

SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1
Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Wednesday, November 23, 2016

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Bill Williams - Chair
Commissioner Michael Edwards
Commissioner Monica Harrington
Commissioner Mark Schwinge
Commissioner Barbara Sharp

Others Present:

Pamela Hutchins

Superintendent SJCPHD#1

EMS: Jerry Martin
SJIEMS Chief

By Phone:

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Edwards asked for an amendment to the November 23, 2016, regular meeting minutes as follows: Commissioner Edwards wants to amend on page 1 under the heading " PHD Superintendent & EMS Chief Employment Agreements, Negotiations, and Time Lines". He wants to add "and contracts" after "job descriptions". Seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve minutes with amendment. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

< IIMC Warrants

Payroll	total \$	0.00
A/P Warrants	total \$	35,345.69

< SJIEMS Warrants

Payroll	total \$	72,151.39
A/P Warrants	total \$	77,232.93

MOVED by Commissioner Schwinge, seconded by Commissioner Sharp to approve the Consent Agenda of November 23, 2016. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT PAMELA HUTCHINS AND CHIEF JERRY MARTIN submitted financial and operations reports. Chris Compton, CPA, was also on hand for any questions on the two budgets for the SJCPHD#1.

OLD BUSINESS:

Integration Options Study for SJIEMS and SJCFPD#3:

This group is still working on their product and will possibly hear from them next month.

PIMC/PHD Subsidy Agreement Third Amendment: This Amendment has been posted on the SJCPHD#1 District Website from the last regular meeting in October, and posted on the District website. A press release was posted in the local papers outlining the major provisions of the amendment, and informing the public that the adoption of the amendment was being considered by the board. A further notification placed this issue on this evening's agenda. Commissioner Sharp moved to accept the PIMC/PHD Subsidy Agreement Third Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Harrington. Chair Williams opened it up for discussion.

Discussion: Commissioner Schwinge is concerned about diversion of tax dollars from the critical access hospital which the community established and desires to see prosperous. PeaceHealth continues to report losing hundreds of thousands of dollars. His concern is with taking this money and diverting it elsewhere. It seems fiscally irresponsible that PeaceHealth would take this money and redirect it. It seems premature for PeaceHealth to redirect this money. He also thought if tax dollars were being diverted that it is pertinent to have a clarification on what it is being diverted to. Commissioner Edwards thought Commissioner Schwinge's thoughts were well founded, and if you look at the deficit reported by PeaceHealth in the clinical offerings that are supported by the subsidy amendment they have lost \$4,000,000 in the last 12 months. On top of that the tax levy lid lift expired the end of 2015 and will lose another \$400,000 on a projected basis because of that provision. Commissioner Edwards proposed looking at procuring federal grants which historically have been obtained by Beth Gieger as past Superintendent and IIMC Administrator. In the past ten years, the District has obtained nearly \$2,000,000 in grants which is \$200,000 a year. He would like to see the board in lieu of accepting this hand out from PeaceHealth look at obtaining further federal grants and aid.

He also pointed out a procedural element that this amendment has two independent provisos. One is accepting the \$50,000 for two years, and another for revising section 2.2.2. of the existing subsidy amendment. This amendment calls for a vote on both provisos together. He would vote in favor of the 2.2.2 revision, but against the financial one. He would like the board to break these out as independent in case this measure fails. He thanks PeaceHealth for this gracious offer, but he thinks the district should be internally responsive and responsible to pave our own way and not be dependent on others. The current HRSA grant ends this year, and if we don't keep pursuing grants, we lose the momentum of getting serial grants. Commissioner Harrington stated that she always asks a vendor if they are prepared to provide all the services the organization wants provided. In her observation of discussions, she has been involved with PeaceHealth they have been up front in stating they were not prepared to provide all the services that the community might want to support. On that basis, there was good discussion with PeaceHealth leadership about what is appropriate for their organization. This is the start in terms of having money available for services PeaceHealth does not want to provide. An amount of \$50,000 was arrived at to start with for two years. PeaceHealth has qualified leaders and understands they can't provide all services for our district. She thinks it is appropriate and that the commissioners have obligations to provide for our community services PeaceHealth can't provide for, and this money does that, and we should move forward with it. Commissioner Sharp does not look at this money as a handout, but it is taxpayers' funds and it is the mission of the commissioners to provide for health care needs for our district residents. PeaceHealth does a wonderful job of providing a lot of services that were not provided for in the past. We should not second guess their financial status. We don't see the hidden values that PeaceHealth may get from referrals to Bellingham instead of going to Skagit or other hospitals. That is a hidden benefit that we know nothing about but she is sure might be there. Commissioner Williams stated that tonight the vote is just to approve the Third Amendment, not on how the money would be spent. The money will not start accumulating until next year, and at the end of it there will be \$50,000. There will be a lot of discussion before then on how the money will be spent. PeaceHealth has collaboratively entered into discussions that they want to do the best that they can for themselves and the community they serve. They feel that allowing some discretionary money out of the tax dollars for the district to provide services they can't makes good since to them. Both sides have had their attorney review this amendment. If this amendment passes it is for only two years and then will be reviewed again and if there is any distress to PeaceHealth it can be addressed. Talks could even be convened sooner if

necessary if PeaceHealth needs be. We will work together to help both organizations prosper over the course of this entire 50-year agreement. Commissioner Schwinge pointed out that on the District website that there is a letter posted from Brad Berg, SJCPHD#1 attorney with Foster Pepper, LLC, that it is not legally compelled by the Reproductive Act to provide maternity benefits because PeaceHealth does not provide the maternity benefits, but leases space to others that provides them. Commissioner Schwinge is of the opinion that how the money spent is something to be discussed before the vote is taken on the amendment. Commissioner Harrington reiterated that this is just a step to rectify that in the original subsidy agreement all the tax dollars were going to one provider to provide all the services. PeaceHealth recognizes and the District recognizes that that was not going to work over the 50 years of the subsidy agreement. With this amendment, the agreement would be more flexible with providing money for services that PeaceHealth could not provide over the course of the 50-year contract. Commissioner Edwards made one last point of remembering that \$67,000 was coming to SJIEMS from the HRSA Telemedicine grant for 911 response enhancement as well as Community Paramedicine which is great jumpstart for that program. Pursuing continued grant funding should be continued, and then suggested to call for the vote. For complete discussion view the meeting video on the San Juan County website for 11/23/16. **Chair Williams called for the vote. Williams, Sharp, and Harrington voted in favor of PIMC/PHD Subsidy Third Amendment. Edward and Schwinge voted against it. MAJORITY 3 for and 2 against. MOTION CARRIED.**

Res 16-455 SJCPHD#1 2017 Budget: Resolution to approve the San Juan County Public Hospital District #1 2017 budget. It has been posted on the District website since September and reviewed by the commissioners.

Moved by Commissioner Edwards to approve the SJCPHD#1 2017 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Schwinge. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Res 16-456 SJCPHD#1 Tax Levy Resolution: Resolution to approve the SJCPHD#1 Tax Levy Resolution stating what the expected 2017 property tax revenue projections will be.

Moved by Commissioner Schwinge to approve the SJCPHD#1 2017 Tax Levy Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

SJCPHD#1 2017 Tax Levy Certification: Certification document for San Juan County Tax Assessor for 2017 projected property taxes.

Moved by Commissioner Harrington to approve the SJCPHD#1 2017 Tax Levy Certification, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Res 16-457 SJIEMS 2017 Budget: Resolution to approve the SJIEMS 2017 Budget. It has been posted on the District and SJIEMS website and been reviewed by the commissioners for the last 5 to 6 months.

Moved by Commissioner Schwinge to approve the SJIEMS 2017 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Res 16-458 SJIEMS 2017 Tax Levy Resolution: Resolution to approve the SJIEMS Tax Levy Resolution stating what the expected 2017 property tax revenue projections will be. This resolution was not needed for SJIEMS in 2017 since the SJIEMS 6-year Levy was approved in November of 2016 for 2017.

SJIEMS 2017 Tax Levy Certification:

Moved by Commissioner Schwinge to approve the SJIEMS 2017 Tax Levy Certification, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Performance Evaluation Forms: There were some revisions in the Performance Evaluation Forms and the Commissioners were sent the revised forms. **Moved by Commissioner Sharp to approve the revisions to the performance review forms, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

Status of Contract Negotiations: Both the Superintendent and the SJIEMS Chief's contract expire the end of 2016. There have been negotiations to prepare new contracts for each. Commissioner Sharp and Commissioner Williams have been working on these contracts. Superintendent Hutchins' contract is ready and performance review at the executive session will happen at the end of the meeting. Chief Martin's contract is still being negotiated.

Moved by Commissioner Edwards to allow Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Sharp to continue to negotiate with Chief Martin and

have his contract ready for the December 2016 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sharp. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Air Membership Programs:

1. How decisions are made for use of them – County MPD, Michael Sullivan, MD: See Exhibit A – Guidelines For Air Medical Dispatch

Also watch the full presentation of the video meeting saved on the San Juan County website for November 23, 2016. Dr. Sullivan and Commissioner Harrington would like to start a drive for community to learn about the options for air travel when there is an emergency. The Board of Commissioners support islanders having both memberships so it does not matter what kind of an emergency happens they are covered. Both Island Air Ambulance and Airlift NW will have presentations at future meetings. Starting in January of 2017 all islanders will need to have some type of membership program. No longer will island residents not have to have out of pocket expense simply if they are islanders. EVERY ISLAND RESIDENT WILL NEED TO HAVE AN AIR MEMBERSHIP STARTING JANUARY 1, 2017.

2. General information for Public Hospital District & San Juan County Residents

SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 AND SAN JUAN COUNTY AIR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Airlift Northwest Air Care Membership Program

1-888-835-1599

membership@airliftnw.org

www.airliftnw.org

6505 Perimeter Road South, Suite 200

Seattle, WA 98108

Contact person is Kathleen Cassels, but anyone answering the phone can help you.

Airlift Northwest Air Care membership serves Washington and Southeast Alaska residents with air medical transport service for the **critically** ill in the Pacific Northwest and Southeast Alaska. The prices below are for Washington only.

Cost is: \$79 - for 12-month Household Membership

\$155 - for 24-month Household Membership (Not Available in Southeast Alaska)

\$60 - for Vacation Membership for 3 consecutive months

All members are required to have a current insurance product that includes air medical transport benefits. (If you are on Medicare, you must have Medicare Part B.) Members must be listed on the enrollment form. Members of your household are described as you, your spouse/partner, and any dependents claimed on your income tax return.

Please contact Airlift Northwest to get the specific details of their air membership program.

Island Air Ambulance Membership Program (Fixed Wing Plane Service located on San Juan Island)

1-360-378-2376

membership@islandairambulance.com

www.islandairambulance.com

72 Airport Circle Dr.

Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Contact person is Barbara Pluff, but anyone answering the phone can help you.

Island Air Ambulance Membership covers the main subscriber, spouse or domestic partner and anyone else residing at the residence. All persons to be covered by the membership plan as residents (which includes college students through the age of 26 and foster children) must be listed on the membership application and comply with all terms & conditions of the membership program.

Cost is: Introductory Pricing through 12/31/2016 for all district & county residents

\$ 39 - 1 year (Regular \$55)

\$119 - 3 year (Regular \$165)

\$ 25 - Vacation (3 continuous months)

All Members must have health insurance and cannot be a Medicaid Beneficiary.

Please contact Island Air Ambulance to get the specific details of their air membership program.

EVERY SAN JUAN ISLAND RESIDENT WILL NEED A MEMBERSHIP IN AN AIR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM STARTING 1/1/2017 TO BE PROTECTED FROM A LARGE FLIGHT BILL IF FLOWN OFF THE ISLAND. TO BE FULLY PROTECTED FROM A MEDICAL FLIGHT EMERGENCY, BOTH MEMBERSHIPS ARE RECOMMENDED.

PLEASE CONTACT EACH AIR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

District Work Calendar for 2017: Commissioner Williams would like to initiate having a work planning calendar started for 2017. He is asking for a commissioner to be on that committee with Pamela Hutchins to start this work. Commissioner Edwards volunteered to be on that committee with Pamela Hutchins and Chief Martin to start a planning calendar of important District events.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Weyshaw Koons: Check with Island Air Ambulance to see if memberships are cheaper buying them now then waiting until January 1, 2017, and you can purchase more than 1 year.

Executive Session: RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Review of the performance of a public employee – Annual Performance Review of District Superintendent and SJIEMS Chief. Adjourned to executive session: 6:10 p.m. for 45 minutes. Returned to extend time at 6:55 p.m. for 15 minutes to 7:10 p.m. Returned to Public Session at 7:10 p.m.

Public Action taken: Moved by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Superintendent's 2017 contract, seconded by Commissioner Schwinge. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED. They are still negotiating SJIEMS Chief's 2017 Contract. They will revisit his contract approval at 12/28/16 meeting.

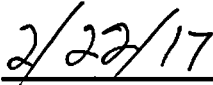
ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Edwards --moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Harrington. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ALL EXHIBITS AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.



Signed By Chairperson



Date

The full video version of these minutes can be found at <http://sanjuanco.com/1076/Hospital-District>

The original document is retained at the Frank Wilson EMS Building at 1079 Spring Street, Friday Harbor, WA 98250 in San Juan County Public Hospital District #1 permanent proceedings file.

Attest: Pamela Hutchins, Recording Secretary