

Stafford County Commissioners

**Minutes of Meeting
October 18, 2023**

******DRAFT MINUTES******

The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, October 18th, 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.

Mike Minton, Gallagher Associates, presented information regarding the 2024 renewal for the county's health insurance. Commissioner Stanford moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded, to approve the renewal as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Stanford seconded, to allow Chairman Garner to sign the BMI termination agreement and allow them to perform claim run-out services. A meeting will be scheduled for employees regarding the transition to Freedom Claims Management as the new health plan administrator.

Commissioner Stanford moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded, to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023 session. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Russell, Economic Development Director, updated the commissioners on the status of the new Fair Building process. He also gave an update on how the commercial kitchen project is coming along. Ryan presented information about state laws regarding commercial dairy and swine operations and raised the question of the county revising the current statute banning these operations. The commissioners expressed concern over the effect this could have on local landowners and current farming/ranching operations. They are not favorable to changing the current county resolution concerning these types of commercial operations. They will, however, remain open to discussing the issue on a case-by-case basis if any operation approaches them for a meeting. Discussion was also held about housing development ideas and options as well as possible types of businesses that could be recruited to Stafford County.

Phillip Nusser, Road & Bridge, presented proposals for geotechnical engineering services which need to be done for the Stafford County OS L-29 Bridge Replacement Project. Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Stanford seconded, to accept the bid from Terracon in the amount of \$12,200.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Garner recessed the meeting at 9:55 a.m. to greet the attendees of the fall meeting of the South-Central District of the Kansas Treasurer's Association which Treasurer Vanessa Cornwell was hosting. The meeting was reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Stanford seconded, to approve a credit line increase for the county credit card account. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Garner signed the request letter to be included with the paperwork for the increase.

Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Stanford seconded, to approve sending a letter of support on behalf of Sunflower Diversified Services' operation of the General Public Transportation system they operate in our area. They are pursuing a KDOT grant to obtain supplemental funding support to continue these services.

During the meeting Accounts Payable vouchers and checks were signed from the following funds:

GENERAL	\$	61,233.96
ROAD & BRIDGE		7,283.30
HEALTH		23,738.95
RURAL FIRE		29,671.34
NOXIOUS WEED		85.21
APPRAISER		327.20
SOLID WASTE		827.33
EMS		3,109.81
MOTOR VEHICLE		2,664.74
FIRE RESERVE		41,000.00
ROAD/BRIDGE SP IMPROV		2,090.12
E911		815.17
DEED TECH		7,770.00
PHEP GRANT		49.62
SRVCS FOR ELDERLY		24,550.75
SHERIFF HOME ARREST		79.80
SPEC LAW ENFORCEMENT		100.00
LOCAL ALCOHOL		2,500.00
SF CO HOSPITAL		114,030.13
TOTAL	\$	321,927.43

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Chairman

County Clerk

Member

Member