

President Bob Gordon called the September 26, 2013 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, and Gettysburg. **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Liberty, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Reading, Straban and Tyrone, **School:** Gettysburg and Conewago Valley. **Adams County.**

Others present were: Representative Dan Moul; Chris Kimple, Staff of Representative Dan Moul's office; Scot Pitzer, Staff of Senator Alloway; Mark Walters, The Evening Sun; Jarred Hedes, Gettysburg Times; Larry Martick, Adams County Conservation District; Andy Merkel, Adams County Planning and Development. Barry Cockley; Berwick Township (Non-member) and IBA Group; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office.

MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TWP) TO ADOPT THE AUGUST 22, 2013 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Emma Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) presented the Treasurer's report which showed the balance of \$5,898.24 as of 9/5/13 and reviewed the activity for this month.

NEW BUSINESS: President Gordon announced that our speaker, Nathan Hockley, was not able to attend this meeting due to illness. Barry Cockley, Berwick Township supervisor and Insurance Benefits Associates, Inc, volunteered to review the latest information on Affordable Care Act and provide Q&A for the group. For more information, email iba@group-benefits.net. President Gordon thanked Cockley for providing the information.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nominations and Finance Committee will be meeting, per President Gordon, and provide reports to the membership in November meeting.
- Adams County Connected was discussed by Judy Chambers (PENN STATE). The Adams County Commissioners will discuss broadband internet at their Commissioners Forum on October 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the York Springs borough office. They continue to have the providers come to the table for discussions on providing faster internet. This committee is working on community education events including a local government technical expo in the spring.
- Legislative Committee met to discuss various topics including school unfunded mandates. President Gordon announced the Senator Policy Committee Hearing being held in Adams County and hosted by Senator Alloway on October 25, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Senate membership includes the EMS Preparedness Committee and Vet Affairs Committee. Testimony will be taken and Commissioner Randy Phiel will be scheduling the testimony on topics such as EMS and Fire Volunteers and the Fire Study.

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President Gordon asked Representative Dan Moul to address the group. Moul discussed the following topics: 1) The House Appropriations Committee held hearings on Agriculture and Ag-Tourism in Adams County recently. 2) House Bill 1583 regarding OPT out for Prevailing Wage 3) Property Tax options based on EIT, Mercantile and County Sales Tax. 4) Transportation Funding Bill, SB1. 5) State employee pensions. 6) Unfunded mandates required through regulations.

President Gordon asked Scot Pitzer, from Senator Alloway office, to address the group. Pitzer announced that the October 25, 2013 hearing will be held for two hours from 10 to 12. Also, Alloway is planning to vote for SB1 because the state is in need of funds for infrastructure.

- Public Works Committee Chair, Emma Seibert (TYRONE) announced the Public Works breakfast being held on October 2, 2013 at Rosie's Restaurant at 8am which is BYOB (Buy your own breakfast) and the speaker is Judy Chambers from Penn State Extension Office in Dealing with Difficult People.
- Emergency Services Funding Committee Chair, Sharon Hamm (STRABAN) announced the meeting regarding Worker's Compensation on October 30, 2013 in York and registration must be completed by October 23, 2013. Their email is tony@generalinsuranceinc.com. This information is being sent out to the membership with the August final minutes.
- Gus Fridenvalds (HUNTINGTON), Joint Purchasing Chair, announced that they will be sending out a membership questionnaire for the purpose of showing any interest in a joint purchasing of electric, natural gas or fuel oil products. Judy Chambers (PENN STATE) announced that Franklin County COG is working on sharing equipment within their membership and they are willing to share that information with us. President Gordon announced that he is meeting with Franklin County COG to discuss Fire Company Volunteers.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Adams County Commissioners – Randy Phiel announced that the county facilitated a meeting with Wellspan in regard to the elimination of Wellspan's ALS Service to the county. COG was included in this meeting and they hope to continue to meet to assist with the transition from Wellspan. Also, tax appeals are being held by the county and the budget requests. Jim Martin thanked the COG for a great place to funnel information into one spot in the county. He announced the 4H Auction Fund raiser in November. Judy Chambers (PENN STATE) announced a webinar held by the Adams County Planning Dept on Commercial Planning on October 1, 2013 at 6 pm. Sign up is available through the website at www.adamscounty.us.
- Boroughs Association – Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) Nothing to announce. Their website is www.acbassociation.org
- Township Officials Association – Colleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) CDL Training is being provided on October 9, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the EMS Center. Convention date is November 13, 2013 at Hampton Fire Hall. More information available at www.adamscounty.us

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- ACTCC – Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) announced the next meeting date of October 2, 2013 at 7pm at the EMS Center and reminded everyone of the importance of attending the meeting. He announced the dates for National Teen Driver Week of October 18 to 26, 2013.
- Schools – Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG) discussed their Safety and Security planning which is ongoing in which they are using citizens input. Also, Hunt reported Homeless numbers are increasing and difficult transportation needs are associated with that issue. Duncan (CONEWAGO VALLEY) confirmed the same with her district. Also, she reviewed some maintenance work being done at her school. Hunt reiterated the unfunded mandates that they are required to report to the state.
- Adams County Conservation District – Larry Martick reviewed that the Well Construction Ordinance meetings were held with representation from 27 municipalities. Further information is available through their office. Website is www.adamscounty.us. President Gordon thanked the Collaboration Committee for working with this effort and thanked the other COG committees for their hard work in these types of issues.

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SECONDED BY WHITTAKER (CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP). MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:04 A.M.**

***Next meeting – October 24, 2013 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building,
230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.***

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary