

ADAMS COUNTY COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS
Adams County Emergency Services Building
October 26, 2023
Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by President Scholle at 8:31 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:
Members Present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown boroughs; Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Mount Joy, Straban townships. Bermudian Springs, Conewago Valley, Gettysburg Area, Littlestown, Upper Adams school districts; County of Adams
Others present: Lt. Jason Haines (PSP), Stacey Rice (@Home in Adams County), Carl Whitehead (Destination Gettysburg), Andrew Merkel (ACOPD).
4. Minutes: A motion was made by Mauser, seconded by Bower to approve the September minutes as presented. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report: Balance in checking account is \$10,029.92. A motion was made by Mauser, seconded by Phiel to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.
6. Speaker: Superintendent Bigger gave a video presentation on Mental Health in the Schools, what they see in the schools and the realities of how it has strained the school systems' budgets and employees. He answered questions immediately following.
7. New Business: Copies of the by-laws had been emailed to members, for discussion at the November meeting.
8. Regular Business:
 - a. Adams County Commissioners:
Randy Phiel anticipated no tax increase for the county. The Election Office is up and running in the Emergency Services Building lobby. The First Responder tax credit was approved, up to \$250 credit if thresholds are met. Glass Recycling at the Adams County Emergency Services Building will officially begin with a ribbon cutting on November 4th, and continue every other Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Jim Martin noted the Collaborating for Youth county program and the 4-H programs for mental wellness.
Marty Qually reminded those present that state funding for mental health had been cut by 10% 14 years ago, and not restored.
 - b. Legislative Representatives:
Nancy (Cong. Joyce) advised that there is now a Speaker of the House in D.C.
Chris Kimple (Rep. Moul) advised that Act 18 (Dog Bill) increases some licensing fees. Although the budget was passed in June, fiscal code bills have not yet been passed.
 - c. ACOPD: Andrew Merkel noted that there is at least one seat is open on ACTPO.
 - d. Township Association: The convention will be at SAVES on November 15th.
 - e. Borough's Association: Ron Harris noted that the next meeting will be November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the AC Emergency Services BLDG. By-laws will be updated and

election of officers will take place. Mr. Harris will not seek another term as he has served as president for 17 years.

- f. PSP: Lt. Haines advised that sighting PSP marked cars at school campuses should not necessarily be a scary sight as they regularly make contact with the districts.
 - g. Destination Gettysburg: Carl Whitehead reported that September occupancy was up, with October a bit slower due to several rainy weekends affecting festivals. They are still working on a solution to the bus parking issue.
 - h. ACTCC: the next meeting will be November 1st at the Emergency Services Building. The next YATB meeting is October 30th at 6:30 in York.
 - i. Becky Leatherly (GASD) Warrior Winter Wishes sponsorships are due November 4th.
 - j. AEA (Robin Fitzpatrick) recommended considering becoming a member, if not yet one.
 - k. @Homeadamscounty (Stacey Rice) There will be a walk with the Gettysburg Housing Services that day at 10:30 am, looking at the available services.
9. Committee Reports:
- a. no report
 - b. Legislative (Dave Laughman) There will be Zoom meetings on the second Tuesday of November and December until a permanent meeting location can be ascertained.
 - c. no report
 - d. PA COG (Dave Laughman) Advised that a meeting was held in June of this year, so there is some type of activity going on. He will attempt to gain additional information.
 - e. Broadband Task Force (George Mauser) Various groups are compiling information for a definition of funding.
10. Public Comment: none
11. Announcements: none
12. Adjourn: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Phiel, seconded by Mauser, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Smith, Treasurer