

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

July 14, 2025

222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD:

William "Bill" Daniel
Troy Burton
JB "Jan" Kelley
Dennis Bauknight
Kenny McPeters
Jess Poirier
David Robinson
Rodney Herd (Virtual)
Paul Howland (Virtual)

ABSENT – BOARD:

Randy Bowers
Brooke Newman (Virtual)

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF:

Billy Gibson

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 6:010 PM. JB.Kelley offered an invocation. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Minutes from June: Motion to accept by K.McPeters and seconded by D.Bauknight. Passes unanimously.

Emergency Services Division reportBilly Gibson

- FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Helene is in continuing. Approximately \$3.5 million
- Andy Childs has started duties as Emergency Management Director. Deputy Director position has been posted and applications have started coming in
- The reimbursement process for the Table Rock for has started. Early estimate is approximately \$1.5 million.
- Received designs for new medic 1. Under consideration at this time.
- Pre delivery inspections on new ambulances scheduled complete. Projected delivery late August.
- Work at medic 4 (Central) completed to add additional 24 hr. crew. Work at medic 8 (Easley) will be done in house.
- Lake coverage by EMS continues on high use weekends.
- New engine for Dacusville has arrived and will be put on service first week of August.
- Go live date for the 2 new 24 hour EMS trucks is July 20th.

Old Business

- Fire-Contract Subcommittee – R.Bowers, P.Howland and B.Daniels. Plan to meet at 5 PM o

- EMS – Medic 1, 4 & 8 discussed
- Rescue Squads – R.Herd and J.Poirer are working on the plan for the rescues. Meeting continue with each including Chief Gibson.
- Fire Services: Committee met. We will need to grant advanced notice. For Central, the County owns the building (outside the city). Discussion around the impact of canceling the contract(s) with Easley and/or Central.

New Business

- R.Bowers asked that we discuss the history of the EMS history in South Carolina. There is documentation showing Pickens County is the oldest Public EMS Service in South Carolina.

Round Table

- R.Herd – It would help if we could get a break-down of the new budget.
- D.Robinson – Excited to see concrete placed on the new construction. Understands Medic 8 work is “in house”. Correct.
- J.Poirer – Is there a time-frame for Medic 8? Yes, moving forward quickly; Meredith has the schedule.
- K.McPeters – Lake Patrol: it is going well so far.

T.Burton motioned we adjourn; second by JB.Kelley. Adjourned at 6:47. The next Board meeting is Monday, August 11th at 6:00 PM.