

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

June 9, 2025

222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: William "Bill" Daniel
Troy Burton
Rodney Herd
Brooke Newman (Virtual)
Kenny McPeters
Jess Poirier (Virtual)
David Robinson
Randy Bowers
Paul Howland

ABSENT – BOARD: Dennis Bauknight
JB "Jan" Kelley

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. K.McPeters offered an invocation. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Emergency Services Division report.....Billy Gibson

- EMS/ Fire & Law Enforcement radio operational plan has gone live with some revision being made as needed. This has improved communications operationally. Still working through some issues with dispatch.
- FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Helene continues. Actively visiting damaged property (roads, bridges, sewer treatment plant). Estimating approximately \$3.5 million.
- County wide table-top exercise was held May 29th. It was a railcar scenario. Noted as successful.
- EM Director interviews conducted June 3 & 4 in the EOC. Will announce the candidate within the next 2 weeks. Chairman B.Daniels and XX assisted.
- The reimbursement process for the Table Rock for has started. Early estimate is approximately \$1.5 million.
- Pre delivery inspections on new ambulances scheduled for mid July.

Miscellaneous

- Dr. Sarah Fabiano will be the primary consulting physician while Dr. Daniel Schwerin is on sabbatical.
- Tuesday 17th June, Ms. Betty McDaniel shall premier a video honoring the 1st responders in the county.

- Chief Gibson to investigate the possible duplication: fire fees paid to municipalities when properties are annexed.

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
 - Two (2) additional 24 hr crews / eliminates 12 hr crews.
 - Work at medic 4 (Central) completed to add additional 24 hr. crew. Work at medic 8 (Easley) has been bid out, but no submissions yet.
 - Architectural firm is contracted for Medic 1 rebuild. Initial cost estimate is around \$2 million. Working with design firm and project management to meet the \$1.5 million budget
- Rescue Squads - Met with rescue Chief. Was a good meeting to discuss operations, recruitment, on boarding process, and training. Meeting scheduled for June 17th.
- Fire Services: Discussion to understand the attributes of various locations for expansion. This includes city expansion and county needs.
- County Council completed the Third reading on the new budget with questions surrounding the Dispatch Center without resolution.
- Lake Coverage – First weekend of lake coverage went well. One incident near the Reserve Marina with minor injuries. Will continue to cover on major weekends and as staffing allows.

New Business

- Update on the future of the rescue boat.

Round Table

- R.Herd – consider alternate sleeping quarters for Medic 8 sooner rather than later.
- K.McPeters - Construction on new building: approximately a month behind schedule.
- P.Howland – Passed on appreciation from 2 EMS employees who complemented Meredith and Billy.
- B.Gibson – Expressed appreciation for the counties services' enhancement in our capabilities.

R.Bowers motioned we adjourn; second by T.Burton. Adjourned at 7:10. The next Board meeting is Monday, July 14th at 6:00 PM.