

Stafford County Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
June 22nd, 2022

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The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, June 22nd, 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 Grimmatt.

Darren Reed, Solid Waste, presented his 2023 proposed budget for \$140,316.00 reflecting an increase of \$22,219.00 from 2022. Darren explained that his solid waste disposal fees have gone up due to an increased volume being taken to Reno County since Nisly has taken over the city of Stafford. Discussion was also held regarding our current recycling service. Darren is continuing to experience poor sporadic service and has been advised of a significant price increase. Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Grimmatt seconded, to suspend our recycling services with Sunflower and go back to Stutzman's. Motion carried 3-0.

At the request of Vanessa Cornwell, County Treasurer, Commissioner Grimmatt moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to recess to executive session for 5 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0. In at 8:58 a.m. Out at 9:03 a.m. Commissioner Grimmatt moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to move Karen Petty from Range 8, Step 1- \$17.64 to range 8, Step 2 - \$18.03. Motion carried 3-0.

Misty Rudy, EMS Director, joined the meeting to discuss information regarding a lease-purchase for a new ambulance. She advised that the build time for the new medic unit will be approximately one year out. She also went over the different options for interest rate, down payment, and length of lease. Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Grimmatt seconded, to enter a 7-year lease-purchase agreement with REV financial Services for a 2023 Traumahawk X-Series LTD Type I ambulance in the amount of \$274,221.74. Motion carried 3-0. Misty also went over her 2023 budget proposal which came in at \$366,606.02 which is an increase of \$27,006.02 from 2022. Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Grimmatt seconded, to recess to executive session for 5 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0. In at 9:34 a.m. Out at 9:39 a.m.

Kathleen Norman, Economic Development Director, joined the meeting. The commissioners wanted to further discuss the Eco Devo housing project. They wanted to clarify the proposal made to the City of Stafford. Kathleen explained that if cities wanted to participate, they would be asked to contribute annually for 6 years. Contributions are based on population, so Stafford would be asked for a \$25,000.00 contribution annually for 6 years to buy into the Eco Devo program with a guarantee of 3 houses to be constructed in Stafford. She explained that the county contribution allows them to move forward with the project and then city participation will allow the project to be more solidified moving forward.

Representatives from Stafford County Hospital joined the meeting to present their proposed 2023 budget. They went over specific hospital service statistics as well as budget figures for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 years and discussed the current trend for 2022. They explained that with the aid of the COVID funding received by the hospital they have been able to add employees, raise their employee competency levels, and have also been able to increase employee wages with a concentration on their nursing staff. Dr. Carter expressed the expectation of a continuing positive trend moving forward and the hope that in the future that the county tax allocation to the hospital could possibly be reduced.

LuAnn Brister, Register of Deeds, presented her proposed 2023 budget for \$101,500.00 which is a decrease of \$4,955.00 from 2022.

Marshal Sanders, County Fire Director, presented his proposed 2023 budget for \$304,100.00 increasing \$48,600.00 from 2022. Most of the increase is due to equipment replacement needs in 2023.

Rob Murrow, Stafford County Sheriff, presented his proposed budgets for the sheriff department and juvenile detention. The sheriff budget came in at \$736,000.00 which is an increase of \$10,000.00 from 2022. The juvenile detention budget remained the same as 2022 at \$8,000.00. Rob also informed the commissioners that a vehicle was due to be replaced this year, but he has not been able to do this due to the lack of current new vehicle inventory. He did present them with information on a used vehicle that he has located. Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Grimmatt seconded, to allow Rob to purchase a 2021 Chev Silverado 1500 pickup with trade-in for \$31,140.00.

Commissioner Grimmatt moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 15th session. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Lisa Weber
Stafford County Clerk

Chairman

Member

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