

President Barbara Underwood called the February 24, 2011 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Gettysburg and Littlestown; **School Districts:** Conewago Valley, Fairfield, and Littlestown **Townships: Conewago (new member)** Cumberland, Franklin, Freedom, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone; **County:** Adams.

Others present were: Skip Strayer; Spokesperson for 33<sup>rd</sup> District State Senator Richard Alloway, John Messner; Gettysburg Times Reporter, John Eline; Adams County EMS Department;; Judy Chamber, Penn State Extension Office; Commonwealth Code Inspection Service Inc representatives: Bill Chittester, Dale Gettel, Bill Miller; Robin Fitzpatrick, Adams County Economic Development Corporation, Adams County Planning Office reps: Richard Schmoyer and Rob Thaeler.

President Underwood called on John Eline from Adams County EMS Dept. to make two announcements: (1) The Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan is being mailed to each municipality for their review and consider adopting the county plan for their own plan. All municipalities must have a plan or adopt the county's plan, according to Title 35. This will include a sample resolution and must be done every five years. (2) The RFP's have been sent out on the county's radio system.

President Underwood welcomed and announced the COG's newest member, Conewago Township.

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORMONT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 16, 2010 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Lori Duncan (CONEWAGO VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT) read the Treasurer Report showed a balance of \$2,036.20. She announced that there was a \$5 error from the last report that has been corrected and that the dues invoices have been mailed to all members. President Underwood stated that the report shall stand, as read.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bill Chittester, Commonwealth Code Inspection Service (CCIS), presented to the COG Uniform Construction Code recent changes and possible upcoming changes. Discussion on fire sprinkler requirements under the current law, Exterior Wall Bracing, Decks attachment and log home energy items. Further, he discussed the legislature's automatic adoption process for changes in the laws and municipal fees being based on actual costs, swimming pool regulations while under construction and R3 district buildings. He expects that the sprinkler specs will be rescinded but that has not been decided by the legislature yet. Chittester talked about the advantages of hiring a Code Enforcement Officer under the COG. The CCIS webpage is [www.codeservices.net](http://www.codeservices.net). Q&A discussed Opt In and Opt Out definitions and plan review duration.

President Underwood gave the disclaimer that the Adams County COG does not endorse CCIS but this discussion was for informational purposes only.

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) asked that the chair of the Legislative Committee, Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) to give a report on this committee: Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported that a committee meeting is being held subsequent to this meeting and they plan to formulate a draft list of priorities that will be presented at the next COG meeting. George Weikert (ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS) has agreed to join the committee so that there is full representation of the COG entities. The committee plans to get the COG approval of the list at the next meeting and in April they will be inviting the legislators to the meeting to discuss the same. Moul, Tallman have agreed to come and Alloway has not confirmed this date yet. Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) has not had any feedback on the list of priorities from the Franklin County COG. More to follow

President Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) asked Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) to report on the EMS Committee. Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) stated that they are making plans to hold a meeting. Discussion on Fire Company funding on a county and municipal level.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Judy Chambers (PENN STATE EXTENSION) detailed a Citizen Planners Roundtable. This would be short courses provided for information purposes. She asked the COG if they would be interested in sponsoring this effort. This sponsorship would be like the Roadmaster Group. COG concurred. She will bring ideas and dates to the next meeting.

President Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) asked Robin Fitzpatrick, from Adams County Economic Development Corporation and Richard Schmoyer and Rod Thaeler from Adams County Planning Office to discuss their request for a support letter on the project for a County Comprehensive Plan update. The support letter is requested from each municipality and Fitzpatrick explained that no funding is being requested only a letter of support. Schmoyer stated that a sample letter of support is enclosed with each packet mailed out. They will provide the same electronically. Discussion on internet business and the need for upgrades to the infrastructure in the county. President Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) suggested that this be discussed again in more detail.

President Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) announced the Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn Program Series on Marcellus Shale and what it means to Adams County. The email will be forwarded to all members.

**REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**

Public Works Committee: President Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) continued the meeting by asking anyone who wishes to order Signs or parts in a joint venture to order through the online process at the COG website of [www.accog.us](http://www.accog.us). Carroll Valley Borough is hosting this joint venture and will make a joint bid from the COG. Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) asked if there will be any order for road oil or aggregate, etc. Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) suggested that this be listed under OTHER on the form.

Website: .Nothing to report.

**OPEN DISCUSSION\_ 1.** Adams County Commissioners – Weikert (ADAMS COUNTY) announced the Belmont Bridge is nearing the construction phase and will be bid on in the next few months. He expects the cost to be paid by the federal and state funds. The Green Acres Nursing Home is going to be sold to a private contractor in order to save tax dollars. He stated that this is the best decision for the county. **2.** Adams County Boroughs Association. Harris provided a flyer announcing the next meeting.

3. Township Supervisors Association: Egger (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) reported that the Spring Conference will be held on April 27, 2011 at the Emergency Services Building at 2pm and 7pm. Also, the Fall Conference will be held on November 9, 2011 at Buchanan Valley Fire Hall. 4. Mark Sewell (FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT) requested that all members of the ACTCC come to the meetings. The next meeting is March 2, 2011 at 7pm. Skip Strayer (SENATOR ALLOWAYS OFFICE) reported that the Governor will present his budget and this is expected to be a balanced budget with no new taxes. Alloway has presented some new bills: (a) Elimination of Heirs Tax (b) Reintroduce the Castle Doctrine and he will be on a live call in show on PCN on March 1 regarding this issue.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETTERMAN (GERMANY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:07 a.m.**

**Next meeting – 3/24/11 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg.**

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Secretary