

**SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP  
July 31, 2021**

**Commissioner Chair Jarman called the Workshop to order at 10:02 a.m.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Albert Olson, Frank Cardinale and Bob Jarman.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

- Fire Chief Norvin Collins, Assistant Chief Noel Monin, Administrative Assistant Robin Garcia, and others via call-in.

**Discussion of Integration Funding**

The MOU passed at the Hospital District, 3 voted yes, 1 voted no and 1 abstained. The MOU is now ready to be signed by our Board. Chief Collins explained to the Commissioners that the MOU terminates on either 12/31/2023 or the certification by the San Juan County Auditor that the second Fire District EMS Levy measure has failed. If the November Levy measure passes, there is no need for another but if it does fail the MOU supports another ballot measure in February, 2022. The Public Hospital District supports the levy publicly because of the MOU agreement terms. It also commits that the Hospital District will not go out for an EMS Levy renewal. The Fire District will also seek the transport and aid, BLS and ALS, followed by a full transition.

Questions arose about the transferring/selling of EMS Assets to the Fire District. Chief Collins felt it was not a good idea to discuss without the Hospital District there to be part of the conversation.

**Discussion of Levy**

Commissioner Olson pointed out in the Resolution that the Levy must have three-fifths of the registered voter turnout of the Fire District approving the Proposition, or 60%, because it is a new Levy. Levy, renewals and new, were reviewed for voter turnout requirements. Chief Collins reminded the Commissioners that 2 ½ years ago when they started discussing integration the projected funding level was contemplated around \$1.00/\$1,000. This amount was to make the Fire Dept sustainable for the delivery plan and the services provided to all the outer islands, and to have marine response, the rope rescue, dedicated firefighters, EMTs and paramedics available to do transport and response. The \$0.50 will bring us up to the composite total of \$0.94 per \$1000.00 to provide the combined service. Chief Collins wanted to make sure that the Commissioners realized that is a combined rate. A Fire District can levy in a permanent rate up to \$1.50 per thousand, and then you can have an EMS levy on top of it for up to \$0.50 per thousand. There can only be one EMS levy within a district or within a County if you have an EMS district that is the entire county, which this County doesn't have. Theoretically, we could ask for from the public up to \$2.00 per thousand, but that is not what is being proposed or needed for the proposed level of services.

Hospital District EMS Levy ends at 11:59 on December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2022 and a new Fire District levy would start at 12:00 on January 1, 2023.

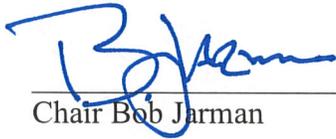
A question was brought up about adding to an agenda of a "Special Meeting" and the implications to that. Assistant Chief Monin researched on MRSC website and RCW to see if this is possible. The topic of discussing the MOU and approving/signing it was not on the Agenda. Assistant Chief Monin will look up the RCW and it will be noted at the beginning of the "Special Meeting", (following this Workshop).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Special Meeting following this Workshop.**

**The next regular meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.**

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Chair Jarman closed the workshop.



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Chair Bob Jarman



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Norvin Collins, Secretary