

Sullivan County Council of Governments
July 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Fred Jugan, president.

Fred Jugan-Cherry Township
John Huhn-Eagles Mere Borough
Bill Stasiak-Colley Township
Tim Brown-Colley Township
Marvin E. Bailey-Fox Township
David Chandler-Fox Township
Walter Botsford-Laporte Township
Rich Avery-Fox Township
Andy Trostle-Fox Township
Brian Hoffman- Sullivan County Commissioners
Linwood Myers-Davidson Township

We opened our meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Our meeting for June was changed to July due to both Fred Jugan and Bill Stasiak both being away on vacation.

We had representatives from both Fire and Ambulance associations at this meeting. They talked about how we might be able to make things change for the future of the companies. Suggestions are paid crews or companies banding together to make things work.

Brian Hoffman stated that the lack of volunteers is a nationwide problem and they are diminishing every year. We have more equipment in the County than we have volunteers. Our county EMT and EMR are already joining several companies so that they can assist when needed.

The Fire Chief said that there is a shortage of EMT's in the county the younger generation is not stepping forward to assist. The Fire Chief felt that Contracted services for the county would be a bad idea. It takes at least 200 hours to finish the training and the cost is all on the volunteers, and not guaranteed to pass the course. Once you pass the course you must become part of the National Registry for EMT's to become a licensed EMT, and have 70 hours of training and keep this updated.

The day time hours are the hardest hours to cover with volunteers due to people working and such. It seems that if you have a paid crew it knocks down on the volunteers; volunteers need an incentive to keep on working as volunteers.

Brian Hoffman stated that going to the department of health might be the next avenue to explore we are putting some attention on these issues but how much or when things will change is hard to say.

Tim Brown stated that they have been working with Keystone equipments for digitally compatible radios.

The Fire Chief stated that he is thankful for Brian and all that he is trying to do, to get things moving for them and solve this problem.

A motion was made by Walter Botsford and seconded by Tim Brown to approve the minutes from our March meeting. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was approved.

A motion was made by Fred Jugan and seconded by Linwood Myers to approve the Treasurers report as presented. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was approved.

Congratulation was given to Lopez for their CDB Grant and the Demolition project.

A discussion was held about Red Rock Association selling 752 acres of land, and a hiking trail being built or formed.

A motion was made by Fred Jugan and seconded by John Huhn to pay the bills as stated. When put to a vote all voted to pay the bills.

A motion was made by all to adjourn the meeting so the meeting adjourned at 8:12.