

Sullivan County Council of Governments

June 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by John Huhn, president.

Carl Vough-Forks Township

Dan Cox-Davidson Township

Darlene Fenton-Sullivan County Commissioners

Gary Etzel-Elkland Township

Brian Hoffman-Sullivan County Commissioners

Ted Lowden-Sullivan County Fire Department

Robin Simpson-Laporte Borough

Bill Stasiak-Colley Township

John Huhn-Eagles Mere Borough

Dave Carson-Eagles Mere Borough

Jeff Hamilton-Laporte Township

We opened our meeting with the pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Carl Vough and seconded by Dave Carson 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 Jeff Hamilton and seconded by Bill Stasiak to approve the Treasurers report for October thru March. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was approved.

Ted Lowden from Mildred EMS –Sullivan County Fire Company talked about EMS services and at some point we might not have enough volunteers to perform the services we need in our county.

Brian Hoffman said that in the future there might be a law passed that will let Counties take part in shared resources and figure a way that they can all work together. CCap task force have multiple programs to help and DCED are asking for surveys to be done to see how they can help out. There is some ACT13 money which is available to reimburse some money back to the fire companies for training.

Gary Etzel talked about County wide training and how the cost of training is so high; you need 220 hours of training. Getting people to volunteer is getting harder every year. The EMT-EMR fire companies are geared to getting 16 to 20 year olds but they should be working on the 30 and above age group.

Ted Lowden stated that a firefighter can drive the ambulance and then they would have 1 person in the back with patient. Gary stated that most run with more than 1 in back.

Gary Etzel stated that a Good Samaritan can do CPR but EMT can't because of the liability if there training has expired.

Brian Hoffman asked if the contracts are a written agreement between each fire company. Gary Etzel stated that yes they are and they all cover each other for ambulances.

A motion was made to accept the Budget for 2021 the motion was made by Carl Vough and seconded by Dave Carson. When put to a vote all voted to accept.

Jeff Hamilton talked about money from PSTATS that can be used for any money lost from Covid-19.

John Huhn asked about Tar & Chipping of roads and if anyone was having good luck using this process.

We were so glad for the great turnout that we had at this meeting we look forward to more meetings like this one.

Robin Simpson talked about a meeting being held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Court House, they will be discussing the future of the Family Practice in Laporte.

A motion was made by Dave Carson and seconded by Robin Simpson to pay the bills as presented. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the bills will be paid.

A motion was made by Bill Stasiak and seconded by Dave Carson to adjourn the meeting. All agreed so the meeting adjourned at 8:30.