

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

March 11, 2024

222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD:

William "Bill" Daniel  
Dennis Bauknight  
Troy Burton  
JB "Jan" Kelley  
David Robinson  
Jess Poirier (online)  
Paul Howland  
Brooke Newman (online)  
Randy Bowers  
Rodney Herd (online)

ABSENT – BOARD: Tracie Barnette

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson  
Meredith Teske

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.

Meeting called to order at 6:03. JB Kelley offered an invocation.

Minutes from February were approved. Motion by JB Kelley and second by T.Burton.

Emergency Services Division report

Billy Gibson

- Public Safety building
  - The 60,000 sqft building is over-budget.
  - Building must be reduced in size.
  - Considering options:
    - Partner with the city of Pickens Fire Department
    - Build on Medic 1 property
  - Discussion around solving the sewer issue at current station ... not resolvable without more information.
  - Longer term solution versus short-term solution
  - This board supports the current, temporary plan. And, we recommend for more information on a long-term solution.
- County radio system
  - Sites in service and/or being tested: Long Mt, Glassy, Six Mile and Ceasars Head.
  - Pending decision - tower location near Sassafras Mt to cover that part of the county. The permitting and regulatory issues are being work ... will take time.
  - Pending decision - Clemson University site (Kite Hill). Working with permitting with the State of South Carolina ... will take time.
- New stretchers arrived and are in service.
- 2 new fire engines to be deployed: Shady Grove and Keowee Springs.

Old Business

- 1% Sales Tax  
Seeking to meet with the County Council representatives in the coming month(s).
- Rescue Squads – Integration-plan is progressing

#### Lift Assist Policy

- Reviewed draft policy
- Some edits recommended ... new draft to be reviewed at the next the meeting
- R.Bowers will request recommendations from certain experts/resources

#### New Business – NONE

#### Round Table

T.Burton expressed appreciation for the kind words at the Picken's County Communications Group Meeting expressed by Meredith and Billy on the subject of this board.

D.Bauknight motioned we adjourn; second by KMcPeter. The next Board meeting is Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.