

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY GROUP ("CAG")

TO

**SAN JUAN ISLAND EMS ("SJIEMS")
SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT #1 ("SJCPHD #1")
SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #3 ("FD #3")
AND THE TOWN OF FRIDAY HARBOR ("TOWN")**

MINUTES

Wednesday June 27, 2018

6:30 pm, 849 Spring Street Unit B5

CAG representatives:

Chuck Dalldorf, Town (Chair)
George Johnson, SJCPHD #1
Rick Frazer, at large
Dan Paulsen, FD #3
Mark Tompkins, at large

Others Present:

Nathan Butler
SJCPHD #1 Board Recording Sec.

Brad Creesy
FD #3 Chief

Absent:

None

Public Present:

Richard Grout
Karin Augusta

By Phone or teleconference:

None

Call to Order: Chair Dalldorf called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Rick Frazer had not arrived yet but did arrive later at 7:30 p.m.

Approve Minutes: By consent the group agreed that the minutes from 6/20/2018 were acceptable.

Chief Brad Creesy Discussion. Per prior arrangement, Chief Brad Creesy of Fire District No. 3 presented on his agency's budget and financial position. Each attendee was given a copy of the budget also posted at www.sjcphd.org/citizens-advisory-group-cag, along with the full audio for the meeting.

Questions asked included:

- Is the EMS levy transferable as it is currently set up?
- Can the FD levy be used for EMS purposes?

- What review process did the FD #3 Document "Potential Changes in Emergency Delivery Systems" go through?
- What are the potential benefits or impacts to users of services with a merger?
- Do you see any administrative advantages to merger?
- How many FD #3 calls were shared with EMS?
- How much does EMS and fire cooperate in the present?
- Are there changes short of merger that would accomplish the same thing?
- Does FD #3 have a position on the establishment of an RFA (Regional Fire Authority)?
- Who owns the rescue boat?
- How are capture rates in terms of recovering costs?
- What are FD #3's feelings on EMS finances?
- What are the pros/cons of leaving EMS where it is at?
- What is FD #3's opinion regarding why EMS brought up the merger?
- What do you find that is positive, and what do you find that is negative about a merger?
- Do you see value in an RFA?
- If you were starting with a clean slate, what is the most efficient way to run EMS/FD services? Would an RFA make sense?
- Any thoughts about how things have changed since the system was consolidated before?
- If EMS and Fire are combined would it make it easier to justify a levy of the same amount?
- What is FD #3's cash position?
- What is FD #3's overhead? What does it take to operate your business?

Chief Creesy agreed to provide documents further detailing FD #3 finances. These documents are posted on the CAG's webpage (see above).

New Business:

There was no new business.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Closing Remarks:

The next meeting is July 18th, 6:30 p.m., at SJCPHD #1's business offices 849 Spring Street Unit B-5.

Adjournment: Chair Dalldorf adjourned the meeting with consent at 8:20 p.m.



Signed by Chair

July 18 2018
Date

The original document is retained at the San Juan County Public Hospital District #1 Office at 849 Spring Street, Unit B-5, Friday Harbor, WA 98250 in San Juan County Public Hospital District #1 permanent proceedings file.

Attest: Nathan Butler, Board Recording Secretary for SJCPHD #1