

President Gus Fridenvalds called the August 25, 2016 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg and Littlestown. **Townships:** Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, and Straban. **School Districts:** Gettysburg. **Adams County.**

Guests: Randy Phiel, Jim Martin and Marty Qually, Adams County Commissioners; Sherri Clayton-Williams and Andrew Merkle, Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD), Tom Fontana, Gettysburg Times; and Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office, Eric Zaney, Adams Regional Emergency Services. Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway's office staff; Chris Kimple, Representative Dan Moul's office staff and Representative Will Tallman.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETTERMAN (GERMANY) AND SECONDED BY MOSER (LITTLESTOWN) TO APPROVE THE JULY 28, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Pat Smith announced the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$10,130.74 and this includes some membership dues being received and some insurance invoices being paid.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON) AND SECONDED BY HUNT (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOLS) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: SPCA speaker was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

AC. Collaboration Committee. Commissioner Qually discussed the following items: (1) announced that he has been meeting with Senator Alloway on electronic recycling. The legislature has not been able to pass any bills to assist with the problems. (2) MetroE internet systems which is a high level classification which is available but expensive for businesses. (3) Qually attended a recent meeting with Adams County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (ACVESA) regarding emergency services.

Along with the electronic recycling discussion, Sherri Clayton Williams (ACOPD) announced that Washington Township has opened up their transfer station for electronic recycling. This information was provided to all the municipalities. The transfer station has a charge for the electronics. Pitzer (ALLOWAY's OFFICE) suggested others may do the same and Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOLS) suggested that the government get out of the discussion and let the Capitalism figure it out.

Adams County Connected. Commissioner Qually reported that he recently met with LIU. They stated that LIU is a part of a Data Consortium which could provide a special rate for non-education uses in the future. They must review Erate regulations and get back to Qually.

Legislative Committee: Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) announced that the committee has met twice. They are planning to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 AM at Senator Alloway's Gettysburg office. The COG annual Legislative Forum will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 during the regular October COG meeting. Thomas (CUMBERLAND) will be the moderator for this forum.

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President Fridenvalds will be mailing out formal invitations later this month. Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) announced that the House is back in session on 9/19/16 and the Senate is back in session on 9/26/16. No action will be taken after Election Day. The forum will discuss ACCOG priorities.

Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) announced that Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) and Ben Thomas (CUMBERLAND) have generated a bill tracking system for COG members to track any legislative bills. The draft was presented to the membership and Harris asked all members to provide comments or questions on it.

Adams County Joint Purchasing/Public Works: No report.

Emergency Services: Underwood (CUMBERLAND) suggested that all municipalities contact their EMS and Fire departments to meet regarding budget concerns. Also, she recommended that municipalities that have fire tax to review their documentation and concur with all dates. Underwood continued that the AREMS has an open door policy for all those who are in need of coverage in the county. President Fridenvalds stated that Adams County Regional EMS covers the largest area in Adams County. They report to the COG on a regular basis; however, Biglerville EMS takes care of the northern area and reports from them would be helpful.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Randy Phiel reported on the following items: (1) the forum on Zika and West Nile virus cases in PA. They have been reported to be traveling cases. (2) The Heroin epidemic is a discussion that will be held in a forum. (3) In the following forum, it is expected to provide a tour of the updated Human Resources building, if all goes as planned. (4) Upcoming notice of Oak Law victims to receive some funds from State Victim Witness program. (5) Update on Law Enforcement Firearms Training Range. A fund raiser will be held on 9/17/16 from 1 PM to 9 PM at the Battlefield Harley location. The county has only provided the land for this and no tax dollars are being spent to build the range. (6) PA County Commissioners will hold their 2018 Conference in Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel. Further, Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) announced that the PA COG and PSAB conference for this year is being held at the same location in October.
- Commissioner Jim Martin announced that he attended the County Commissioners Convention. They voted on 2 items (1) Automatic Voter Registration – he voted No. (2) Reapportionment decisions – question if they should go to a state-established committee – he voted No. (3) Zika and West Nile virus discussion from the Commissioner's forum is being televised on Community Media TV.
- Commissioner Marty Qually reiterated his concerns of coordination of marketing development within the county. This includes but not limited to the coordination of these groups: Destination Gettysburg, ACOPD, and ACEDC. Later, he recommended that communications between the local governments and county are an important part of all of us.

- PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE: Judy Chambers announced that she will be providing a training at the PSAB Conference in October on Municipal Elected Officials session. The PSAB Conference is the weekend of October 14, 2016. Also, PSAB is providing a webinar on Filling Vacant Buildings in Downtowns. If interested in this information please contact Chambers. Upcoming training will be provided in January on How to Run for an Elected Office.
- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced the Township Officials convention to be held on November 9, 2016. The information was mailed out on the details for the convention. The association is updating their directory and asked for everyone's current information.
- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Mayor Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) announced their next meeting will be held on 9/19 at 6:15 p.m. at The Pike Restaurant. The speaker will be the Secretary of Agriculture and invitations will soon go out. Also, Harris reminded all municipalities that our EMS plans need to be updated every two years. If questions should contact their Emergency Management Coordinator.
- School Districts:
Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT) announced the beginning of the school year. He thanked the municipalities for getting their road projects done.
- ACEDC: Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) reported on September 21, 2016 they will be holding a Harvest Celebration at the Round Barn for a Thank you celebration for their supporters. All are welcome. Commissioner Qually reminded the members to contact ACEDC if businesses are looking for loans.
- Legislative Reporting:
 1. Representative Tallman discussed a few topics (1) 911 funding (2) school calendars (3) payment in lieu of taxes. Discussion with members on National Park Service funding being reduced and the municipality responsibilities.
 2. Chris Kimple (Representative Dan Moul's staff) reported on Ag Progress Days held in State College. Moul attended Marcellus Shale discussion in Armstrong County. Muddy Run Bridge repairs. Radar bills (HB71) has not moved but is being monitored.
 3. Scot Pitzer (Senator Alloway's staff) reported that the Muddy Run Bridge route was a result of a compromise. Bill status is available through his office but please provide a specific bill number. The following are seminars being held through Alloway's office: (1) A Concealed Carry Seminar will be held in South Mountain from 9 AM to 11 AM in September. (2) Spam and Identify Theft Seminar. Please RSVP to Pitzer for any of these seminars.

- Others: Question on Snow Storm funds being distributed. John Eline (Adams County Department of Emergency Services) came into the meeting to announce that no funds have been distributed yet. They do not have a date that FEMA will release those funds.
- Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOLS) recommended that members share information with YATB since they have been making collections of delinquent taxes through various methods.
- Andrew Merkel (ACOPD) announced LTAP courses for Snow and Salt Management will be held in October. They will send emails with the information soon. ACTPO is doing some long range planning for bike and pedestrian component. He asked for Recreation and Park Boards to get in touch with him.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) AND SECONDED BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Fridenvalds announced that our next meeting will be September 22, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary