

Stafford County Commissioners

**Minutes of Meeting  
August 16, 2023**

**\*\*\*\*DRAFT MINUTES\*\*\*\***

The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, August 16th, 2023, in the Commission Room in the Annex. Chairman Garner called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Bryce Garner, Todd Wycoff, and Jim Stanford.

Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Garner seconded, to designate St. John News as the official county newspaper for the remainder of the year. Motion carried 3-0.

Carl Miller, Appraiser, discussed tax rates on miscellaneous personal property items that are currently taxed at market value at a 30% rate. Carl advised that he is proposing this rate be changed to make it more proportional. He would like the commissioners to know that he is proposing a constitutional change revising the rate and would like their support in bringing this to the KAC as well as the state legislature.

Carl also presented information to explain how soil types and irrigation play into land values and tax calculations. Discussion was held regarding the possible implications that cuts to water rights could have on taxes.

Ryan Russell, Economic Development, advised that they have received the MIH grant which consists of \$650,000 in grant funds and \$315,000.00 in tax credits. The plan is to build five houses in St John and four houses in Stafford. Ryan also explained the grant writing schooling and scholarships that Economic Development is offering. He gave an update on the new daycare as well as the plans for the potential commercial kitchen project.

Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Stanford seconded, to approve the minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> session. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Stanford seconded, to appoint Lonnie Staub to the position of clerk of Douglas Township to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Matthew Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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