

President Barbara Underwood called the June 23, 2011 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Biglerville, Arendtsville, Littlestown; **School Districts:** Gettysburg **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, and Straban. **County:** Adams County.

Others present were: Skip Strayer, Representative for the 33rd District State Senator and Linda Costa, PACOG Executive Director.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORMONT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) TO APPROVE THE MAY 26, 2011 MINUTES. MINUTES ACCEPTED AS READ BY PRESIDENT UNDERWOOD.

TREASURERS REPORT: President Underwood read the Treasurer report which showed a balance of \$5,011.69.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER REPORT BY BILL HANNE (ARENDSVILLE) AND SECONDED BY JOHN GORMONT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP). REPORT ACCEPTED AS READ BY PRESIDENT UNDERWOOD.

OLD BUSINESS: Wheeler (Littlestown Borough) reported that there was a low response to the UCC Survey. Therefore, he suggested that if any municipalities that wish to contract services from each other do so individual basis since there was not enough interest for the COG to contract any firm.

Emergency Services Committee was reported on by Sharon Hamm (Straban Township). She announced that the committee are meeting on this topic and will report back to the COG at a later date.

Sharon Hamm (Straban Township) reported that the Public Works Committee has obtained information from the Federal Government on sign regulations. The COG secretary will forward this information to all members. McMaster (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) asked if PennDot has accepted the 2009 version of the regulations and Strayer will check on it and get back to President Underwood which regulation date PENNDOT has accepted.

Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the Legislative Committee is staying up-to-date on the changes in the PA Legislature by newsletters from school and township organizations and personal updates; i.e., Skip Strayer coming to the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) updated the COG members that have been following the former Gladfelter Tree Farm Land Exchange between DCNR and ISP (International Specialty Products), the Adams County Green Space Committee met and gave their recommendations to the Adams County Commissioners after consultation with Hamiltonban Township. It is expected that the Commissioners will make their decision on this matter at the July 13th meeting at 9am at the court house.

OPEN DISCUSSION: 1. Adams County Boroughs Association: Nothing to report. 2. Township Supervisors Association: Nothing to report 3. School Districts: Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) reported that the school districts are concerned about laws that prohibit furloughs for economic reasons and would like to see some changes to the law. 4. Legislators: Skip Strayer (Representative for SENATOR ALLOWAY) reported on the June 30th deadline for the State Budget and some laws that were recently passed, i.e., Castle Doctrine and Youth Mentoring for Hunting Licenses.

John Gormont (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) asked Strayer about changing spending limit legislation. President Underwood suggested that the Legislative Committee get an update from our Representatives and Senator as to the current status on these COG recommendations.

President Underwood turned the meeting over to Vice President Gordon. President Underwood left the meeting at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice President Gordon introduced the speaker, Linda Costa, Executive Director of PA COG, who was present to discuss that organization. Costa reviewed the characteristics, advantages and current status of COGs in PA. She recognized the hard work of the Adams County COG and encouraged them to keep working on projects even if all of them do not work out. Costa briefly discussed the PACOG membership and provided handouts to all the members in attendance. The web site for PACOG is www.pacog.com or her email is lcosta@boroughs.org. George Weikert entered the meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION (continued): 5. Adams County: Commissioner George Weikert announced that the county has agreed on a vendor for the 911 Radio System Upgrade which is Motorola. No funds are currently being spent but they are in the design phase of the project. Municipalities will have to budget to upgrade their systems in the next two years. The FCC is requiring this upgrade. The county hopes to join in with Franklin or York County to be able to use the same digital switch and save some of the costs. The EMS Department will be doing the bid process for this project and will need the municipalities to get back to them on what equipment will need to be upgraded.

George Weikert (ADAMS COUNTY) continued by reporting that the Governor has accepted the census. This will require Adams County to be a 5th Class County and there will need to be a candidate for county controller on the ballot in the fall. The Commissioners will ask for a candidate to be named by each political party. Therefore, the auditor positions are being eliminated.

Jon Gormont (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) distributed surveys his township did on fire company donations and discussed the same.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORMONT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY MCMASTER (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:11 a.m.

**Next meeting – 7/21/11 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building,
230 Greenamyer Lane, Gettysburg,**

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary