

President Reamer Called the October 26, Adams County COG Meeting to order at 8:30 am.

The Following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville,

Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown. **TOWNSHIPS:** Berwick, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Huntington, Liberty. **SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Conewago Valley.

**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 MINUTES WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLEY.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer reported a balance of \$ 2,536.27.

**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRESURER'S REPORT TO AUDIT WAS MADE BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON) AND SECONDED BY UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLEY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Reamer explained the parameters for our presentation today. Our program today is by Biglerville ALS Services. Last month we heard from AREMS. There are six models for Emergency Services in Adams County: Biglerville, Fairfield, Littlestown, York Springs, SAVES and AREMS. The COG is here to help municipalities understand how these different models operate and are funded.

This week we have Biglerville ALS Services represented by April Bowmaster, EMS Captain. Captain Bowmaster has been a Captain for 14 years and an EMT for 25 years. What Biglerville has set up was done in response to Wellspan's abrupt withdrawal from providing ALS to Adams County. This vacancy created an increased level of communication between the EMS companies which created the Adams County EMS Coalition, made up of: Biglerville, Fairfield, York Springs, East Berlin, Littlestown, Lake Meade, Saves and Hanover ALS. They have made a decision to remain individual companies helping each other as they have for the past 53 years. For example, Apple Harvest is an event too large for Biglerville to handle alone, so other companies are invited to help and cover for the other if a call comes in. If a unit goes down due to mechanical problems, companies will loan equipment and share personal. They also share Continuing Education sites to keep up the level of training. They have signed reciprocal agreements between companies for their Ambulance Clubs. They respond to mutual aid calls. Funding comes from Billing (3<sup>rd</sup> party billing), fundraising, and support from the fire companies. Ambulance services are the forgotten part of health care. Biglerville Als provides first due service to Franklin Twp., Butler Twp., Biglerville Boro., Arendtsville Boro., Straban Twp., and Huntington Twp. They are second due in Fairfield Boro., Hamiltonban Twp., Highland Twp., Mt Joy Twp., Cumberland Twp., Gettysburg Boro., and York Springs Boro. The Fire tax helps but it is usually directed to the Fire Companies. Wellspan does not support everyone. The Adams County Foundation has funds but they are for regional programs. Hanover Hospital does run Medic 46 and maintains two stations, Saves and East Berlin. Biglerville ALS runs approx. 1300 calls, they have funding in place up to 2020. They do have volunteer stall on the ambulances, they utilize volunteers to save money.

President Coleen thanked Biglerville AIS and the Coalition for the presentation and educating the COG about another model for providing AIS service. This is important since the municipalities are responsible for emergency services to our residents.

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** President Coleen asked for a list of COG Committees which she asked to be attached to the minutes. She asked the Committee to come up for a slate of officers for 2018 and present it for a vote at our December meeting.

Likewise, she asked the Treasurer to create a budget for 2018 and present it to the membership at the November meeting and a vote in December.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Phiel reported on the history of ALS in the County from when Wellspan announced they were withdrawing from the service to the beginning of AREMS. He congratulated the COG Membership for listening to the options out there and the importance of communicating with each other and our providers. With the cost of equipment and staff there is going to be pressure to merge and find a sustainable model that meets our needs and is affordable.

Commissioner Qually announced that the County will have a balanced and on time budget. He also commented on the end of "Tax Appeal Season" for another year. Also, with so many municipalities have electronic recycling as part of their trash bids at such a reasonable price, the need for a County Wide drop off event is diminishing.

**ADAMS COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE:** Director Sherri Clayton- Williams introduced Bicky Redman to answer questions on the trash bid. There were no public questions but Barbara Underwood from Cumberland Township expressed appreciation to the County for taking on the burden of doing the bidding process for the municipalities in such a satisfactory manner. President Coleen comment on how much the process has improved from the days when municipalities each did their own bids.

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE:** Lt. Nickey reported that he has reached to municipalities to have a presence at Trick or Treat. Several members expressed appreciation for the outreach to the municipalities. Lt. Nickey also reported that building plans are being developed for the new Barracks and expects to break ground sometime in March- April.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION:** Bob Gordon reported that this is the Associations 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, that Bill Chantaleau will be presenting a history, Dave Sanko from PSATS and Scott Wagner, head of the Senate Local Government Committee will attend. The date in November 8 at SAVES.

**BOROUGH ASSOCIATION:** Scott Bolten reported that the Association passed a Resolution supporting legislation to require training for newly elected officials.

**ACTCC:** A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 1 at 6:30 pm here at the Emergency Center.

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Lori Duncan Reported that School Districts are starting their budget process.

**A.E.A.:** Commissioner Qually reported that they are continuing the survey with the County Planning Office. That the Alliance is looking for members. Bob Gordon reported that there will be a Manufacturing Forum at HAAC- Workforce Development.

**PENN STATE EXTENSION:** No report.

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**ADAMS COUNTY COLLABORATION COMM:** The committee has been discussing the possibility of other County Wide Collections like pain or pesticides, stuff you don't want on the ground or in the trash. Doing something like that would be expensive but there is a need. Also in boroughs or development a way of getting rid of leaves and yard waste is difficult.

Bicky Spoke up about the problem of disposing of needles or syringes. There is a program that Gettysburg Hospital might do, we should talk to them.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** Bob Gordon reported that the next COG meeting on November 16 will be our Legislative Forum with our State Representatives. There will be refreshment, Ben Thomas from Cumberland Township will serve as moderator. This is an opportunity for our Legislators to report on what has happened and comment on progress with our legislative priorities.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Director Bladen is absent. Commissioner Phiel reported that we should check out the Police Firing Range which is closed to being finished.

**LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES:** Senator Alloway was represented by Bev Frey who replaced Scott Pitzer. She reported that everyone was up late working on the budget. Bill 800 is a work in progress.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Coleen asked if any municipalities used laptops or tablets for their meetings- answer about one and half do.

Bob Gordon thanked Capt. April Bowmaster for her presentation and the service of all the volunteers who attended with her.

President Coleen added her thanks to the volunteers for their service.

Our next meeting will be November 16, at 8:30 here at the Emergency Services Building.

President Collen asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:00 am.

**AMOTIN TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) AND SECONDED BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO). THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLEY.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Gus Fridenvalds

