

Sullivan County Council of Governments
January 22, 2019 minutes

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

Fred Jugan-Cherry Township

Tim Brown-Colley Township

Robin Simpson-Laporte Borough

Jeff Hamilton-Laporte Township

Brian Hoffman-Sullivan County Commissioner

John Huhn-Eagles Mere Borough

We opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Fred Jugan and seconded by Tim Brown to approve the minutes from our December 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 Brian Hoffman to approve the Treasurers report as presented. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was approved.

In old business a motion was made by Jeff Hamilton to approve the 2019 budget and a second motion came from Robin Simpson. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was approved for the proposed 2019 budget.

We talked about the Frontier account and our price increase, it was suggested that I contact Blue Ridge To see what their price would be and then see what a buyout would cost from frontier.

Brian Hoffman talked about changes that the state would like to implement; they would like to make changes to the way Best Transit is run. He stated that on January 23 there is a meeting with the Best Transit board. The changes if implemented will affect 27 counties. Letters have been sent to federal and state to figure out what they are going to do. No brokers have applied for taking on this task as of yet., if a call center with independent brokers goes into effect this will cut out the medical assistant transportation and the shared ride which is 50 percent of our revenue. Also they were talking about expanding the fixed rate rides possibly including Mildred and Laporte.

In Fire and EMS new- they are still working on broad band.

Brian also talked out our voting machines needing updated; we have 15 precincts and will need two to three machines for each. The new machines will print out a paper ballot and have no internal memory. The new machines will need a scanner. This will cause a financial impact on us but we must purchase them by the next election. There is State and federal money available to help defray the cost.

A motion was made by John Huhn and seconded by Jeff Hamilton to pay the bills as presented. All voted in favor so the bills will be paid.

A motion was made by all to adjourn the meeting so the meeting ended at 7:45pm.