

Vice President Andy Raymond called the August 27, 2015 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg and Littlestown. **Townships:** Conewago, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Liberty, Reading, Straban and Tyrone. **Schools:** Gettysburg Area School District; Adams **County.**

Others present were: Matthew Nickey, PA State Police; Sherri Clayton, Adams County Office of Planning and Development; Tom Fontana, Gettysburg Times; John Eline, Adams County Emergency Services; Barry Cockley, Berwick Township (non-member); Deb Musselman, Larry Martick and Matthew Stough from Adams County Conservation District.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETTERMAN (GERMANY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY BUTTERFIELD (GETTYSBURG BOROUGH) TO APPROVE THE JULY 23, 2015 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Pat Smith (Fairfield Borough) announced that the Treasurer's report which showed a balance as of 8/18/15 of \$9,877.29.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice President Andy Raymond introduced the first speaker, Matthew Stough, West Nile Virus Technician from the Adams County Conservation District. Stough provided a map of the county that targeted the various locations and density of the mosquitos that are carrying the virus. Adams County has the second highest count of these mosquitos in the state. He provided information by brochures of the district's activities for removal of the mosquitos and reported that no human cases have been reported in the county. They provide yard signs when they are spraying for the pests and place ads in the local newspaper to inform the public. The public is asked to remove standing water from their properties and municipalities are asked to mow detention ponds only when dry. Further, Stough discussed Ticks and Lyme disease in our county. He stated that 45% to 50% of the deer ticks test positive for Lyme disease in our county. The state is structuring a new task force for Lime Disease with the development of surveillance, prevention and education methods. Contact can be made at this email: mstough@adamscounty.us

Vice President Andy Raymond introduced the second speaker, Deb Musselman, Resource Conservation Technician from the Adams County Conservation District. Musselman provided information to the COG members about the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance program. She announced that the county received an increase in state funding in 2013 for this program. The application deadline is October 1, 2015 and requires a two day training for this grant. There is an in-kind county match of the funds including labor and equipment. Contact her at dmusselman@adamscounty.us

OLD BUSINESS:

AC. Collaboration Committee. Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced that a meeting was held for this committee. One topic discussed was to send out a survey to COG members about what energy company each municipality contracts with for fuel. Their intention is to consider a joint bid process in order to have more bidders and a possible collaboration.

OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

Adams County Connected. Marty Qually (ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONER) reported that the organization has had new Board members join them. They are looking at the LIU consortium and have an interest in providing WIFI in the larger recreational parks in the county.

Legislative Committee: Chairman Paul Bart (READING TOWNSHIP) reported that the Adams County COG will hold their Legislative Forum on October 22nd during the regular monthly meeting. All state legislators have confirmed that they will be attending and a representative from Representative Perry's office will be here. The committee is still working on getting a Federal Senator to attend. The moderator will be Alex Hayes from the Gettysburg Times.

Adams County Joint Purchasing/Public Works: Nothing to report.

Emergency Services: John Eline, Director of Adams County Emergency Services Department, announced that they will be testing the new radio system in each municipality over the next month. They will be giving the dates to the municipalities. Also, he announced the schedule for the End User Training and asked for participation from each municipality. Randy Phiel (ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONER) reiterated the need for participation in the training so that the start-up will be a smooth transition to the new radio system.

Vice President Andy Raymond asked the membership to check on worker's compensation insurance requirements for base line physicals for fire company volunteers.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced they are collecting resolutions that are going to be submitted to the PSATS Convention. Debby Brogan from Hamilton Township is collecting the resolutions so please send them by email to her at this email: secretary@twphamilton.com. The Township Officials Association will hold their convention on November 18 at SAVES. The mailing to Townships will go out this coming week.
- Adams County Commissioners: Randy Phiel commented the following items: (1) the ACEDC training on TIF was successful (2) Work is continuing on the Gettysburg Crossing project and the Human Services building project (3) The county received the award for the Best Newsletter in PA. Jim Martin discussed these topics: (1) 57 days past the State Budget deadline and the funding at the county level is affected. He suggested that the members contact the Governor and ask for them to get the budget completed. Governor Wolf can be contacted at 7872500. (2) Workforce Training is ongoing and is very dependent on the budget. They have an event at ACEDC on September 15, 2015 at 6 pm. Marty Qually continued with (1) Senator Alloway contact number at 3344169 to ask for the same request to pass a budget since this issue has two sides. (2) ACEDC has been working with the county and is a valuable asset to the local governments.

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- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) announced the next borough's association date is September 21, 2015 with the speaker from Adams Regional EMS (AREMS). Nothing to report for ACTCC.
- Schools _Brad Hunt from Gettysburg Area School District thanked the municipalities for their road crews and Police Departments that are working with the schools in getting the buses through road projects, etc. The concerns over the lack of a state budget and its effect on school budgets was discussed by Hunt. Also, he reported some scams that can be performed; i.e., American Power and Gas switch of electric services and IT scams. Hunt reminded everyone to be aware and proactive with phone calls that can be scams.
- ACEDC: Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced two upcoming trainings for this organization on 10/1 – TIF Training and 10/21 – Finance Tools for Business. Gordon suggested that municipalities reach out to them and find out what tools they have that will assist municipalities.

VICE PRESIDENT ANDY RAYMOND ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:55 A.M. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) AND SECONDED BY QUALLY (ADAMS COUNTY). MOTION CARRIED.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary