

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
January 11, 2022
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD:

Richard (Kenny) McPeters
Tracie Barnette (via phone)
Dennis Bauknight (via phone)
Hub Smith (via phone)
Rodney Herd (via phone, new for District)
Scott Childress (via phone, new for District)
Randy Bowers
Paul Howland
Troy Burton
Bill Daniel (new for District 1)
Brooke Newman (new for District 6)
JB Kelley (via phone)

ABSENT – BOARD:

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF:

Billy Gibson, Dir. of Emer. Services (via phone)
Scott Smith

IN ATTENDANCE - GUESTS:

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.

Kenny McPeters called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

Randy Bowers offered the invocation.

The December meeting minutes were reviewed and edited. Minutes were approved.

New members of the board were introduced and welcomed.

TOPIC (per B.Gibson's distributed agenda):

- Emergency Services Division Update
 - 2023 budget – approved
 1. Funding
 2. Needs -
 3. Personnel
 - New
 - Salaries – bonus and salaries were well received ... fire

- Equipment purchases
 1. Holly Springs
 2. Dacusville
 3. Pumpkintown
 4. EMS
- Rescue Squads
- Fire Division
- Emergency Management – rescue boat still on order
- EMS – Ambulances coming
- Discussion of Fire Fee Schedule – reviewed spreadsheet ... summary of the revenue by moving to a “per square foot” based fee. Following discussion T.Burton motioned to recommend to County Council this 16 cent/ft² plan with a \$3,100 maximum. The maximum fee is per account. D.Bauknight seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- **Executive Session**
 - EMS Director
 1. Interview panel completed last week – 3 candidates
 2. Note 1 candidate withdrew from group
 3. Currently developing offer by the end of the week ... hoping to have a start by the 1st week of February.
 - Emergency Management
 1. Deputy Director, Pierce Womack resigned ... moving to Greenville County. New search in process ... currently 8 candidates.
- Next month ... plan to address the Vice Chairman position

The next advisory board meeting will be at 6 PM on February 8th at 222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671.

B.Daniel motioned to adjourn the meeting. P.Howland seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Minutes taken by P.Howland, Secretary.