

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
03.09.2021
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD:

Ronald McGimpsey
Charles (Hub) Smith
Tracy Woodruff
Jan Kelley
Randy Bowers
Dennis Bauknight
Paul Howland
Troy Burton

ABSENT – BOARD:

Johnson Link
Richard (Kenny) McPeters
Tracie Barnett
Ron Freeman

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF:

Billy Gibson, Director of Emergency Services

IN ATTENDANCE - GUESTS:

Beverly Zwahlen

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.

Ron McGimpsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jan Kelley offered the invocation.

The 02.09.2021 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Introductions and welcome of visitors.

TOPIC:

- Reminder from Chairman, Ron McGimpsey that emails to the board should be for informational purposes only. Reminder not to reply to all, or this may give appearance of discussion, which should be done in meetings.
- Fire Fee Schedule discussion.
Council would like to have a recommendation from Advisory Board prior to Committee of the Whole on 3.15.2021 as to structure of fees.
Reviewed a structure that includes 8 residential, 7 commercial and 1 multi-family unit categories.

Motion by Paul Howland to approve this structure, second by Troy Burton, motion approved.

This is with the understanding that we are approving the categories but not the individual dollars assigned to each category.

- 2022 Fire Department Budget discussion.

Reviewed proposed budget of \$ 4,470,492 for the ten fee-based departments.

Some of the capital expenditures in prior budget were moved to Debt Principal & Interest categories due to financing these expenditures.

Motion by Randy Bowers to include staffing Holly Springs in budget. After discussion, amended motion to include the following:

Holly Springs - 3 FT

Dacusville - 3 FT

Pumpkintown - 3 FT

This will be recommended to Council based on the great need for additional staffing at these locations and are reasonable/incremental steps toward staffing needs.

Amended motion was made by Randy Bowers, second by Jan Kelley and approved.

- Command Structure discussion

Billy Gibson is still working on this but not fully developed. Basically, looking at re-classifying, rank structure, hierarchy, etc.

- Other business: Board requests Ken Roper to be present at our next meeting. Ron McGimpsey will co-ordinate.

The next advisory board meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on April 13th at 222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671.

Paul Howland called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hub Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tracy Woodruff, Secretary.