

**Stafford County Commissioners  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 5th, 2020**

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The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020. Chairman Fairchild called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Kurt Fairchild, Clayton Grimmatt and Todd Wycoff. The Stafford High School government class and sponsors sat in on the session, as well as Julie Lyon.

Sheriff Rob Murrow and Melonda Mercer, Dispatcher Supervisor, met with the board to discuss the recording system for the phones and radios in dispatch. The current recording is a Revcore system that is 4 years old. A new system is being considered. VoiceProducts submitted a quote of \$ 32,000.00. There is a grant available that will pay approximately \$ 19,000.00, with an estimated \$ 12,000.00 coming from the 911 funds. Commissioner Wycoff moved and Grimmatt seconded to allow the sheriff office to pay \$ 32,386.00 for the VoiceProducts recording system. Motion carried 3-0. Payment for this will be made out of the 911 fund, with the grant monies being put back in to the same fund.

Marshal Sanders, St. John City Council man presented a demolition property waiver from the city land bank for a property that they have scheduled to tear down this week. Commissioner Wycoff moved and Grimmatt seconded to approve the waiver from the St John Land bank for the property at 302 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Motion carried 3-0. Fire director Sanders reported that the forestry service found more problems with the unit that the county is slated to get. The total bill could be between \$ 1,000.00 and \$ 2,000.00 instead of the original \$ 300.00 price tag. A new tank was purchased for the Macksville fire truck that is being built. At the request of Sanders, Commissioner Wycoff moved and Grimmatt seconded to recess to executive session for five minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried 3-0. In at 8:43 a.m., out at 8:48 a.m. Those present: County Commissioners and Sanders. Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Wycoff moved and Grimmatt seconded to appoint Harold Fischer as Fire Chief and Cale Batman as Assistant Fire Chief at the Radium/Seward fire stations. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wycoff moved and Grimmatt seconded to approve the minutes from the January 29<sup>th</sup> session. Motion carried 3-0.

A right-of-way agreement from HB Petroleum & Dicks Oilfield to lay a salt water disposal line at the intersection of NE 200<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 50<sup>th</sup> Ave, heading east for 4,000 feet was presented for approval.. Commissioner Wycoff moved and Grimmatt seconded to approve right-of-way agreement 2020-01 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wycoff moved and Grimmatt seconded to approve the tax roll corrections. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Grimmatt moved and Wycoff seconded to approve the sale of the old patching truck to Wilson County for \$ 37,500.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeanette Hildebrand, Teresa Miller and Shelley Berens met with the board representing the Stafford County Core Program, previously known as the Circles program. Private donations mainly fund the program. The trio asked for financial support from the county. The program has generated positive results and support for several individuals locally. No action was taken on the request for funding.

Commissioner Fairchild recessed the regular commission meeting and reconvened as the Local Board of Health with Shannon Snyder, Health Director present. Statistics were reviewed for flu vaccines, family planning, the Maternal Child Health grant and immunizations. The Local Board of Health portion of the meeting was adjourned and the regular commission meeting resumed.

Dennis Dutton, Edwards County, and Leah Chadd, Stafford County, met with the board representing landowners to discuss the PRO Kansas group that has been formed and working towards collective bargaining with Phillips 66 on the Liberty Mainstream pipeline that runs across several counties in Kansas, including Edwards and Stafford County. The presentation dealt mainly with the liability on the landowners if the pipeline gets damaged. Dutton requested that a letter, email or phone call be generated and sent to a list stating that the commissioners have a concern on how the landowners are being treated. The County Attorney will contact the PRO Kansas attorneys to gather more information and then possibly come up with a communication to send to Phillips 66. The Commission board will consider this at a later session.

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

General	186,896.34
Road & Bridge	59,709.89
Health	12,186.68
Fire	8,705.89
Nox Weed	4,140.99
Appraiser	12,891.95
Solid Waste	5,389.24
EMS	20,035.98
Motor Vehicle Op	350.00
PHEP	100.00
Deeds Tech Fund	69.10
TOTAL	310,476.06

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Nita J. Keenan  
Stafford County Clerk

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Chairman

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