

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
March 10, 2025
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: William “Bill” Daniel
Randy Bowers
Troy Burton (virtual)
Kenny McPeters
Jess Poirier
Brooke Newman (virtual)
Rodney Herd
JB “Jan” Kelley
Paul Howland

ABSENT – BOARD: Dennis Bauknight
David Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson

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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 6:06 PM. R.Bowers offered an invocation.

Minutes from January are unanimously approved. Motion by K.McPeters and second by J.Poirier.

Emergency Services Division report.....Billy Gibson

- Radio system continues to progress.

Kite Hill tower on line

Had on site meeting with SCDNR & SCETV to move Sassafras project forward

EMS & Fire working on operational plan for new system for multiple agency responses (channel use, & SOG's)

- 4 new ambulances are ordered.
- New squad truck is ordered
- New fire engine is ordered
- FEMA reimbursement is in process. County department collecting data to submit to FEMS and reimbursement and mitigation funding
- Planning underway for county wide exercise spring of 2025 Date TBD (delayed due to incidents)
- Budget process is still on going
- EMS staffing is currently full
- Will begin interviews for new EM Director soon
- Fire Contract information:

Easley: FY 25: **\$603,118** versus FY 24: \$597,019

Central: FY 25: **\$136,145** versus FY 24: \$133,272

Old Business

- 1% tax vote – P.Howland summarized the meeting with the PC Council ...
- EMS Medic Station cost: this committee believes the cost would be >\$1million to accommodate 2 crews, extra bay for ambulance plus bathrooms and living quarters.
 - Check with Foothills about possible property for expansion
 - County Council would like the blueprint of the last fire station constructed (B.Gibson to share)
 - Consider converting Medic 4 to a station
 - Crosswell – would require new construction to accommodate Ambulance and there is the potential for expanded sewer
 - New 135/183 would be good for this
 - Rocky Bottom has room for a 2 bay facility
 - Discussion about where new and/or expanded facilities would best serve the county
- Motion by R.Bowers “This committee should send the draft and approved minutes from this board directly to county council.” Second by J.Poirer. Unanimously approved. The board secretary will send the minutes starting March 10th.
- Discussion about Rescue and their viability. For consideration, this Board may need to make a recommendation regarding the procedure & accountability of Rescue.

New Business - none

- J.Poirer and R.Herd will serve as the Rescue Subcommittee to investigate the Rescue squads and make a recommendation to this board next month.
- Six Mile Mt Fire damaged certain equipment which will be replaced
- Missing camper remains missing
- Reminder to county council
 - EMS Week will be May 18-24th
 - Tella Communicators Week is April 13-18th

Round Table

P.Howland motioned we adjourn; second by J.Poirer. Adjourned at 7:33. The next Board meeting is Monday, April 14th at 6:00 PM.