

**Stafford County Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
September 1st, 2021**

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The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 in the Commission Room in the Annex. Chairman Grimmert called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Clayton Grimmert, Todd Wycoff and Bryce Garner.

Members of the Stafford County Fair Board met with the board to discuss a building on the fairgrounds. An 80' x 120' building with 16' sidewalls idea was discussed. Bids are being gathered for consideration. There are funds available for the building, if it is decided to go ahead with the project.

Ryan Witt, Noxious Weed Director, met with the board about the 2007 Kubota he uses for spraying. He would like to have a new motor put in the unit, rather than purchasing a new machine. It was the consensus of the board to go ahead with the motor instead of purchasing a new unit.

At the request of Misty Rudy, EMS Director, Commissioner Wycoff moved and Garner seconded to recess to executive session for fifteen minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss a performance matter. Motion carried 3-0. In at 8:50 a.m., out at 9:00 a.m. Those present: County Commissioners, County Attorney, EMS Director and County Clerk. Due to short staffing of the EMS department in Macksville, for the time being, the Macksville ambulance will be kept over in St. John, rather than the St John staff members going over to get the ambulance in the mornings and taking it back each evening. There is an EMT class starting up this fall. It is hoped that citizens from Macksville will take an interest and step up and take the class so that the community will be covered.

Carolyn Dunn, Economic Development Director, along with several board members, met with the board regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding options that the dollars could be used for. Economic Development board members have been looking into how the funds can be used to meet the needs of four criteria - housing, housing rehabilitation, businesses and childcare. A resolution was presented for consideration by the board. No action as taken until the County Attorney can review the document. Stafford County is slated to receive a total of \$ 807,254.00 from the available ARPA funds. The proposal for the ARPA Funds by the Economic Development board was to distribute funds of \$ 420,000 for new housing, \$ 175,000 for housing rehabilitation, \$ 80,000.00 to support businesses and \$ 25,000.00 for childcare. The commission board will discuss the other funding options that have been brought before them for the funds, then make a plan for allocations so that the best interests of the county as a whole will be taken care of.

Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to approve the minutes from the August 25th session. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Nita J. Keenan
Stafford County Clerk

Chairman

Member

Member