

Vice President Bob Gordon called the November 17, 2011 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: Adams County, **Boroughs:** Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Littlestown; **School Districts:** Bermudian Springs, Gettysburg **Townships:** Conewago, Franklin, Hamiltonban, Huntington, Mt. Joy, and Straban.

Others present were: Andrew Merkel, Adams County Planning and Development; Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway's office representative; Bicky Redman, Adams County Environmental Services Dept.

**MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORMONT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY WEIKERT (ADAMS COUNTY) TO ADOPT THE OCTOBER 27, 2011 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Lori Duncan, Treasurer, was absent. Vice President Gordon stated that no report was provided but the same balance should apply of \$3,547.82 since there was no activity last month. Again, he reported that Duncan has requested to step down from this position.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Emergency Services Committee. Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) discussed the EMS Surveys. ACVESA has not provided their number of surveys received back. Gormont (MT JOY TOWNSHIP) requested a time line for the surveys to be turned in and Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) agreed. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Spence (FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP) suggested that fire companies may not be aware of how the information will be shared. Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) asked that any of these fire companies with these questions call her. Discussion on what fire companies have responded and Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) indicated that this is ACVESA's information to share and the survey is being done in the interest of working together. Subsequently, Hamm (STRABAN) continued that the committee will be discussing the time line issue at their next meeting.

Legislative Committee: Vice President Gordon called on Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway's representative, to discuss any updates. Pitzer reported on several items: (1) Prevailing Wage is in the House Committee and they are still hoping for some action to be taken before the end of the year. (2) Governor Corbett signed the bid limit law that changes bid limits to \$18,500 with an effective date of January 1, 2012 and the phone quotes limit require 3 phone quotes from \$10,000 to \$18,500 with the same effective date. (3) Senator Alloway's office is doing a storm damage survey on the past year with municipalities. If anyone has had any damage please contact them. (4) The map for redistricting is being discussed at a public hearing on 11/18 in Harrisburg. It will be decided on by the end of November. (5) Governor Corbett signed into law the no texting law while driving and will be in effect for March 2012 with a \$50 fine. Fridenalds (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) asked about the Marcellus Shale House Bill 1950 regarding local zoning laws. Further, he asked Pitzer to request Alloway to allow local zoning to stay in place.

Vice President Gordon thanked Pitzer for his report and reminded municipalities to report to John Eline, Adams County Emergency Services, any collection of debris along creeks and watersheds. An email was sent out to all municipalities.

Vice President Gordon stated that the Legislative Committee has worked on three issues this year which are being addressed and present a good track record for the committee. These issues are: Pillow Tax, (Moul has introduced legislature on this issue); Bid limits and Prevailing Wage (previously discussed).

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Vice President Gordon called on Commissioner George Weikert to give his report. Weikert stated that the Commissioners have been working on the certification of the elections, budget and tax appeals (numbers of appeals were reported) Weikert will be testifying at the Redistricting Public Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> since the Northern part of Adams County has been sectioned off with other counties and would require 2 Senators to be assigned to our county. The commissioners would like to see Adams County stay unified in their representation. Lastly, Weikert asked for the municipalities to support House Bill 1644 which abolishes the Jury Commissioners position due to the cost of this vs. the actual work being done. Their terms will be completed in 2013. Hamm (STRABAN) asked if the North Gettysburg Trail is being completed and Weikert agreed that it is being used and was built by Federal funds (not local funding). Fortnum (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) asked about the maintenance of the trail. Weikert told him that an intermunicipal agreement is being completed between the Straban Township, Gettysburg School District and Adams County. The trail will be closed during inclement weather. Weikert reported that the Belmont Bridge is ready to go to bid.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Vice President Gordon reviewed the meeting dates with the members and asked for a motion to have these dates advertised by the secretary. These are the same as last year meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month with the exception of November and December due to the holidays.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY GORMOUNT (MT JOY TOWNSHIP) TO ADVERTISE THESE DATES FOR OUR 2012 MEETINGS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Gormont (MT JOY TOWNSHIP) asked the group if they considered holding some of the meetings in the evenings in order to get better participation from all the members. Vice President Gordon agreed it could be reviewed by the executive committee and possibly a survey be taken to see if there is any interest. Discussion with the members on possible days of the week to hold an evening meeting and if there is any interest with this change. Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) suggested that electronic media could be used to get more participation. Weikert (ADAMS COUNTY) recognized that a few successful projects could bring in more participation, as in our line painting joint purchasing or the ongoing EMS Committee survey.

Vice President Gordon announced that the Joint Purchasing Committee has to re-group since the Chair of that committee is no longer a township supervisor. They will follow up after their next committee meeting.

Nomination Committee met and reported via an email that they are making a recommendation to the members for the 2012 Election of Officers. They are: Robert Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP), President; Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP), Vice President; Sandra Vazquez (BIGLERVILLE BOROUGH), Secretary; Carolyn Dean (FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT), Treasurer. Vice President Gordon announced that COG will continue to take any names of interested parties for these positions at this meeting or at the December meeting, when the election of officers will be held.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2012 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Vice President Gordon announced that the Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss the 2012 dues and budget in this month. He asked the members if they wished to establish a permanent address by using a post office box for the COG address. A report will follow.

**SPEAKER:** Bicky Redman, Adams County Environmental Services Department Director, was present to discuss various subjects regarding Environmental Services. Redman announced that letters have been sent to the municipalities regarding updating the Adams County Waste Management Plan from 2005. It is a ten-year plan on how to manage waste and they have established a Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Redman asked the members if they were aware of the collection boxes for used clothing located within their municipalities. She asked them to give her any information they have on these boxes because they report the amount of clothing in their state reporting. Lastly, Redman informed the group of the new electronic recycling being done at the Adams County Rescue Mission. The waste haulers may not recycle these items any longer. Discussion on various needs of recycling. Her email is bredman@adamscounty.us

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Andrew Merkel, from Adams County Planning Office was present to discuss ACTPO activities. He pointed out the reduced funding for their Transportation Improvement Planning. He requested that municipalities contact their State legislature to make Adams County a priority for funding needs. An executive summary report, "Transportation Funding Advisory Commission report" will be sent out via email to the members.

**Boroughs Association:** Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) reported that the next meeting is on November 21 at 6:15 p.m. at the Pike Restaurant with the speaker being District Attorney Wagner.

**Township Association:** The new President and Vice President, Colleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) and Sandy Spence (FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP) reported that they are newly elected and plan to hold a Spring and Fall event and plan to contact the membership soon.

**School Districts:** Fortnum (GETTYBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) reported that they are working on their budget process for 2012-13. Dick (BERMUDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT & PRESIDENT OF ATCC) announced that the ACT 32 documentation must be into DCED by December 1 and he asked that certified documents be sent to YATB. The next TCC meeting is to be held on December 7.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORMONT (MT JOY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:58 A.M.**

***Next meeting – 12/15/11 (held on the third Thursday due to the Christmas Holiday) at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg.***

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Secretary