

President Ferd Prehn called the April 25, 2019 Adams County Council of Government (COG) meeting at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was the COG Legislative Forum.

The following council members were present: Boroughs: Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, and Gettysburg. Townships: Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltonban, Liberty, Mount Joy, Oxford, Straban. School Districts: Gettysburg Area School District and Upper Adams School District. Adams County.

Legislative Guests and Support Staff: State Representative Torren Ecker for the 193 Legislative District; State Representative Dan Moul for the 91st Legislative District; Chad Reichard, Staffer for U.S. Congressman John Joyce for the 13th District; Larissa Bailey, Staffer for Senator Patrick Toomey; Cathy Walker, Staffer for the 193rd Legislative District (Representative Torren Ecker); Bev Frey, Staffer for the 33rd Senate District (Former Senator Alloway); Chris Kimple, Staffer for the 91st Legislative District (Representative Dan Moul).

Other Guests: Charles Stangor, Gettysburg Times Reporter; Steve Kelley, Gettysburg Resident; Employees and volunteers of Community TV of South Central PA.

President Prehn (Arendtsville) announced that the regular COG business will be discussed at the next meeting since they want to start the Legislative Forum immediately.

Prehn turned over the meeting to Bob Gordon (Hamiltonban), Legislative Committee Chair. Gordon (Hamiltonban) thanked the Legislative Committee and introduced each member. They are: Gordon (Hamiltonban), Bolton (Abbottstown), Harris (Carroll Valley), Hunt (Gettysburg Area School District), Jackson (Liberty), Qually (Adams County), Thomas (Cumberland), Wagner (Biglerville). The Adams County COG Legislative priorities were adopted at the March 28, 2019 regular COG meeting. This list is attached and turned over to the legislators. Gordon turned over the Forum to Ben Thomas (Cumberland), Moderator.

Moderator Thomas (Cumberland) explained that the County Commissioners and 33rd District Senate Candidates were not present due to previous engagements. Legislators Ecker and Moul joined in this discussion with Federal Staffers Reichard and Bailey as Thomas led them through the list of topics.

The forum covered the following topics: (1) Funding for Charter Schools in PA. (2) Uniform Construction Code (requiring 2 or more inspectors in Opt in Municipalities. (3) Federal Healthcare. (4) Broadband initiatives (5) Human Resources Funding (costs of behavior health) (6) Right to Know amendment (7) Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services. (8) Local Police use of Radar (9) MS4 (Storm water issues).

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Forum Topics (continued):

(10) PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Safe Drinking Regulations Fee schedule. (11) Prevailing Wage rates. (12) PA Department of Revenue collection of Earned Income Tax (13) Pennsylvania State Police charges for municipalities that have no local police departments.

President Prehn thanked the participants, members and guests.

PRESIDENT PREHN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:55 P.M.

Signed,

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Adams County COG Member