

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
October 12, 2021  
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: Richard (Kenny) McPeters  
Tracy Woodruff  
Dennis Bauknight  
Randy Bowers  
Paul Howland  
Troy Burton via phone

ABSENT – BOARD: Johnson Link  
Jan Kelley  
Charles (Hub) Smith  
Tracie Barnett

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson, Director of Emergency Services  
Scott Smith

IN ATTENDANCE - GUESTS: Rocky Odeman (Sunset/Vineyards)

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 6:02 PM.

Randy Bowers offered the invocation.

The September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Rocky Odeman's name was corrected for spelling. Minutes were approved.

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

- Fire Prevention – The community exhibit and training were presented.
- 2022 Capital Purchases
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Fire Truck on order is due in January
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Fire truck does not have a confirmed date, possibly in February
  - Ambulance is due by November 30<sup>th</sup>
- 2023 Budget priorities
  - Manpower reviewed ... need ~15% budget increase to completely man county stations (+9 people)
  - Salary adjustments reviewed ...
  - Equipment needs reviewed ... ambulances (2), monitors & stretchers for EMS, light towers, fire engines (2), and extrication tools are all priorities for County Council consideration

- Rescue Squads
  - Misters Kenny McPeters and Billy Gibson reviewed the “good” meeting held with the Rescue Squad’s Chiefs.
  - A plan is in place to help improve the teams
  - Miscellaneous items discussed: Reporting system access, Inventorying current equipment, Communication, and Membership
  - Membership is a struggle ... lack of volunteers
  - Troy Burton motioned to nominate John Nealy as the liaison to Rescue Squad. Dennis Bauknight 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Fire – Current openings for part time and fulltime employees summarized.
- Emergency Management
  - Nuclear exercise being planned.
  - Contingency plans for Erin Lane road closure ... in case of emergency, use of an alternate vehicle is available.
- EMS
  - Workload summarized.
  - Need 4 people to fill openings.
  - Mr. Randy Bowers encouraged the use of virtual-training for basic EMT certification.

Billy Gibson departed after the discussion on Rescue Squads. Scott Smith provided necessary answers in Billy’s absence.

The next advisory board meeting will be at 6 PM on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671.

Randy Bowers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Bauknight seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Minutes taken by Paul Howland, Secretary.