

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
05.18.2021
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: Johnson Link (via phone)
Ron McGimpsey
Richard (Kenny) McPeters
Charles (Hub) Smith
Jan Kelley
Randy Bowers
Dennis Bauknight
Troy Burton
Paul Howland

ABSENT – BOARD: Tracie Burnett
Ronald Freeman
Tracy Woodruff

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson, Director of Emergency Services
Mike Marling, EMS Department Head

IN ATTENDANCE - GUESTS: Councilman Alex Saitta
Beverly Zwahlen

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.

Ron McGimpsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Jan Kelley offered the invocation.

The 04.13.2021 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

TOPIC:

- Budget update – Second reading of the 2021-22 budget was postponed by Council. Will be read within next two weeks.
- E-911 update – Discussion about possible call center relocation to EOC.
- EMS presentation – Mike Marling presented information on current EMS operations and equipment. He presented detailed information on 2020 and four months of 2021 call history. Discussion ensued on current and future needs to handle increasing call volume resulting from population growth. This included

manpower, equipment and new station requirements. Board members were in agreement that EMS is the next major area to study and develop a comprehensive plan for the future.

- Rescue Squads – Consensus that the status and future for the rescue squads needs to be addressed at a forward point in time.
- New Fire Station plans – reviewed requirements as identified in the Fire Service long range plan.

The next advisory board meeting will be at 6:00 pm on June 8th at the EOC, 222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671.

Dennis Bauknight called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Howland seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes taken by Ron McGimpsey.