

**MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #4**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Special Meeting**  
**June 30, 2021**

Chair Phil Paige called the Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for SJCFD #4 to order at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held via at 2228 Fisherman Bay Road on Lopez Island.

Those present were Commissioners Phil Paige, Rebecca Smith and Duane Bordvick, Chief Adam Bigby, and staff Kim Herrenkohl. Two members of the public were also in attendance, with the one member being the lead member for the "Yes" Advocacy Committee who joined towards the end of the meeting.

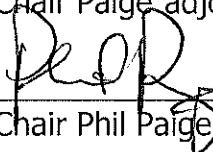
The Commissioners added an agenda topic to discuss the recent change by the Governor's Office related to mask wearing and public meetings. It was determined that the District would continue to set up Board of Commissioner meetings as Zoom meetings, in addition to in-person access. The District would inform any member of the public attending future meetings that if they are not fully vaccinated, they would be required to wear a mask in order to attend the meeting in-person. It would also be helpful to add a note on the agenda about this requirement.

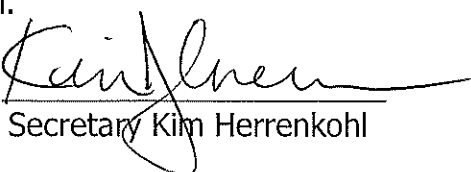
**EMS LEVY PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:**

The Chief asked the member of the public (non-Advocacy Committee member) if she wanted to see the power point presentation and she said yes. The Chief went thru the power point presentation and Chief and Commissioner's responded to the non-Advocacy Committee member's questions and comments. In general, the following was discussed: the 1% total levy increase limit per year; the District's deferred maintenance and capital purchases due to lack of funding; the age of apparatus as many engines are close to 25 years old; the competitiveness of grants as a source of funding; how insurance rates are determined and how critically important insurance rates are to businesses; how the EMS Levy funds would allow the District to use the current levy's funds on fire expenditures such as bunker gear which costs over \$3,000 per set and would allow the District to consider establishing an apparatus replacement fund; the cost to outfit an Ambulance which has increased significantly over the years and how a graph illustrates that expenditures are growing faster than the current levy's revenues.

The Commissioners and Chief also agreed that the power point presentation from this meeting should be posted on the District's web site.

Chair Paige adjourned the Special meeting at 6:32 PM.

  
Chair Phil Paige

  
Secretary Kim Herrenkohl