

President Gus Fridenvalds called the June 23, 2016 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Biglerville, Fairfield, and Littlestown. **Townships:** Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Huntington, Liberty, and Straban. **School Districts:** Gettysburg. **Adams County.**

Guests: Randy Phiel and Marty Qually, Adams County Commissioners; Sherri Clayton-Williams and Bicky Redman, Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD), Tom Fontana, Gettysburg Times; and Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAUSER (STRABAN) AND SECONDED BY KETTERMAN (GERMANY) TO APPROVE THE MAY 26, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Pat Smith announced the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$10,869.74 with no changes from the last meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON) AND SECONDED BY MAUSER (STRABAN) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Fridenvalds called on Bicky Redman, from Adams County Office of Planning and Development, regarding the ADAMS COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND GREEN SPACE GRANT PROGRAM workshops on Wednesday, June 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resource Center. Greenspace Grant Program funding options and guidelines will be provided, along with an overview of recreation planning guidelines for municipalities. In addition, a representative from DCNR will be available to discuss state funding options available for recreation and greenspace projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

AC. Collaboration Committee. Commissioner Qually announced that the county is working on the land use definitions project. Discussions are ongoing regarding a county budget line item being added for an outside contractor to provide the current project and future updates. If this is completed, a bid will be let, as required.

Carroll Smith (FAIRFIELD) announced that he spoke to Park's Garbage regarding Electronic Recycling. Their company has the same parameters that others in our county are facing on this subject. President Fridenvalds discussed the letter from the Professional Recyclers of PA (PROP) to the Legislature be sent to the members. This letter informed the legislature that they are dissatisfied with the direction that the lawmakers are taking on this issue. The secretary will email it out to all members from the President.

Adams County Connected. Commissioner Qually announced the Gigabit Revolution meeting to be held on this date at HACC at 1:30 p.m. Discussions will be held on charts and maps to review specific areas. Straban Township Commerce Park is the specific area being targeted.

Legislative Committee: Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) is considering the Chair of this committee. The previous chair stepped down and specifics are being worked on and he apologized for any delay on his part. Fridenvalds, Gordon and Phiel are attempting to meet with Moul, Tallman and Alloway in order to facilitate a united front on legislative matters. Gordon will email the committee members with updates.

Also, Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) announced that there are officers that their terms are ending and they will not continue to serve. They are President, Vice President and Secretary. The Executive Board will be meeting to discuss the same.

Adams County Joint Purchasing/Public Works: Livingston (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) reported that he has received no additional road master information. He announced the July 14, 2016 Flagging Certification Course that is being offered by ACATO at a cost \$35.00 per person. Livingston requested that the COG pay for ½ of the training costs. President Fridenvalds stated that he would discuss it at the Executive Board meeting and he will get back to Livingston.

Emergency Services: Commissioner Phiel reported that AREMS continues to reach out to communities who have a need for ALS/BLS services. They are open to any community within Adams County.

President Fridenvalds reiterated that the fire service article recently in the Patriot News and email from Representative Tallman on the need to address the concerns of volunteer shortage in our county departments.

Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) discussed the need for Fire Department training. Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN) is currently serving on a Task Force to address these types of issues. Gordon discussed with the membership the use of a fire tax in order to support our fire departments.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Phiel reported on the letter writing campaign regarding the Pondtown Bridge. The county continues to monitor the letters and forward them to PennDot. PennDot has a project to replace the historical bridge. There are four (4) bids out on the County Human Services Building. The bids are due by July 20, 2016.

Commissioner Marty discussed the drop in state funding for roads and bridges in Adams County. Our funding has dropped 19%. The state has provided an option for counties to charge \$5 per vehicle registration which would assist in recouping these lost revenues. This item is being discussed but no decisions have been made at this time.

President Fridenvalds commented that the TIP meeting had a good turn-out yesterday.

- PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE: Judy Chambers announced that Grant Writing workshops are available through their office. There is an opportunity for the COG to sponsor them by providing some refreshments.

- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reiterated the flagger training on 7/14/16 that was reported by Livingston earlier in the meeting. RSVP is due by July 1, 2016 to ACATO. ACATO is paying for training for members of the association. Also, the Secretaries' luncheon will be held the last week of July and a registration sheet will be coming out in early July with the Township Association Newsletter.
- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Mayor Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) not in attendance but Gordon announced that the Association does not meet during the summer months. The next meeting will be held on 9/19 at 6:15 p.m. at The Pike Restaurant. Also, the PACOG and PSAB Fall Conference will be held at the Wyndom in Gettysburg on 10/14 and 10/15.
- School Districts and YATB/ACTCC: Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT) announced that YATB is completing a SOC audit (Service Organization Controls) Readiness Review. This is the second time it has been done but the actual audit hasn't been scheduled. In the meantime, YATB is implementing the review recommendations so that the audit results, when done, will be favorable. The audit probably won't be done for a year or two.

Hunt announced that their budget has been completed but they are waiting on the State for their budget numbers.

Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) discussed the needy children in our school districts. Schools provide summer feeding programs for the hungry. Hunt explained that there is a free lunch program for anyone under 18. The schools report that 50% of students get free lunches in our local schools. President Fridenvalds discussed the need for affordable housing in our area. Chambers continued and announced that Healthy Adams County has provided a summit to look at housing needs in our area.

- ACEDC: Commissioner Qually announced that there is a proposal between ACEDC and the Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce to do a roads and street plan that crosses municipal lines.

Sherri Clayton-Williams, Adams County Office of Planning and Development, announced that municipalities are looking at their trash disposal contracts. Some municipalities have reported that they are extending the contract for the one year. She stated that the county has provided legal advice for this issue and their office will be sending out an email to the municipalities. Commissioner Qually suggested that the municipalities include electronic recycling in their bids.

President Fridenvalds announced that our next meeting will be July 28, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary