Questions for Local Boundary Commission Presentation to Gustavus (1-25-24)

* Can the proposed borough charter be amended or changed between the time the LBC accepts the petition and the time the ratification vote takes place?
* According to AS 29.05.100 the LBC may amend the petition and/or may impose conditions on the incorporation. What types of testimony or information might compel the LBC to amend the petition?
* Will new voting precincts be created by the Alaska Division of Elections?
* Are only registered voters considered residents, i.e. are seasonal residents considered in determining whether the threshold for borough population has been met?
* Would Gustavus remain in the Chatham School District?
* Does borough formation change school funding for Gustavus?
* Could the borough select State entitlement lands that are within the Gustavus City boundary? (State DNR lands at Falls Creek, both sides of the dock.) Same question: Mental Health lands?
* Since there is little State land in the proposed borough, is it conceivable that Federal lands (such as Pleasant Island) could be selected as borough-owned lands? Could NPS lands be selected?
* Can you explain the State entitlement lands application to water, tidewater, and tidelands, and wetlands?
* How does the seasonal 1% sales tax work, i.e. is it at the point of sale or based on presence in the borough? Eg. would charter boats leaving from the Gustavus dock be assessed a tax when traveling in the proposed borough boundary?

Questions regarding Federal and State entitlement lands:

PILT funding is based on the Hoonah-Angoon census area with NFS acres (1,978,225), and NPS acres (2,667,988). We’ve been unable to get answers from the State and Federal PILT coordinators and BLM to determine the financial impact of the borough, as follows:

* What is the current acreage of entitlement land in Gustavus?
* Does Gustavus lose eligibility for PILT, National Forest Receipts, and other receipts tied to entitlement lands by virtue of their inclusion within the borough boundaries, and if so, to what extent? Are submerged lands (water) included as entitlement land for PILT?
* Is the financial impact on excluded communities a factor that is taken into consideration by the Local Boundary Commission?