seconded, to allocate from ARPA funds \$25,000 to the Port Authority, \$55,000 to the Childcare Committee, and \$350,000.00 to the Economic Development Housing Program.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Lisa Weber
Stafford County Clerk

Chairman

Member

Member