

**Stafford County Commissioners
Minutes of Special Meeting
November 23, 2020**

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The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met in a special session on Monday, November 23, 2020. Chairman Fairchild called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Present: Kurt Fairchild, Clayton Grimmatt and Todd Wycoff. Others present: Mike Robinson, County Attorney, Bryce Garner, Shannon Snyder, Health Director, Phillip Nusser, Emergency Management Director, Dr. Fritz Farmer, Jim Doran, George Sanders and Lu Ann Brister.

The meeting was called specifically for discussion related to the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-68.

Public Comments:

George Sanders presented statistics, hospitals being full, and the safety of the citizens. He urged that the board go with the Executive Order as written. Dr. Jim Doran, DVM, discussed wearing masks, the fact that COVID-19 highly contagious virus and the spread of this airborne disease, discussed the vaccine. Doran discussed the need to flatten the curve, in his opinion, the only way to do that is to follow the executive order. Lu Ann Brister asked that the commissioners NOT opt, due to her own experience with the COVID virus. Doran asked that the group "follow the science."

Mike Robinson County Attorney pointed out that unless enforcement was going to be done, there is no point in doing anything.

Shannon Snyder discussed mask use. She is a proponent of the executive order, citing the need to flatten the curve and help the hospitals with admissions for other health related issues. She stated that it is a matter of following the science.

Chairman Fairchild closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Following discussion, Commissioner Wycoff moved and Fairchild seconded to opt out of Executive Order 20-68. Motion carried 3-0. The board will come up with a resolution for the meeting on Wednesday, November 25th that will address the needs of Stafford County.

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Nita J. Keenan
Stafford County Clerk

Chairman

Member

Member