

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

October 16, 2025

Approved Nov 10, 2025

222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD:

William "Bill" Daniel
Troy Burton
Kenny McPeters
Jessica Poirier (virtual)
David Robinson
Randy Bowers
Dennis Bauknight
Brooke Newman (Virtual)
Paul Howland (Virtual)

ABSENT – BOARD:

J.B. Kelley
Rodney Herd

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF:

Billy Gibson

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 1608 hours with a quorum confirmed

Invocation

Dennis Bauknight

Pledge of Allegiance

Billy Gibson

Approval of Minutes

August 11, 2025 Motion: Brooke Newman Second: Troy Burton- unanimous

September 8, 2025 Motion: Dennis Bauknight Second: David Robinson- unanimous

Emergency Services Report

Billy Gibson (attached)

Board requested EMS ad hoc committee attend the Nov 10th meeting to hear presentation by SC E-911 personnel

Old Business:

Update on unified communications center and plan: still in progress

Update on Sassafras radio tower: agreement at SC Dept of Administration for review

Update of new dock at Mile Creek: funding is part of the boat project

Update on new board member , Mr. Joe Burgett. Has received welcome information and will be in attendance at Nov meeting

Update on Medic 1: building out to bid. Old building has not yet been demolished

Update on research on PCEMS as oldest publicly operated EMS system. Documentations has confirmed

Rescue committee report: met with Rescue Chiefs to discuss organization plan, response plan, funding training

Fire Committee: Met to discuss plan going forward with fire contract areas.

New Business:

Board updated of Emergency Services planning for upcoming wildland fire season
Prevention program with SC Forestry upcoming in November
Board update on Nuclear Drill planning for graded exercise in 2026
Board updated on winter weather planning

Round Table:

David Robinson related a conversation with Council Chairman Saitta:

Relay any minutes, actions, emails, etc. to Council via the Chairman, Clerk to Council and County Administrator

Kenny McPeters asked about EMS transports to facilities: EMS makes every attempt to transport patients to facility of choice. On occasion patients are transported to nearest facility due to high call volume or being diverted by facility due to high patient census.

Motion to adjourn: David Robinson, Second: Troy Burton

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted: Billy Gibson