

President Gus Fridenvalds called the February 26, 2015 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, and Gettysburg. **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Liberty, Reading, Straban, and Tyrone. **Schools:** Gettysburg Area, Bermudian Springs. **Adams County:** Jim Martin and Marty Qually.

Others present were: Ellen Dayhoff and Sherri Clayton, ACOPD; Sarah Kipp, Adams County Land Conservancy; Vanessa Pellechio, Gettysburg Times; Scot Pitzer, Senator Rich Alloway's office; John Eline, Adams County Department of Emergency Services; Kaycee Kemper, Adams County Economic Development Corporation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 18, 2014 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Pat Smith presented the Treasurer's report which showed a balance as of 1/31/15 of \$6,845.29. This year's membership dues have been paid by 19 of the members.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Fridenvalds reported that there is continuing progress on the BLS/ALS discussions and the group is organizing. They will have a Board of Directors made up of representatives from various entities. The Adams County COG would like to be included in this board. Fridenvalds suggested that a representative be voted on to be included in the board so he asked for nominations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAYMOND (EAST BERLIN BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) TO NOMINATE BARBARA UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES (ALS) BOARD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Raymond (East Berlin) suggested that municipalities recommend to their fire departments to attend the ALS meetings.

President Fridenvalds introduced the Speaker, Ellen Dayhoff from Adams County Office of Planning and Development. Dayhoff explained that she is the Rural Resource Manager. She provided a map of Adams County Preservation properties. Also, she introduced Sarah Kipp from Adams County Land Conservancy. Dayhoff explained the various easement funding procedures for Land Conservation including municipality partnership and Kipp explained the Conservation District partnership in conserving land in Adams County. Craig Rockey (HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP) supplied to the membership information on their partnership with Preservation on the Smith Farm in his township which was very favorable. Fridenvalds commented that Preservation is Partnership. More information is available at the following email addresses: Ellen Dayhoff at edayoff@adamscounty.us or Sarah Kipp at skipp@adamscounty.us

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OLD BUSINESS: President Fridenvalds and Commissioner Qually reported on the **A. C. Collaboration Committee**. The committee continues to meet and Qually announced that the county has hired an intern from Mt. Saint Mary's College that is working on the database for the land use definitions. The county has been impressed by the speed that the intern has delivered in this work. This database will be available to all municipalities when completed.

Part Bart (READING TOWNSHIP) reported on **Adams County Connected Committee**. The committee is working with the intermediate unit and looking for a county wide use. Discussion on Lancaster City moving forward on providing free Wi-Fi services.

Legislative Committee: President Fridenvalds announced that the committee is in need a Chairperson for this committee and meetings have not been resumed yet. Anyone interested should contact Bob Gordon at bgordon1162@comcast.net or Gus Fridenvalds at huntington@pa.net

Adams County Hazardous Mitigation Planning: John Eline (Adams County Dept. of Emergency Services) announced that the County Hazardous Mitigation Planning has been completed and approved by FEMA. They are waiting for copies so that they may supply CD's to the municipalities that are a part of the plan. Also, a draft resolution will be supplied and can be adopted at the municipalities meetings and returned to Eline.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Jim Martin announced the following items: (1) Importance of farming and the need for land preservation. (2) Restoration of 911 funding since phone land lines declining where most funding has been provided. (3) Act 13 funds being used for county bridge repairs and concerns of continuing funding from that source (4) Office of Aging donations from municipalities appreciated and needed. (5) Act 164 Tax Collectors new rules for training. The costs are estimated at \$250 annually and he asked for the municipalities discuss this cost. (6) Prison is being equipped with a Drug and Alcohol counselor on-site.

Commissioner Marty Qually requested more dialogue from the municipalities and made his card available to anyone interested. He recommended that the municipalities consider purchasing collaboration with the county.

- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced the 2015 President is Stephanie Egger (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP). The PSATS Convention will be held from April 19-22 and they are preparing a convention basket from Adams County which is made up of donations from various organizations in the county. These items may be given to Township Association Officers or brought to the COG. The Association will hold their mid-year meeting on May 27 with a presentation on Personnel Manuals. They are continuing to look for ideas for training and are open to suggestions. First-Net continues to offer presentations in various locations in the state. They will be sending out their newsletter shortly that will include all of these dates.

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- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) reported on the following items: (1) ACTCC meeting will be held on March 4, 2105 at the 911 Center. Reminder emails will be sent out. A quorum is needed at this very important meeting. (2) March 16, 2015 at 6:15 p.m., the Adams County Borough's Association meeting will be held at The Pike and the speaker is Steven Scherm, Adams County Information Technology Director. Contact Andy Strausbaugh at 642 5340 for RSVP.
- School Districts: Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT) announced that the schools will be using a new system for all visitors called School Gate Guardian (www.schoolgateguardian.com). It reads the driver license and checks for child abuse and related history. It does not do the formal Act 34 or Act 151 background checks. Also, the Adams County schools are sharing fingerprinting equipment from 3M Cogent, 639 North Rosemead Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91107 More information on this can be provided at the following website http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/Security/Identity_Management/Products_Services/Reader_Scanner_Solutions/Scanning_Solutions/Fingerprint_Scanners/ Justin Peart (BERMUDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT) announced that schools have started their budget processes for 2015 and are waiting on the Governors' Budget.
- Kaycee Kemper from Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) stated that they are a partner in the Smith Farm Conservation efforts and the Gettysburg Station Project.
- Scot Pitzer from Senator Alloway's office reported that the COG has an important role in the county and needs to fill the Legislative Committee Chair position so that the committee meetings can be held and provide important input into the legislative process. Alloway has been named Senate Caucus Secretary which fills vacancies in the cabinet. The Governor will be unveiling his budget next week. Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) stated that since he was the outgoing chair of the Legislative Committee that he would assist the new person, as needed. Commissioner Martin offered to serve on the committee.
- Sherri Clayton, Adams County Office of Planning and Development Director (ACOPD) announced that her office is kicking off their Economic Income Assessment and they will provide this information to the municipalities when completed.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**: President Fridenvalds announced that vehicle discounts are available through Central Westmoreland Council of Governments. Website: centralwestmoreland.org
- **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:49 A.M. by PRESIDENT FRIDENVALDS.**

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary