

**Stafford County Commissioners  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 25th, 2021**

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The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 in the Commission Room in the Annex. Chairman Grimmatt called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Clayton Grimmatt, Todd Wycoff and Bryce Garner.

At 8:30 a.m. the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing commenced for the 2022 Stafford County and Stafford County Fire District No. 1 budgets. There were no citizens present. Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to adopt Resolutions 2021-20, A resolution of Stafford County, Kansas to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate and 2021-21, A resolution of Stafford County Fire District No. 1, Kansas to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Motion carried 3-0. The regular budget hearing was then held. Again, there were no citizens present. Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to approve the 2022 budget as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Melissa Ille, Adams Brown Beran and Ball presented audit findings for 2020. There were no deficiencies in internal control that would be considered material weaknesses.

At the request of Shannon Snyder, Health Director, Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to recess to executive session for five minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss a performance matter, Motion carried 3-0. In at 9:14 a.m. Out at 9:19 a.m. Those present: County Commissioners, Health Director, County Attorney and County Clerk.

Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to approve the minutes from the August 18<sup>th</sup> session. Motion carried 3-0.

An abandoned cemetery in Union Township has been brought to the attention of the County Commission board. Taylorville Cemetery is located in the SW/4 27-25-12, currently being farmed around with weeds and trees growing up on the site. A suggestion was to put up a fence around the area to keep cattle out, then control the weeds with spraying. A question of access to the property was brought up. Commissioner Grimmatt will contact the current township board and see what can be done to start the renovation of the site.

Commissioner Wycoff moved and Garner seconded to sign the letter of understanding with Swindoll, Janzen and Hawk for the ARPA funding. Motion carried 3-0.

The Center for Counseling and Consultation services were discussed by County Attorney Mike Robinson and Sheriff Murrow. Recently a person was in need of services, with The Center being unavailable for over 12 hours, then a SKYPE interview was conducted. Funding is distributed through the county general budget for services to The Center. Research will be done to determine if the county has to stay with The Center out of Great Bend, or if another mental health service could be contracted for use by the county.

Commissioner Wycoff moved and Garner seconded to accept the resignation of Kent Lamb from the Clerk of Clear Creek Township board. Motion carried 3-0. A replacement will be sought for that township position.

Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to recess to executive session for ten minutes pursuant to the real estate acquisition exception with no action and adjournment to follow. Motion carried 3-0. In at 9:55 a.m., out at 10:05 a.m. Those present: County Commissioners, County Attorney and County Clerk.

August payroll and accounts payable vouchers and checks were approved and signed from the following funds:

General	193,096.88
Road & Bridge	79,502.03
Health	15,241.40
Fire	8,038.97
Nox Weed	4,155.80
Appraiser	12,546.01
Solid Waste	6,661.94
EMS	19,808.95
Motor Vehicle	1,067.36
E-911	939.82
PHEP Grant	149.74
Co Atty Diversion	434.88
Deeds Tech	547.49
TOTAL:	342,191.27

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Nita J. Keenan  
Stafford County Clerk

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Chairman

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