

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
March 13, 2023  
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: Bill Daniel  
JB "Jan" Kelley  
Paul Howland  
Troy Burton  
Dennis Bauknight  
Brooke Newman  
Hub Smith

ABSENT – BOARD: Richard (Kenny) McPeters  
Tracie Barnette  
Rodney Herd  
Randy Bowers  
Scott Childress

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson  
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.

Bill Daniel called meeting to order at 6:04.

Dennis Bauknight offered an invocation.

Minutes from February D.Bauknight motioned for acceptance. Second by J.B. Kelley. Minutes approved.

Impact Fee – County Council meeting tonight to discuss. No further update.

Budget update: B.Gibson is awaiting meeting with Ken.

#### Personnel

- Fire – six (6) openings; 3 applications currently for review
- EMS Personnel – 6 (4 EMT and 2 Paramedics) openings

EMS Board Roles and Responsibilities: Opportunity to set the roles and responsibilities for this board. Deferring this discussion for other key member's feedback (next month).

The "New Ambulance Graphics" was presented to the board. A few new equipment features presented by B.Gibson.

Emergency Drill "Active Shooter" – J.B. Kelley summarized ... the drill was effective. Lessons learned will be used to improve coordination and effectiveness. B.Gibson shared the activities and scenarios.

Next countywide training drills for County Fire are in May, August and November.

## Old Business

1% sales tax could result in \$12MM annually. The board needs to create a seven (7) year plan for the money's use. Guidelines must be provided by County Council to assist. First we need to inform County Council. D.Bauknight will schedule the small group to develop a draft for County Council. The objective - to have a draft for our board to review the draft in April.

Radio Study: RFP responses are due April 17th.

Pal800 – State run 800mgHz radio system. This would achieve the objective. However, this would be expensive for the Pickens County terrain. Due to the number of towers needed (12), this may not be possible. State allocated funds for Pal800 might be able to be used to build the towers.

Discussion regarding VHF versus UHF and other options.

Rescue 6 response – meeting rescheduled

## New Business

EMS week in the spring: May 21-27.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. T.Burton motioned to adjourn. Second by D.Bauknight. Motion passes without objection. Meeting ended at 7:04 PM.

Minutes documented by P.Howland, Secretary.