

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

November 13, 2023

222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: Richard (Kenny) McPeters
William "Bill" Daniel
Dennis Bauknight
Troy Burton
JB "Jan" Kelley
Randy Bowers
Brooke Newman
Paul Howland

ABSENT - BOARD: Tracie Barnette
Rodney Herd

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson

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 6:02. R.Bowers offered an invocation.

Minutes from Oct updated (correction regarding attendance policy). Revised minutes approved. Motion by B.Daniel and second by T.Burton.

Fair Tax

Dennis Bauknight encouraged everyone to contact your County Councilman, and, encourage each board-member to contact a County Councilman. Please seek county members to contact County Councilman.

Emergency Services Division Report:

1. 2 Fire Trucks on order.
2. Deputy director R.Benson resigned ... new opening.
3. 2 ambulances are on order. These are replacements. Expected February.
4. Dispatch for Liberty has relocated to the Pickens facility... smooth transition. Awaiting on Zuercher. Upgrades completed to EOC (Pickens). iPad interface.
5. The stair-chair remains on order.
6. Firefighter "salary study" on-going as part of a county wide compensation study

Radio upgrade continuing. Meeting with other county departments ... collaborating efforts.

Public Safety Building - federal money will be used to partially fund this project. Located in Pickens, this will accommodate consolidate dispatch, EM storage, new home of Medic #1 and, possibly, EMS headquarters.

EMS Fee Schedule - Review of billing structure. Anderson county discussed in comparison.

Old Business:

1. H.Smith respectfully resigned from the board.
2. R.Herd reminded the committee of the need for emergency services within the community.
3. Board Meeting attendance. Meetings will continue on the 2nd Monday of each month. Chief Gibson will investigate a video/audio option for remote attendance.
4. Budget to be discussed at next meeting.

New Business:

1. Set-up screen sharing for each meeting.
2. Rescue 7 & 8 favorable response. Rescue 6 is lower (~9%). Discussion surrounding not-for-profit organization (501C3) and volunteerism.
3. Lift Assist – R.Bowers No current policy. R.Bowers motioned we request a written Public Assistance and Lift Assist Policy. JB Kelley second. Include (1) Scope of Work, (2) when to respond, & (3) who should respond. Discussion. Motion carried. Chief Gibson will provide a draft.

T.Burton motioned we adjourn; second by D.Bauknight. The next Board meeting is Monday, December 11th, possibly a dinner meeting (per D.Bauknight).