

SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE FIRE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A SIX (6) YEAR LEVY OF A REGULAR PROPERTY TAX IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY CENTS (50¢) PER THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OF THE TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, AS AUTHORIZED IN RCW 84.52.069, TO BE LEVIED FIRST IN 2023, AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH YEAR THEREAFTER SUCCEEDING THE YEAR OF THE LEVY, FOR SIX YEARS; SAID LEVY SHALL PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING PERSONNEL COSTS, TRAINING FOR SUCH PERSONNEL, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease and trauma are leading causes of death in the nation, in San Juan County, and in the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of paramedic services in San Juan County by the public hospital district has greatly enhanced the survival rate of victims of trauma and cardiac arrest and the initiation of cardiopulmonary resuscitation by bystanders or emergency medical technicians has doubled hospital discharge rates; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Fire District No.3 that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the Fire District that emergency medical services be maintained and improved and that the District should assume the provision of paramedic and ambulance transport services currently provided by or through the local public hospital district; and

WHEREAS, such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those moneys provided by the District's regular tax levy authorized by RCW 52.16;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 3, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. To continue to meet the need for high quality emergency medical services, including advanced life support (paramedic) and ambulance transport services, and to meet the emergency medical needs arising from accelerated growth within the community, to satisfy personnel and

equipment needs, to raise revenues adequate to pay costs attributable to providing adequate emergency medical services, and to maintain reserve funds, the Fire District shall commence to levy in 2022, for collection each and every year thereafter beginning in 2023, for a total of six (6) years, a general tax on taxable property in the District in an amount of up to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of true and fair assessed valuation of the District

Section 2. Pursuant to the authorization in RCW 84.52.069, as amended, this levy is a regular property tax levy in addition to the statutory tax rate limit of RCW 84.52.043.

Section 3. This levy must be approved by a majority of at least three-fifths of the registered voters of the Fire District approving the proposition authorizing the levies, at which election the number of persons voting “yes” on the proposition shall constitute three-fifths of a number equal to forty percent of the total number of voters voting in the District at the last preceding general election when the number of registered voters voting on the proposition does not exceed forty percent of the total number of voters voting in the District in the last preceding general election; **or** by a majority of at least three-fifths of the registered voters of the District voting on the proposition when the number of registered voters voting on the proposition exceeds forty percent of the total number of voters voting in the District in the last preceding general election.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Fire District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 2, 2021, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 3 does hereby declare that the auditor of San Juan County, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call said election and to submit the following proposition at said election in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

**Proposition One-San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 3
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy**

Will the San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 3 be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, commencing in the year 2023?

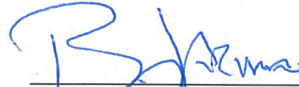
YES.

NO .

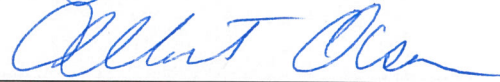
(See RCW 29A.36.210)

Section 5. Be it further resolved that Resolution No. 2021-03 is hereby adopted by motion of the Board of Fire Commissioners of San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 3, at a special open public meeting of such Board on the 31st day of July, 2021, the following Fire Commissioners being present and voting:

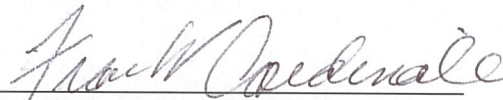
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Bob Jarman, Chairman of the Board

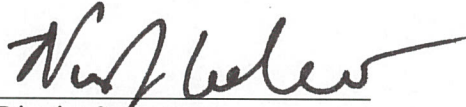


Albert Olson, Commissioner



Frank Cardinale, Commissioner

ATTEST:


District Secretary

Approved as to Form:

Joseph F. Quinn, District Attorney