

**Stafford County Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
September 15th, 2021**

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The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, in the Commission Room in the Annex. Chairman Grimmnett called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Clayton Grimmnett, Todd Wycoff and Bryce Garner. Ginger Sanders was present.

Misty Rudy, EMS Director, was present with the board discussing the state of the lawn at the EMS building. The yard needs attention, with weeds and trees growing up the side of the building, etc.... The board wants the property to look nice, and have things spruced up a bit.

Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded to approve the minutes from the September 8th session. Motion carried 3-0.

At the request of Nita Keenan, Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to recess to executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss a performance. Motion carried 3-0. In at 8:40 a.m. 8:50 a.m.
Those present: County Commissioners, County Treasurer and County Clerk.

The three superintendents from the schools in the county met with the board along with Shannon Snyder, Health Director to discuss the COVID pandemic. The numbers keep climbing in the county, discussion followed on what steps have been put in place to slow the spread down in the schools. Commissioner Wycoff stated that each school district has an elected board, along with a superintendent and school nurse who are in the schools every day. Superintendents and nurses are in the best seat to make decisions for the schools. The commission board is not in the position to tell the schools what to do. Commissioner Garner shares the same opinion. The commission board will not be overruling or stepping in to make COVID policy. The commission board asked that the schools work with Shannon to do what is best for their schools. It is more productive if the leadership at the schools takes care of the policies that work for each individual school district. Stafford and St. John schools are doing COVID testing on students as needed. Macksville is implementing a modified quarantine system, with no testing being done nor masks being worn. Masks at Stafford schools are optional. All of the school superintendents were supportive and positive about the job that the Health Department is doing. The guidance that Shannon is giving to the districts is very helpful. Commissioner Grimmnett stated that masks do help stop the spread, and that the pandemic needs to be taken seriously. Shannon brought up that it is better to be proactive rather than reactive.

Sheriff Murrow presented step increase requests for Alexandria Gilkey and Nicole Petty. Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to increase Alexandria Gilkey from Range 4 Step 2 to Range 4 Step 3 and Nicole Petty from Range 4 Step 3 to Range 4 Step 4. Motion carried 3-0. Both increases will be effective September 1, 2021. The Sheriff is needing to purchase two vehicles, one will replace the trade in of the 2018 Ford Explorer, and the other will be purchased outright. Commissioner Wycoff moved and Garner seconded to allow the purchase of two 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe units and get both outfitted for a cost of an estimated \$ 96,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wycoff moved and Garner seconded to recess to executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss a performance matter, with the commission meeting to adjourn afterwards. Motion carried 3-0. In at 9:37 a.m., out at 9:52 a.m.
Those present: County Commissioners, County Attorney, Sheriff and County Clerk.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Nita J. Keenan
Stafford County Clerk

Chairman

Member

Member