

BPICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
April 12, 2022
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: Richard (Kenny) McPeters
 Dennis Bauknight
 Hub Smith
 Paul Howland
 Troy Burton
 Brooke Newman
 Rodney Herd
 JB Kelley
 Tracie Barnette
 Bill Daniel
 Scott Childress

ABSENT – BOARD: Randy Bowers

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson, Dir. of Emer. Services

IN ATTENDANCE - GUESTS: Mike Dunaway, EMS Director

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 6:00 PM.

Rodney Herd offered the invocation.

JB motioned to accept the March meeting minutes without amendment. Troy seconds. Minutes were approved.

The Chairman summarized the sub-committees, established. All accepted their position(s) and assignment(s).

Radio Study started 9-Mar. Clarification of needs (from survey) through the day, 13-Apr. On track. Report-out is due week of 9-May.

Mike provided a short summary and assessment of the current condition. The situation is Good but there is room for improvement. The current team is offering good feedback. Mike responded to various Board questions.

Billy Gibson arrived at 6:20 ... travel delays.

Personnel Update

Ryan Hansome accepted position as deputy EM director. Starts April 4th. From Indiana, a small county there. Ryan's family is from Pickens. He was part of Task Force 1 (emergencies).

Emergency Services Division Update

2023 Budget – Continue to push for a full-time training office. Continued - 2 ambulances need replacement in the next 5 years. Inflation has affected our needs. Longer lead-times on ambulances, fire trucks and other equipment.

Tornado, EF0 than EF2 (same storm). Good response to needs (injuries and rescue) ... no fatalities. Displaced families were provided shelter.

EMS – Medical supply issues

Medicine shortages (epinephrine and saline)

Possible shortages airway control (vecuronium) and pain medication (fentanyl)

Action – Alternative medications and sources available and/or being investigated

Sub-committees

EMS – R.Bowers, D.Bauknight, JB “Jan” Kelley, & T.Burton

Fire – H.Smith, B.Daniel, T.Barnette, & P.Howland

Emergency Management – B.Newman, R.Herd, S.Childress, & K.McPeters

Rescue Squad – R. Bowers, D.Bauknight, & T.Burton

E-911

- Primary objective – Address the shrinking budget. Budget is declining due to the E-911 fee applied to land-line phones and these are declining.

Announcement – May 3rd 6-9 PM invitation our Pickens County Showcase (2145 Old Liberty Road).

The next advisory board meeting will be at 6 PM on May 10th at 222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671.

JB Kelley motioned to adjourn the meeting. DBauknight seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Minutes taken by P.Howland, Secretary.

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Dr. Daniel Schwerin, Medical Control Officer
Mike Dunaway, EMS Director

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Kenny McPeters called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

JB Kelley offered the invocation.

Troy Burton motioned to accept the February meeting minutes without amendment. Hub seconds. Minutes were approved.

Mike introduced himself.

Ryan Hansome accepted position as deputy director. Starts April 4th.

Emergency Management

- Budget will remain about the same totals
 - Details being set now
 - Rescue/Dive boat likely May arrival (old pontoon will be traded in at that time) ... hoping the new boat would be ready within a day of this swap

EMS

- Additional Personnel requested
 - Requesting 9 paid Firefighters
 - Requesting Training officer

Fire Department

- Truck for Pumpkintown due end of this month
- Other truck on order

Fire Fee – No action at this time ... working toward implementing the plan developed in Y2019. Billy encouraging the board to speak to the council members of the need to fund the growth.

Should implement a “no idle” policy with fuel cost today

Future Goals – Set-up teams to work with the below

- EMS
- Fire Department
- Rescue

Radio Study starts 9-Mar. Board is invited to attend. Report-out is due in 60 days.

Discussion of taxes on forest land and the challenges associated with this. Other items: impact fee, tourist “usage” fee, hospitality fees (snacks/drinks), etc. Billy will do some research to help the Board present to County Council.

No new information on the Centralized command center.

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