

Adams County Council of Governments  
May 25, 2023  
Draft Meeting Minutes

1. President Scholle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call:  
Present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, Bonneauville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, McSherrystown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Straban, Bermudian Springs, Conewago Valley, Littlestown Area, Upper Adams & County of Adam
4. Minutes: A motion was made by R. Phiel and seconded by Westcott to approve the April minutes. Motion carried
5. Treasurers Report: Balance: \$11,298.92. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Westcott to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried
6. Speaker: Mayor Ron Harris spoke briefly on the Cyber Security meeting that was held on Monday. They will be collecting information on what the Municipalities need to ensure that no one is able to hack into their systems. A survey is being created to gather this information. 1. Municipality background 2. Overall IT operations standards 3. Assessment management. 4. Data Security. 5. Data backup and recovery 6. Responsibilities and procedures. The Penn State office is assisting the committee to create the survey and to help roll out the survey.
7. No New Business
8. Regular Business
  - a. ACC: Commissioner Phiel commented mentioned the turn out for the elections was very light. There were many write in votes especially for the school boards. 29 write ins have moved into the November elections. Also mentioned that there was an article in the Times about Cyber Security. The Ag Land Conservation is reaching out to Municipalities to help them with developmental pressures. He suggested that the Conservation Office be asked to speak at COG.
  - b. Legislative Reps:  
Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker) Reach out if you have any budget priorities. A new employee has been hired for the Shippensburg Office, Brook Baseshore. July 13 they will host Eggs with Ecker at Rosie's in New Oxford. You will need to register if you would like to attend. They will be holding Family Fun Night on August 10 4-7 at Oak Side Park.  
Zach (Cong. Joyce): The Congressman is very focused on the Debt Limit issue. Cong. Joyce gave a speech for National EMS week. The House will be voting on the Fentanyl Act. On a happy note: The Congressmen announced that Jaden Giaccone of Adams County has received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy for the Class of 2027.
  - c. ACOPD: Steve commented that the Applications for the Green Space grants will open soon. Also, the CBDG applications will open and will be due by end of July.
  - d. Township Association: No Report
  - e. Borough Association: The May meeting was postponed until June 19 at the Federal Pointe Grill (formerly Dunlaps). The speaker will be PSAB to speak on bills in Harrisburg.
  - f. PSP: No Report
  - g. Destination Gettysburg: Karl mentioned leisure and conference visits have come back strong. The student groups and motor coaches have been a little slower to come back. There will be 12 days of activities leading up to July 4 (June 23- July 4). They will be sponsoring a 1 man play at the train station. Check out the website for details.
  - h. ACTCC: The next meeting scheduled for June 7 will be canceled due to lack of business.

- i. School Districts:
    - Justin Peart (Bermudian) mentioned Graduation will be held this evening at 7 p.m.
    - Dr. Dull (Upper Adams): Graduation will be June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.
    - Lori Duncan, (Conewago Valley) They will be moving forward with renovations. They are still exploring Safety ideas. Graduation is this evening at 8 p.m. and will be lived streamed. 285 students will be graduating. Last day of school is May 26.
    - Chris Bigger (Littlestown Schools): Graduation will be June 2 at 7:30 p.m. A community survey was sent with the results as school safety as top priority. August 24 will be the first day of school for next year.
  - j. AEA: No Report
9. Committee Reports:
- a. AC Collaboration: See speaker
  - b. Legislative Committee: David Laughman mentioned the committee is still looking at different options for holding a legislative forum. More info to come.
  - c. Emergency Services: No report
  - d. PA COG: No Report
  - e. Broad Band Task Force: State and Federal funding programs are starting to emerge; they have identified areas with Design 9 as to see what the cost per mile will be.
10. Public Comment: None
11. Announcements: Stacey Rice @ home mentioned the broad band coalition meeting was successful. York County Planning Office will be looking at a comprehensive human services transportation plan. They will be interviewing those that use public transportation. Mr. Baker mentioned that there are several federal lawsuits against utilities by small rural cities.
12. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig  
Butler Township