

**Pickens County Council
EMS Ad Hoc Committee Report
Thursday, April 17, 2025**

6:30 p.m.

Main Conference Room, Administration Building

Council Members in Attendance:

C. Claiborne Linvill

Scott Lang

Dr. Dale Holloway

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Dr. Dale Holloway called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Councilor Linvill gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator, Ken Roper, gave a brief update to Council on the proposed FY26 Budget for the Emergency Services Department.

The council and staff had a detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:

- Budget Increases and Improvements
 - 24.8% increase in EMS funding
 - Two 12-hour power trucks being upgraded to 24-hour service
 - Includes replacement of two vehicles
 - Ambulance replacement schedule increased from 2 to 4 vehicles
 - Generators being added to Medic stations 2, 3, 4, 8, and Coroner's office
- Renovations to Medic 4 (central) has been completed using current year building maintenance funds
- Renovation Projects and Budget Flexibility
 - \$35,000 for Medic 8 renovation could be done in the current fiscal year, instead of waiting
 - This would free up \$35,000 in next year's budget for other priorities
 - The Budget already funds most items from Director Teske's list of priorities
 - Moving forward on Medic 1 replacement with architectural services already contracted
 - The only item not funded from Director Teske's list is three paramedics to backfill echo six
- Medic 1 Replacement Project
 - \$1.5M allocated in budget for Medic 1 building
 - Kick-off meeting scheduled with architects scheduled for April 23rd
 - County plans to use building maintenance staff for demolition and site preparation
 - Temporary medic 1 building will be kept as an asset for future temporary locations
- Discussion on Future Planning and Recommendations

ADJOURN:

The EMS Ad Hoc Committee stood adjourned at 7:10 p.m.