

PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
February 13, 2023
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: Richard (Kenny) McPeters
Bill Daniel
Paul Howland
Troy Burton
Dennis Bauknight
Scott Childress
Randy Bowers
Brooke Newman
Hub Smith

ABSENT – BOARD: Tracie Barnette
Rodney Herd
JB “Jan” Kelley

IN ATTENDANCE - STAFF: Billy Gibson
John Odum

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.

Kenny called meeting to order at 6:04.

Bill Daniel offered an invocation.

Minutes from January motioned for acceptance by T.Burton. Second by B.Daniel. Minutes approved.

R.Bowers requested a copy of this boards responsibilities and/or objectives. Two board members shared various examples regarding EMS transportation to patient requested hospitals. R.Bowers motioned the board recommends Bobby Smith be named a “lifetime Pinnacle” award winner. Second by K.McPeters. Vote passed. Recommendation letter to be written and signed by the secretary on behalf of the board.

Discussion regarding new employees and how to entice good employees. No actions.

Old Business

1% sales tax: Proposal will need to be developed by this board. County Council must have 3 readings before the referendum can be placed on the ballot (the referendum). D.Bauknight reiterated the benefits of the 1% sales tax. B.Gibson to provide the revenue estimate from a 1% tax.

Impact Fee: County Council is considering an impact fee (new construction). No further update at this time.

Budget Update: Each department submitted their budget to the county administrator. Each department will be given guidance by the administrator in the coming month. The county fire budget looks good for the current year; it should be in the black.

Radio Study: RFP responses are due in April.

Emergency Service Division Report

Exercise – Active shooter drill be performed next month.

“CalTopo” Search App was purchased to assist in search and rescue. This will improve effectiveness and efficiency. Further, this App improves central command and control.

FireFighter Personnel – 3 new hires this month

EMS Personnel – 6 of the 12-hour positions remain open

New Ambulances – awaiting 2 new units; slight delay

E-911 – Further data clean-up was completed

Visited the Carrier Center to help restore the effectiveness of the candidates and improve pass-rate.

Rescue 6 response rate is 8% (600 Requests / responded to 49). Rescues 7 & 8 response rates are ~50%.

Good News: Excellent Fire Fighter response this past week on Hwy 178.

Follow-up: Billy to send out a reference / quick-guide for each emergency unit.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, March 13th. T.Burton motioned to adjourn. Second by H.Smith. Motion passes without objection. Meeting ended at 7:22 PM.

Minutes documented by P.Howland, Secretary.