

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
December 11, 2023
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: Richard (Kenny) McPeters
William "Bill" Daniel
Dennis Bauknight
Troy Burton
Brooke Newman
Rodney Herd
Paul Howland

ABSENT - BOARD: Tracie Barnette
Randy Bowers
JB "Jan" Kelley

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson
Denise Kwiatek
Meredith Teske
Richard Crowe
John Odum

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 6:01. R.Herd offered an invocation.

Minutes from November were approved. Motion by B.Daniel and second by T.Burton.

Old Business:

1. 1% Fair Fax – Looking for the date to present to County Council.
2. County Radio System – 'kite hill' tower (Clemson University) will proceed; working with DNR to locate a tower in the norther part of the county
3. Public Safety Building
4. Board Attendance
5. Board Reappointment
6. EMS Lift Assist

New Business:

1. FY25 Budget
 - a. EM: *summary by D.Kwiatek*
 - i. Logistic Flatbed (\$82K)
 - ii. Mobile Command Center (\$800K)
 - iii. EM Training – Need TEEEX classes
 - iv. Special Ops Training – water response / hazardous incident response / technical rescue
 - v. Equipment for special ops
 - vi. Storage for Equipment
 - vii. Emergency Operations Center

- viii. Miscellaneous: logistic person
 - b. E-911 Alternative Dispatch: *summary by R.Crowe*
 - i. Back-up dispatch center is needed in case primary goes down
 - ii. For Easley & Clemson University and Sheriff's office
 - iii. This board provided some ideas for a temporary location
 - iv. Funding is from landline fees which continues to decline ... funding is needed
 - c. Fire: *stable condition*
 - i. Equipment – maintain levels / examples SCBA replacements on rotation
 - ii. Personnel shifts (upgrades)
 - d. EMS: *detailed review provided by M.Teske*
 - 2. Capital Plan
 - 3. Rescue – Rescue Chiefs asking for money to upgrade tools; discussion around the need for Rescue. Example – Rescue 6 is low response (<10%). R.Herd asked that we address Rescue at the next meeting.
- **R.Herd: there needs to be consideration to support good **mental health** for our personnel.

B.Newman motioned we adjourn; second by D.Bauknight. The next Board meeting is Monday, January 8th.