

March 23, 2017 Minutes
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President Coleen Reamer call the March 23, 2017 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Fairfield, **Townships:** Berwick, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltonban, Huntington, Straban, **Adams County.**

Guests: Bicky Redman, Sheri Clayton- Williams, Robin Fitzpatrick, Kaycee Kemper, Scott Pitzer, Jared Cottrill, Lt. James Graham, Warren Bladen, Chris Kimple, Judy Chambers, and Tom Fontana.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH (FAIRFIELD) AND SECONDED BY MAUSER (STRABAN) TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 23, 2017 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Pat Smith presented the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$7,880.91 and one bill to pay-Treysta- \$55.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Eileen Grenell, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist with Collaborating for Youth, spoke on the "Drug (medication) Take Back" scheduled for various locations around the county on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There were 791 lbs. of medications collected in Adams County last year. There are several permanent collection boxes located around the county that are provided by the District Attorney's Office. Also, CFY can provide "Medicine Lock Boxes" for people who use Opioids- call Eileen at 717-338-0300. If you use Opioids, it is suggested you count your Meds to keep these powerful medications out the hands of young people.

Bicky Redmond from the Adams County office of Planning and Development made a presentation on the Economic Impact of the South Mountain Fruit Belt in Adams County. The purpose of the study was to determine the economic value of "America's Orchard". The study was funded by a Community Development Block Grant. Apples are the prime product in our fruit belt. The movement in the market is moving from processed fruit to fresh sales in the retail market. Adams County is the 4th largest producer of apples in the country. Labor is the largest expense for growers which represents 45-50% of the cost of production. The fruit industry employs about 8000 workers.

Weather has a tremendous impact on the fruit industry from labor to the quality of the fruit. The fruit industry pays \$16,427,000 in local taxes and adds \$580 million to the local economy. The production of Hard Cider is growing in the county- this can present some challenges to local zoning and land use ordinances. Our apples are the best tasting apples around!

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Barbara Underwood, Chair, presented the report of the By-laws Comm. is working to make them more user friendly. You will be emailed a copy by the next meeting. Please read and offer comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: No Report

ADAMS COUNTY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Director Sheri Clayton-Williams, reported in the absence of the County Commissioner, that the Commissioners held a State of the County Forum on Monday and that it was recorded by Community Media. Sheri also reported that the Housing Committee has a vacancy and is looking for a representative from the northern or eastern part of the county, if interested call the Planning Office. The Planning office will be visiting municipalities to discuss economic development. We will be seeing outreach for input on the long-range transportation plan.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE: Lt. James Graham reported on the period of Feb. 23 to Mar. 23- several unusual events- self-inflicted gunshot, vehicle crash involving DUI, a murder in the county. Also, a heroin O.D. saved by Narcan. Question was asked if addicts in Adams County used Narcan to achieve a higher high? Lt Graham answered he wasn't aware of that but it is possible. He also recommended that adults need to control their medications. A young child took a powerful medication prescribed for an adult and died. Scams continue to be a problem, particularly targeting the elderly. At tax time the IRS scam is popular.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION: Bob Gordon reported that the Secretary's Luncheon is scheduled for July 26, speakers will be our own Judy Chambers and Melissa Morgan from PSATS. The annual convention is scheduled for Nov. 8th at SAVES, our 100th Anniversary. Possible speakers are Rep. Mike Turzi, Speaker of the House and Sen. Scott Wagner.

ACTCC: No report. YATB will have their annual joint meeting in Gettysburg on April 24.

BOROUGH ASSOCIATION: No report (Ron Harris was absent) Judy Chambers reported that the Association had a well-attended meeting, speaker was an energy consultant.

SCHOOL DISTRICT: No report- Coleen reported that next meeting our speaker will be Dr. Russell Greenholt from the Conewago Valley School District speaking on some of the Tax Legislation being considered by the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES: Chris Kimpel reported that Rep. Moul was sponsoring a resolution in the House that would encourage the Congress and the President to rescind the EPA's requirements for MS4s.

Jared Cottrill, reported that Rep. Tallman is sponsoring HB240 that would allow a municipality to increase the \$10.00 Per Capita Tax up to as high as \$15.00 with the increase going only to Fire and/or emergency services. Rep. Tallman is also sponsoring HB241 which would align the authority of the Fire Police with the Federal incident management guidelines. It would also require that the local Police authority would determine the training for the Fire Police. President Coleen mentioned that the Fire Police are very active in training and using this facility for such training. She introduced Warren Bladen, Director of Emergency Services who confirmed that the Fire Police use this facility.

Scott Pitzer, representing Sen. Alloway reported that their office is getting calls about the Federal Real ID Law and that our Pa. driver's license is no longer acceptable to get on a plane. The state did apply for an extension and it was granted till June, 2017. The legislature passed a bill in 2012 to not participate in the Federal Real ID law. Now the legislature must repeal that law. The problem is not solved yet but it is a work in process. In the mean-time use your passport! Electronic Recycling, everyone is waiting for a long-term solution to come from Harrisburg and there is a bill in the works. However, there are short term solutions like Washington Township in Franklin County. If your municipality is interested call Sen. Alloway's Office.

ACEDC: Robin Fitzpatrick reported that doing economic development in a rural area that wants to stay rural is tough. Local zoning and land-use regulations make it difficult for local business to expand, like a hard cider mill that wants to develop a tasting room. Yet the Upper Adams School District asked for a presentation on how to expand their tax base and to do that takes economic development.

ACEDC will be contacting municipalities to see who is interested in economic development.

Penn State Extension: Judy Chambers reported on the Drug Awareness Task Force. There is a Naloxon committee that is working on data for who has it, who is using it and who doesn't. Availability of Drug treatment in Adams County, Drug removal. There will be a meeting on April 30 at the Ag Center. There are many pieces to the heroin problem.

A C COLLAB. COMMITTEE: No Report

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Bob Gordon reported, we welcome a new member, Phil Wagner from Biglerville. The Legislative Comm. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8 a.m. We meet at Sen. Alloways' field office in Gettysburg, hosted by Scott Pitzer. The legislative staff attend and provide information on activity in Harrisburg. Congressman Scott Perry held a Town Hall Meeting in Red Lion. We will probably have a draft of the committees' legislative priorities for 2017 at our next COG meeting. They will include school funding, electronic recycling, human services funding, funding for fire and EMS, local radar, prevailing wage, UCC Building Codes and inspectors, Sunshine Law and State Police Funding.

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: D.E.S. Director Warren Bladen reported that radio upgrade should be done tomorrow. There is a new 911 system on the way and the TMI Drill is coming up. Barb Underwood reported that Adams Regional is completing certification in pediatric emergency care at the expert level. They ran 448 calls in month of January and 390 in Feb.

FIRE STUDY SUB-COMMITTEE: President Coleen reported, that the Comm. Has met with the D.E.S. John Eline and our new Director, Warren Bladen. Also with the County Commissioners and most recently with three members of the Fire Commissioner's Staff. We were looking for ways to find and overcome deficiencies in training. We met with the Fire Chiefs and ACVESA. Through this work, ACVESA has revived their training Comm. The County is not responsible for the training but will lend administrative support.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Director of the Planning office Sheri Clayton-Williams reported that the Planning Office will be offering training on the Municipalities Planning Code in May and will be offering an evening session on the function of Planning Commissions.

Bicky Redmond reported the Solid Waste Collection Proposal is with Solicitor Sam Wiser. After the proposal come back here will be a meeting with interested haulers- we are also looking for interest from the haulers in doing a quarterly Electronics event.

Bob Gordon thanked Sheri for mentioning the training. One of the benefits of local training is that it eliminates travel There is also LTAP Training available, if people won't use it it can go away.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) AND SECONDED BY VAZQUEZ (BIGLERVILLE). MOTION CARRIED. PRESIDENT REAMER ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:03 a.m.

Next meeting will be May 25, 2017, here at the D.E.S. Center at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Gus Fridenvalds
Secretary**

