

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

January 12, 2026

222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: William "Bill" Daniel
Troy Burton
Dennis Bauknight
Kenny McPeters
Jess Poirier (Virtual)
David Robinson
Jim Shelton
Paul Howland

ABSENT – BOARD: Joe Burgett
Randy Bowers
Rodney Herd
JB "Jan" Kelley

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson

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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 6:04 PM. Kenny McPeters offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from December: Motion to accept the minutes by T.Burton, second by D.Robinson. **Unanimously approved.**

Emergency Services Division reportBilly Gibson

1. Emergency Management continuing to work on FEMA reimbursement from Table Rock Fire & Helene response.
2. Working on the new building continues. Projected completion date May 2026.
3. Held kick off meeting with ISO to begin process for new grading
4. Medic 1: preparing cost estimates and getting prepared to go out for bid
5. FY 27 budgets for all departments have been submitted to finance. Individual department heads have started meeting with budget committee to give presentations
6. Unfortunately, 3 fire fatalities in the county for 2025
7. Will be working with Public Information Division to present public education information about basic fire prevention, proper disposal of lithium-ion batteries and adequate driveway access for emergency vehicles.

Old Business

1. Rescue Squads: John Mealy is rescue Coordinator. Motion: Retain John's services for as long as he wishes to serve. Motioned by D.Robinson and second by K.McPeters. **Unanimously approved.** Reorganization will be completed shortly; this is the implementation of the new plan.
2. Chief Gibson stated the requested FY27 budget is going through the process. Budget summary was shared with this board.
3. Mr. A.Saitta's feedback regarding PCES Board's communication was read. Feedback was appreciated.

New Business

- Communications Center Committee Representative – K.McPeters was appointed to serve in this capacity for Picken's County Council. The PECS board thanks K.McPeters.

Round Table – Nothing of note

D.Bauknight motioned we adjourn; second by T.Burton. Unanimously approved. Adjourned at 7:25. The next Board meeting is Monday, February 9th at 6:42 PM.

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