

President Bob Gordon called the March 28, 2013 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, York Springs; **School Districts:** Gettysburg **Townships:** Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Liberty, Menallen, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Reading, Straban, Tyrone. **County:** Adams County

Others present were: Andrew Merkel, Adams County Planning and Development Office; Larry Martick; Adams County Conservation District; Judy Chambers, Penn State; Craig Paskoski, The Evening Sun; Jarrad Hedes, Gettysburg Times; Al Timko and Mitch Hoffman, YATB.

Legislative Guests: Adams County Commissioners Randy Phiel, Jim Martin and Marty Qually, Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway's Office.

MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY PHIEL (ADAMS COUNTY) TO ADOPT THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Emma Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) read the report with an ending balance is \$4,911.20 (bank statement balance). President Gordon accepted the report, as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA): None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Gordon announced that the Joint Purchasing Committee will be opening the bids at 8:45 a.m. which will be later in this meeting, as announced.

OLD BUSINESS: Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported on the A C Collaboration Committee. She stated that the county had sent out a Clean Fill Survey and 15 municipalities have a positive response. The committee will continue investigating this project. Secondly, Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported on the Fire Study meeting to be held on May 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS Building. The focus is on elected officials and fire company personnel to attend. John Senft, Study Consultant and Ed Mann, State Fire Commissioner, will be in attendance. Lastly, the county's model well ordinance is ready to be reviewed. Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) asked for municipalities to give their input. Siebert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) recommended that Planning Commissions could review the same.

NEW BUSINESS: At 8:45 a.m. President Gordon asked Robin Crushong (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) to open the Joint Purchasing Bids. PennBid, an internet e-procurement program, handled the 2013 ACCOG Joint Bidding. Robin opened the program so all the member municipalities that participated in the Joint Bidding would be able to access the results from their own offices. [The following municipalities participated: Carroll Valley Boro., Cumberland Twp., Franklin Twp., Germany Twp., Gettysburg Boro., Hamilton Twp., Hamiltonban Twp., Menallen Twp., Mount Pleasant Twp., Reading Twp., Straban Twp., Tyrone Twp. The Joint Purchasing committee included stone aggregate, chemicals and line painting in the bidding this year. The individual municipalities will review these bids and make the awards themselves following the normal procedure for awarding bids. Discussion on the procedures for the same

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and if there are questions please contact Sharon Hamm at sharon.hamm@strabantownship.com or Robin Crushong at office@strabantownship.com

OLD BUSINESS: Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) announced the meeting of the Public Works committee will meet on May 28, 2013 at 9 a.m. at Tyrone Township. There will be a breakfast meeting to be held on October 2, 2013 at 9am at Rosie's Restaurant in New Oxford which is a buy your own breakfast meeting and the speaker will be Judy Chambers from Penn State Extension Office on the topic of Dealing with Difficult People. Additionally the APWA is holding a lunch meeting at Hoss's Restaurant in Gettysburg on April 18, 2013. Further, she stated that the Public Works committee and Joint Purchasing are working together on future projects.

President Gordon asked for Committee Chairpersons to contact him in order to update the records.

Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) and Chambers (PENN STATE) discussed the Adams County Connected project. A community meeting was held on March 27, 2013 at HACC. The Internet introduction meeting was a successful event and another of this type of event is being planned. Additionally, Chambers thanked those who participated in the surveys and asked for additional large internet users to respond to the surveys. This is an important aspect to their project and they asked for municipalities to contact any community members. Their plan is to identify areas that are in need of improved internet service(s).

Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced their legislative schedule of meeting with the State Legislators. A forum is schedule for the COG May meeting. The plan is to hold the regular business meeting prior to the forum but more details will follow ...

NEW BUSINESS: Mitch Hoffman YATB's Deputy Director and Al Timko, Director of YATB were present to discuss the transitions over to Act 32 requirements. Hoffman discussed the need for municipal and school delegates to attend their meetings in order to obtain quorums. Timko offered some statistics of recent growth of the bureau, status of delinquent collections and meeting locations. The next YATB meeting will be held on April 29, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the York office.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Commissioner Phiel commended the COG membership for their attendance level. The 150th Anniversary plans were discussed and Phiel asked for municipalities that collect Pillow tax to consider becoming a part of their discussions since all areas of the county will be affected by this far reaching event. Additionally, Phiel announced the community forums to be held at Gettysburg Middle School on May 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Later, another forum will be held in the McSherrystown/Conewago Township area. The Commissioners Meeting will have more information on the Radio project grants.

Commissioner Qually reiterated that the 150th Anniversary is an important event for the entire county and impact all. The decision was made to split the Economic Development Planner position into two positions.

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Legislators: Scot Pitzer from **Senator Alloway's** office reported that members could review their web page to read the Senator's priorities which include but are not limited to economic development, tax breaks for new businesses, prevailing wage and emergency services.

Boroughs Association: Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) announced their next meeting is May 20, 2013 at the Pike Restaurant. More details will follow.

Township Officials Association: Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced PSATS is holding their Annual Trade Show on April 21, 2013. Also, The Adams County Township Association convention is on May 15, 2013.

ACTCC: Wheeler (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) announced their next meeting is April 3, 2013 at the Emergency Services building. He asked for all members to supply their State Ethics forms to both ACTCC and YATB.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Merkel (ADAMS COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE) announced the Transportation request from ACTPO has been approved by the State.

President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m. after announcing the next meeting date is April 25, 2013.

Next meeting – 4/25/13 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.

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