

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

6pm May 11, 2026

222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: William "Bill" Daniel
Troy Burton
Dennis Bauknight (virtual)
David Robinson
JB "Jan" Kelley
Joe Burgett
Jess Poirier
Kenny McPeters
Randy Bowers (virtual)

ABSENT – BOARD: Paul Howland
Jim Shelton
Rodney Herd

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Chief Gibson
Mike Brown
Katie Corbin

IN ATTENDANCE - GUESTS: NONE

Agendas, bearing date, time and location of meeting were emailed to Board members and news media and a copy was posted on the county website and bulletin board at the Administration facility.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM. Mr. Jan Kelley offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduced new staff members: Mike Brown- Emergency Management Director, Katie Corbin- Deputy Emergency Management Director

Corrections were added to the April minutes. April minutes listed Katie Corbin as EM Director & Mike Brown and Deputy Director Following corrections, Troy Burton motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Jan Kelley. Motion passed unanimously,

Emergency Services Division report Chief Gibson

1. Lake Patrol: EMS will be coordinated with PCSO to have at least an EMT on the water during lake patrol during high traffic times during the summer
2. Communications Center Transition: Transition to the new building will start in June with full operations in July.
3. Founding members of County volunteers stations to be recognized at June 1st Council meeting.
4. Reviewed pending concert and District Park & planning by County staff

Old Business

1. FY27 budget – In process. County Council 1st reading completed. Additional funding above 911 funding-fee remains a request. Chief Gibson reviewed the 911 funding-fee via phone services and its decline over the past years: 2024 ~ 23M & 2025 ~ 17M (\$490K allocated to Pickens County).
2. ISO Rating – No Change (Equipment should be a strength. Water represents 40%, which is somewhat outside Pickens County control. Communication is the remaining section. Awaiting results.)
3. Medic 1: old station has been demolished, Item is on the Council meeting agenda for May 18th.
4. Special Operations Group: Most are coordinated by County employees.
5. Prior year Goals Reviewed
 - a. Additional medic for Pickens area & eastside of Easley

- b. Expansion of Fire services – Areas not currently being serviced. Continue to work with Rocky Bottom community & 183/135 area
- c. E911 Staffing & Funding – Technical support remains underfunded.
- d. Compensation Study for retention of trained staff
- e. Penny Tax – Reviewed the past actions and the desire to pursue this.

New Business – EMS week May 17-23.

Round Table – Troy Burton reviewed upcoming events for RACES group

Mr. Troy Burton motioned for adjournment; second by Ms. J.Poirier. Unanimously approved,
Adjourned at 6:37 The next Board meeting is Monday, June 8th 6 PM.