

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

February 9, 2026

222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

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

ABSENT – BOARD: Jim Shelton

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Meredith Teske

IN ATTENDANCE - GUESTS:

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 6:07 PM. Mr. JB Kelley offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Officers

1. Mr. Kenny McPeters motioned for the current committed continue next year. Second by Mr. Rodney Herd. Unanimously approved.

Minutes from January corrected per Mr. K.McPeters: Motion to accept the corrected minutes by Mr. K.McPeters, and second by D.Robinson. **10** Votes to **Approve**. One abstention (J.Burgett).

Emergency Services Division reportMs. Meredith Teske

1. Preliminary stats on Winter Storm Fran:
2. The EOC was staffed from 0700 Saturday till 1400 Tuesday. Agencies involved: County Administration, Emergency Management, E-911, County Fire, County EMS, County Rescue, County Roads and Bridges, Admin Communication, PCSO Communications, County Building Maintenance, County Vehicle Maintenance, County PIO & Engagement Office, County IT, County HR,DSS, America Red Cross, Pickens City Fire and PD, Easley City Fire and PD, PCSO, SCDOT, and SCNG.
3. Total weather related calls received in the EOC: **243**
 - o 128 Trees down
 - o 44 Powerlines Down
 - o 44 Trees down with powerlines involved
 - o 11 Disabled Vehicles
 - o 16 Other types of calls
 - o 2 disabled vehicles flagged
4. Roadway Status: **241** Roads Cleared
5. Assistance Request: 25
 - o 12 Other assistance (Rides or Transfers)
 - o 10 Well being Checks
 - o 3 Rides to Shelters

6. Shelter Numbers: **34** Total
 - o 6 in the Easley Shelter
 - o 28 in the Pickens Shelter
 - o 4 Oxygen Dependent
 - o 14 needed transportation
7. Emergency Management continues to work with State EMD on reimbursement for Hurricane Helens and Table Rock. Preliminary information is that Winter Storm Fran will be a declared event, which will also be eligible for reimbursement via FEMA.
8. Meeting with individual rescue squads to explain transition and answer any questions.
9. We have completed gathering the names of firefighters that have served more than 30 years or were charter members. And we are working on their recognition.

Old Business

1. Rescue Squads: The squads reviewed the reorganization plan. Medic 7 met with Chief Gibson. The other 2 squads' meetings are forthcoming.
2. FY27 budget has been submitted.
3. Communications Center Transition: A request has been made for additional dispatchers to be approved for the new call-center. Discussion ensued regarding the integration of all county parties into the new center.

New Business

1. Winter weather operations
2. ISO process – Continuing to collect data for grading, expecting completion in April
3. Board Goals Discussion
4. Motion by Mr. Kenny McPeters to place Mr. John Neely on the list to receive the Pinnacle Award. Seconded by Mr. Rodney Herd. Unanimously approved.

Round Table – Mr. Kenny McPeters asked about Sassafras Mount tower approval/review. No updates from the team.

Mr. Troy Burton motioned for adjournment; second by Mr. JB Kelley. Unanimously approved. Adjourned at 6:45. The next Board meeting is Monday, March 9th PM.