

President Bob Gordon called the November 15, 2012 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, York Springs; **School Districts:** Gettysburg, Fairfield **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Straban, Tyrone. **County:** Adams County

Others present were: Andrew Merkel, Lisa Angstadt and Nick Colonna, Adams County Planning and Development Office; Pat Naugle, Fran Koch, and Beth Kirby; Land Conservancy of Adams County; Jess Haines, Gettysburg Times.

Legislative Guests: Adams County Commissioner Jim Martin

**MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCKEY (HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) TO ADOPT THE OCTOBER 25, 2012 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The Treasurer was absent so President Gordon read the beginning account balance is \$5,351.64 and ending balance is \$5,235.33 as of 10/31/12 along with all checks that were distributed throughout the month. The report was accepted, as read by President Gordon.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Gordon asked Pat Naugle from the Land Conservancy of Adams County (LCAC) to give his presentation on their organization. Naugle is the Vice President of LCAC and reviewed a map of the county that showed the various lots that have been preserved through the LCAC. Also, the LCAC gave a packet of information to the membership. They are a private, non-profit organization and appreciate any donations that help in the conservation of land throughout the county. Follow this link for more LCAC information [http:// www.lcacnet.org/](http://www.lcacnet.org/).

**Legislators:** President Gordon called on Commissioner Jim Martin to give the members any updates on county matters. Martin announced that the Agri-Tourism Round table was held in Arendtsville and was successful. The forums will continue with the commissioners. The certification of the new tax base was completed and it went down less than ½% and that the revenues are flat. The good news was that home sales increased and the notices for Assessment Appeals were mailed out this month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Gordon announced that the COG should advertise the 2013 meetings during the month of December. He asked if there was any discussion and if not, a motion to have the secretary do the advertisement. Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) reminded the membership of the snow policy: the COG will not have a meeting if the Gettysburg School District is closed or has a snow delay.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) TO ADVERTISE THE MEETING DATES OF THE COG FOR 2013 WHICH ARE THE FOURTH THURSDAYS EXCEPT FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WHICH ARE THE THIRD THURSDAYS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED):** President Gordon called on the Nominations Committee to review their slate of officers which are the same for the upcoming year except for the Treasurer's position. An email request was sent out to the membership and Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) asked that anyone interested in serving in this position contact them prior to the next meeting. Hunt thanked the others members of the committee. Hunt discussed that officers from different municipalities and school districts should serve. In particular he voiced concern that officers should not be from the same Member.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE REPORT FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Gordon called on Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) that was the Finance Committee Chair to review the 2013 proposed Budget. Hamm stated that this would be voted on at the next meeting if the COG does not have any changes to it. It was close to what was proposed last year but added some meeting refreshments and speaker costs. The dues were projected to stay the same at \$100 per member. Gordon reiterated that he wrote an email to non-members to remind them of the value of the COG and consider being a member in 2013.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SEIBERT (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY SWALES (YORK SPRINGS BOROUGH) TO ACCEPT THE REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Gordon called on Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) that is the Bylaws Committee Chair. Underwood reviewed the proposed changes to the by-laws which were: (1) Amendment process (2) Definition of standing committees: i.e. Nominations, Bylaws, Finance, Management. Discussion. The vote on these changes will be done at the next meeting.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY SEIBERT (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE REPORT FROM THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Gordon called on the various committee chairs to give reports and they are as follows:

Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the A C Collaboration Committee will be meeting next week and have been doing well with working with the county planning office.

President Gordon asked Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) to give a report on the Adams County Connected Committee. Underwood reported that the logo and marketing will be rolled out next week and they are making progress. A map is being plotted out for internet problem areas in the county.

Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported on the Emergency Services Committee. A meeting was held with the committee and reviewed the GIS mapping that has been provided through Lisa Angstadt and the Adams County Planning Office. They are doing a review of county wide equipment needs and anticipate that the study will be finished by March 2013 so that there is adequate time for the 2014 budget meetings. The MAP Grant money (\$6,500) will soon be requested from DCED.

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Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) reported that the Joint Purchasing Committee will have a presentation for the members of the COG at the December meeting. The committee members are researching some possible procedures/strategies for this effort and will give a report on their information.

President Gordon announced that the Legislative Committee has sent out letters to the Legislators that we will be contacting them with the Adams County COG legislative priorities in the first quarter of 2013. The consensus of the membership will be taken before this is sent to the legislators.

Emma Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) reported on the Public Works Committee Breakfast Meeting that was held at Rosie's Restaurant in New Oxford. The meeting was successful and well attended. She would like to hold another Breakfast Meeting in March and asked of any ideas on vendors that could fund the event.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Nick Colonna from Adams County Planning Department discussed the demo on GIS Open Urban Growth Areas. Merkel discussed the same with the members and will provide more information at the next meeting along with Lisa Angstadt. This information is based on the new Census information. Colonna encouraged municipalities to come to the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO) meeting to be held on November 28, 2012 at 1pm at the EMS building. Further discussion will follow. Angstadt announced that new aerial mapping will take place next spring and will be offered to the municipalities. This includes a new technology upgrade to what they provide now.

**Boroughs Association:** Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) announced their next meeting is November 19 at the Pike Restaurant with the speaker being Mitch Hoffman from YATB. All are welcome.

**Township Officials Association:** Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced the Association is holding Act 32 training on December 5, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. until Noon. Also, their township convention was attended well.

**YATB/ACTCC:** President Gordon announced that Tom Dick will be leaving the Bermudian School District and will not be the President of the YATB. Wheeler announced the ACTCC meeting is on December 5, 2012 and asked for a quorum of the membership so that they can elect the 2013 officers.

**A motion was made by Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) and seconded by Arndt (CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP) to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.**

***Next meeting – 12/20/12 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.***

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Secretary