



Adam County Council of Government

Meeting Minute

November 19, 2020

Meeting called to Order by President Laughman at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Officers Present: President Laughman, Vice President Mauser, Treasurer, Pat Smith, and Secretary, Danielle Helwig

Members Present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, Fairfield, Butler, Conewago, Germany, Highland, Straban, and County of Adams

Others Present: Catherine Wallen (Rep Ecker), Bev Frey (Sen. Mastriano), and Andrew Merkel (ACOPD)

June Minutes: No Action Taken, Lack of Quorum

September Minutes: No Action Taken, Lack of Quorum

October Minutes: No Action Taken, Lack of Quorum

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Smith commented that there has been no activity, the balance remains at 7,946.68. The 2021 budget has been prepared.

Speaker: Laura Goss, Adams County Library: Ms. Goss is the Executive Director of the Adams County Library System. They are a non-profit organization and get approximately 50% of funding from the County. They are currently in the process of merging with the private East Berlin Library. They provide many programs, such as, Early Literacy, Story Times, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, My First Card Program, Book Clubs, Stem Programs, Summer Learning and Fun Fest. These programs are geared toward children and adults. Books are quarantined for 6 days before being put back on the shelf. No meeting rooms are available at this time. Library cards are available to anyone at any age, they expire after 3 years but can be renewed over the phone.

New Business:

- **Nominating Committee:** On behalf of the committee, Ferd Prehn, announced that the current officers are willing to stay on for another year.
- **2021 Budget:** The Executive Board discussed how to move forward with next year based on this year's "issues". The Board determined that there will be no dues for any member in good standing as of October 2020. Non members wishing to join would still need to pay the membership fee. Letters will be mailed and the Board requests that a response be given to confirm your municipalities continued membership.
- Please forward any idea for speakers.

“Providing a forum by which governmental entities of Adams County may meet to discuss issues of mutual interest, and to coordinate joint activities between members”

Regular Business:

- ACC: No report
- Legislative Representatives:
 1. Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker): The Ag Tourism bill was passed yesterday. This bill protects farmers that are now doing things such as corn mazes. She mentioned SB 835 which is a grant pilot program to provide funding for broad band in unserved areas of PA.
 2. Bev Frey (Sen. Mastriano): SB1281, The Move Over Law was passed. Barb M. from the Hanover office is retiring and the Hanover office will be closing.
- ACOPD: Andy Merkel commented that plan reviews are a little behind because the office is reviewing the CARES applications. Some of the applications were approved yesterday and the remaining will be approved at the December ACC meeting. There are vacancies on the County Planning Commission. Send any interest in becoming a member to Sheri Clayton Williams.
- Township Officials Association: No Report
- Boroughs Association: The last meeting was done by Zoom and their speaker, Sen. Mastriano, was not able to attend.
- PSP: No Report
- Destination Gettysburg: No Report
- ACTCC: No Report
- School Districts: No Report
- AEA: No Report

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Helwig
Butler Township

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig, Butler Township

Secretary