

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
March 8, 2022  
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: Richard (Kenny) McPeters  
Dennis Bauknight  
Hub Smith  
Paul Howland  
Troy Burton  
Brooke Newman  
JB Kelley

ABSENT – BOARD: Scott Childress  
Randy Bowers  
Tracie Barnette  
Rodney Herd  
Bill Daniel

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

IN ATTENDANCE - GUESTS: Dr. Daniel Schwerin, Medical Control Officer  
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 6:01 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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.

The next advisory board meeting will be at 6 PM on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671.

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

Minutes taken by P.Howland, Secretary.