

President Coleen Reamer called the May 25, 2017 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, and Fairfield. **Townships:** Berwick, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, and Straban. **School Districts:** Conewago, Fairfield, Gettysburg and Litllestown.

Guests: Chris Kimple (Rep. Moul), Commissioner Jim Martin, Commissioner Marty Qually, Kathie Seymore, Adams County Conservation District, Vanessa Pellechio, Gettysburg Times, Commissioner Randy Phiel, Alex Hayes, Gettysburg Times, and Sherri Clayton-Williams, Adams County Office Planning and Development.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY MAUSER (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE APRIL 27, 2017 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Pat Smith announced the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$7,625.91 after a Bill of \$200.00 for PACOG dues was paid.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) AND SECONDED BY SMITH (FAIRFIELD) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS READ TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Reamer introduced our first speaker, Ms. Katie Seymore. Katie is the new West Nile Tech for the Adams County Conservation District. Her job is to help eliminate mosquito borne diseases.

She sets traps to catch adult mosquitos which are then set to DEP for testing. Mosquito control includes spraying for larvae control and for adult mosquitos. Spraying is targeted for areas of higher risk. In such areas spraying is targeted at ponds, ditches, retention ponds, tire ruts with water. Don't mow when it is wet and cause ruts A bottle cap with water can breed mosquitos, empty buckets that contain water, tires anything with standing water. No one paid attention to Zika until the Olympics in Brazil. The virus has been around for years but no one paid attention till it infected infants, Dengue Fever may make Zika worse.

Here we have the Asian Tiger Mosquito likes people. Remind travelers to watch for symptoms for two weeks after arriving home. Mosquito borne disease is easy to combat, eliminate standing water, West Nile is always here!

President Reamer introduced our second speaker, Alex Hayes, Managing Editor of the "Gettysburg Times" who spoke on "How to better Communicate School District and Municipal News to the Media." Mr. Hayes started his career in journalism as a paper boy and as a boy read the paper. The Gettysburg Times is a local paper that doesn't have news of Washington or Harrisburg but local news, it is a county newspaper. There are many sources for news from Washington or Harrisburg, the Times is the source for local news.

If you have news, call Alex at 253-9413 or send an email: ahayes@gettysburgtimes.com It helps to give lots of notice of upcoming events. The paper does little swoop reporting. Get both sides of a story.

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Right to Know uses is very judicious. Municipalities expressed frustration with the cost and time involved with servicing right to know requests. Policy on corrections and retractions, let him know right away. Corrections are easy to do in the online version, in the paper, corrections are on page two. Cellphone cameras are very good for pictures. You can email pictures to the paper.

The "Gettysburg Companion" is published bi-monthly and is inserted in the paper. It has longer stories with human interest, more in depth and pictures. It is printed on hi gloss paper.

Reporters try to get both sides but if someone is asked and answers with "no comment", it is going to be one sided. Home delivery is a problem at times, the online version is always available.

President Reamer introduced the subject of the revised Bylaws. Copies were sent to the membership last month. She opened the floor to discussion of any further changes, there were no comments. President Reamer then asked for a motion to adopt the bylaws as written.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHIEL (ADAMS COUNTY) TO APPROVE THE BYLAWS AS WRITTEN AND WAS SECONDED BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY). THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Reamer next introduced the subject of the COG Legislative Priorities for 2017. Copies of the priorities were emailed to everyone last month. She opened the floor to discussion of any changes to the list, there were no comments. President Reamer then asked for a motion to adopted the COG Legislative Priorities for 2017 as written.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY QUALLY (ADAMS COUNTY) TP APPROVE THE COG LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2017 AS WRITTEN AND WAS SECONDED BY SMITH (FAIRFIELD). THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Adams County Commissioners:** Commissioner Randy Phiel reported that the next COG Meeting would be at the new Human Services Building, 525 Boyds School Rd. for a tour of the new facility.

The public will have a chance to see the building on June 20, 2017 from 4 to 7 p.m. there will be tours and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. will be a Public Forum on Economic Development followed by more tours.

Randy also reported that the Primary Election went off without a hitch, though the turnout was very low at 18 %. Voters got to see the new Senior Center in Littlestown and the new Borough Building in Carroll Valley.

He also reported that Sheriff Muller signed the contract for construction of the new Law Enforcement Pistol Range and that construction will begin in about two weeks.

Commissioner Marty Qually reported that election turnout was highest in places where there were contests. Congratulations to those who ran, especially if you won. The County Conservation District had a very successful State of the Waters Conference. Lots of good information on MS4s. The advantage of the new Human Services Building is that it will eliminate some County Leased Property.

Commissioner Jim Martin reported that all campaign literature must have a disclaimer to be legal (must state who paid for it etc.). Heroin as we are all

Aware is a serious problem. We have a "Heroin Awareness Taskforce" that works with the University of Pittsburgh that needs a Chairperson. At this point we need a volunteer who is committed. Anyone interested?

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**ADAMS COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE:** Director of Planning Sherri Clayton-Williams reported that they are setting up meetings with municipalities to discuss economic development, one of the first was the other night with Huntington Township. She will make a full report at the COG August meeting. Please check out the Long- Range Transportation Plan and take the survey, they are looking for local input. Also, looking for input on Community Block Grants (CBG). And working with the E-cycling event planned for September 9. Sherri thanked Katie Seymore for her presentation and mentioned that the County Conservation Office has many functions that benefit the municipalities and we should learn what they are.

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE:** No Report.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION:** Bob Gordon reported that that the next event for the Association will be the Secretaries Luncheon on July 26, here at the DES Building. There will be training on information technology. It is the 100 Anniversary of the Association and it will be celebrated at the Fall Convention on November 8 at SAVES, the speaker will be Sen. Scott Wagner.

**BOROUGH ASSOCIATION:** Ron Harris reported that the next meeting will be in September and he will announce the speaker in August.

**ACTCC:** Ron Harris had no report but announced that Carroll Valley Borough will be conducting an open house of their new facility on May 30. There will be tours.

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Brad Hunt reported that graduations are upon us and school districts are wrestling with budgets with no help from Harrisburg. Brad called our attention to HB 1213 that is developing legs around the Legislature. This bill would allow for "dark Store appeals" which means that commercial buildings would have to be appraised as if they are empty. Chris Kimple pointed out that a bill with printer number 1486 eliminates the Dark Store language.

**LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES:** Chris Kimple representing Rep. Moul's office reported that the Real ID Bill has passed and the Governor will sign it. This bill will give people the option of choosing a standard drivers license or one with a real id that can be used to fly and serve as an id to access Federal installations. You will pay extra for a real id. Chris also mentioned House bills 480, 479, and 481. At the present time cooperative agreements between municipalities require an ordinance. These bills would allow you to do it with a resolution. The Pennsylvania Treasury has unclaimed property with published lists. If you need help claiming your property and line in Rep. Moul's District, he will help you get what is yours.

**ACEDC:** No Report.

**PENN STATE EXTENSION:** No Report.

**AC COLLABORATION:** E-cycling is scheduled for September 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The County Planning Office will advertise the event and pre-register people. We will accept TVs for \$25.00 and CRTs for 10.00 Cash. It will be set up with volunteers directing traffic and unloading cars. You will not have to get out of the car.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** Next meeting is June 20 at the Cumberland Township Municipal Building.

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**PUBLIC WORKS:** No Report.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** No Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ferd Prehn reported that on June 4, the Arendtsville Vocational School will be celebrating 100 years as the second Vocational school in Pennsylvania.

Barb Underwood reported that all Pennsylvania State Police Cars and many local police now are equipped with Naloxone.

President Reamer asked for a motion to adjourn.

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) AND SECONDED BY UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND). THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**