

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
May 12, 2025
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: William "Bill" Daniel
Troy Burton
Dennis Bauknight
Brooke Newman
Kenny McPeters
JB "Jan" Kelley
Jess Poirier
David Robinson
Paul Howland

ABSENT – BOARD: Rodney Herd
Randy Bowers

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 6:08 PM. B.Daniels offered an invocation. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Minutes from March and April. Motion to accept by K.McPeters and seconded by T.Burton. Passes unanimously.

Emergency Services Division report.....Billy Gibson

- DNR & SCETV have a draft lease written for Sassafras Tower. Will be going to Department of Administration for their approval then back to the County.
- Received insurance settlement for fire damage on Six Mile Mountain. All equipment has been restored and moved to the old Duke Energy building.
- EMS/ Fire & Law Enforcement radio operational plan has gone live. So far is working well
- FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Helene is in continuing. Site visits to damaged property (roads, bridges, sewer treatment plant) have started. Looking around \$3.5 million
- Due to the events of the past months, the county wide exercise has been changed to a table top. May 29th in the EOC.
- EM Director interview set for June 3 & 4 in the EOC.
- Reimbursement process for the Table Rock for has started. Early estimate is approximately \$1.5 million.
- Have contracted with an architect firm for Medic 1 rebuild. Had 3 meetings so far. 1 kick off by Teams, 1 in person on site, and 1 follow up by Teams. Intending to demo Medic 1 and build new in place.
- Met with rescue Chief. Was a good meeting to discuss operations, recruitment, on boarding process, and training. Fireboat bid to be issued this week.

Old Business

- No update on 1% tax
- EMS – Medic 1, 4 & 8 discussed
- The Rescue Committee plan to meet next in June. (R.Herd & J.Poirier) – Team accountability and hierarchy.
- Fire Services: Discussion surrounding where new stations may be located and use of existing structures, particularly Easley and Central.
- County Council completed the Second reading on the new budget without change, clarifications are being sought on personnel and equipment allocation/funding.
- Lake Coverage – At least one EMS/Medic with Sheriff's office personnel.
- EMS Week starts this Sunday.

New Business - none

- Question – Has there been consideration for a cell tower on property.
- New Public Safety Building drawings were shared.

Round Table

T.Burton motioned we adjourn; second by D.Burton. Adjourned at 7:00. The next Board meeting is Monday, June 9th at 6:00 PM.