

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

September 8, 2025

222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

Approved 10/13/2025

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD:

William “Bill” Daniel
Troy Burton
Rodney Herd
Kenny McPeters
Jess Poirier
David Robinson
Randy Bowers
Dennis Bauknight
JB “Jan” Kelley
Brooke Newman (Virtual)
Paul Howland (Virtual)

ABSENT – BOARD:

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson

IN ATTENDANCE - GUESTS: Ken Roper

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. Jan Kelley offered an invocation. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken Roper provided a summary of the structure of the PCEMS Board.

Minutes from August were unavailable. These will be updated and submitted for approval next month.

Emergency Services Division reportBilly Gibson

1. Deputy Director position has been posted and closed. The selection process begins soon. Targeting a start-date of 26-Aug. Awaiting County Council’s approvals for the Medic 1. Community Paramedic program started to assist community integration of outlier community members. New Ambulance lead-time is 2 years.

Old Business

2. Fair Tax: D.Bauknight shared his position with the group.
3. Rescue Squads: The board is recommending implementation of the plan
 - Chiefs would be Captains over the Rescue Squads.
 - A Rescue Coordinator (such as John ...) would be appointed.
 - Response Models would need to come into compliance with the plan of the individual Chiefs.

- The objective, encourage volunteers to be helpful. R.Herd mentioned “Medical Control”; Rescue Squads must be under proper Medical Control.
- 4. Fire Services
- 5. Updated Roads & Bridges: HWY183 bridges may be completed by Q1Y2026. Crow Creek is being fast-tracked.

New Business

- Ambulance Purchase:
 - D.Robinson Motion: “This Board recommends the expediated purchase of 2 new Ambulances, aka Demo-Trucks”. Board endorses this emergency purchase of a new Ambulance due to reliability of current equipment and wear-and-tear. There are 2 Ambulances available for purchase on a very short lead-time (as little as 30 days). At some point in the past month, we had no back-up Ambulances in the event of a downed-vehicle. 4 trucks purchased already that we will be picking up in the coming months. This new purchase is in addition to these vehicles.
 - Motion Passed without objection.

Round Table

- T.Burton – Radios are working well.
- D.Bauknight – Dacusville Firemen, Tim Landers, Jerry Roach & Johnny Black, long-term volunteers, should be recognized in some way for their dedication.
- J.Poirier: Sept 27th benefit for employee with cancer, 10AM-2PM.

D.Bauknight motioned we adjourn; second by T.Burton. Adjourned at 7:16. The next Board meeting is Monday, October 13th at 6:00 PM.