

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
August 11, 2025
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

Approved 10/13/2025

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

ABSENT – BOARD:

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 6:05 PM. R.Bowers offered an invocation. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Minutes from July accepted. Motion to accept by T.Burton and seconded by J.Poirier. Passes unanimously.

Emergency Services Division reportBilly Gibson

Deputy Director position has been posted and closed. The selection process begins soon.
Targeting a start-date of 26-Aug.

Old Business

1. Received designs for new medic 1. The concept drawings were shared during showing new versus old. Included a Rendering of the new exterior. Approx 70' x 33' footprint.
2. Work at medic 4 (Central) completed to add additional 24 hr. crew.
3. Work at medic 8 (Easley) was originally to be done in house. This has changed to be done by contractor. PO has been issued, and the contractor is getting permits. Timeline is not set but hoping for first part of October for completion. The old supply room at medic 8 has been converted to a bedroom and the supplies have been temporarily moved to medic 2. (Est start-date 31-Aug)
4. Lake coverage by EMS continues on high use weekends
5. New engine for Dacusville has arrived and is in service (approx. 28-Sep).
6. New medic (10 & 11) are in operation.

Rescue Squad Committee

- The latest meetings were to review the suggested plan for Rescue including: reorganization, certain tools/gear and reportability. (J.Poirier)
- R.Herd reminded the board that paid staff cannot volunteer in the capacity for which they are similarly employed by Pickens County.
- We are in need of more/new volunteers.

New Business

- R.Bowers would like to clarify for the board and notify the State that Pickens County has the oldest Ambulatory Services (county run) in the state. It was established by Pickens County Council in 1969.
- Roads: “Old Seneca Rd should be open in the coming month; Crow Creek Road, following recent damage, should be replaced within 2 years (it was slated for replacement prior to the damage).
- The Reserve: Emergency Services to The Reserve is now delayed due to the Crow Creek Bridge outage.

The next Board meeting is Monday, September 8th at 6:00 PM.