

**MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #4**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Special Meeting**  
**June 16, 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, Paramedic Caleb Pal and staff Kim Herrenkohl. Two members of the public were also in attendance, with one member being the lead member for the "Yes" Advocacy Committee.

**EMS LEVY PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:**

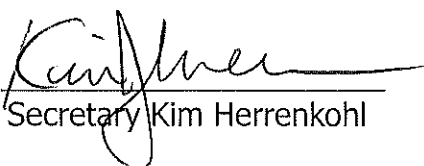
The Chief asked the member of the public (non-Advocacy Committee member) if he wanted to see the power point presentation and he said no. The Chief opened up the meeting for the members of the public to ask questions. The non-Advocacy Committee member's questions and comments were: why is an EMS Levy needed; can the district be more efficient to reduce costs and live within the current levy; do we need to have 3 paramedics; can the District ask for funds from the Hospital District; can the district take patients off-island by ferry; and that it is a disservice to the island that the Lopez Fire & EMS is separated like it is from the Lopez UW Clinic. The Commissioners and Chief responded to these questions and comments. The non-Advocacy Committee member also mentioned that not all parcels on Lopez pay property taxes so it puts more of the property tax burden onto the parcels that do pay property taxes.

The Advocacy Committee member explained that the District does not bill Lopez residents for the portion of EMS bills that are not covered by insurance. Also, that after the last levy lift in 2013, the District spent the additional funds received on the items that the public was told were needed in levy conversations.

The Commissioners and Chief discussed the planned steps for helping to get information out to the community related to the upcoming EMS Levy ballot measure on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We discussed making a banner, sandwich board, and Facebook account and making sure that our volunteer EMTs and Firefighters are informed so that they can answer community member's questions. The lead member of the "Yes" Advocacy Committee stated that he will work to get people to write letters to the editor in support for the EMS Levy.

Chair Paige adjourned the Special meeting at 6:46 PM.

  
Chair Phil Paige

  
Secretary Kim Herrenkohl