

Adams County Council of Governments
February 23, 2023
Meeting Minutes

1. President Scholle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call:
Present: Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Mt. Joy, Straban, Bermudian Springs Schools, Fairfield Schools, Gettysburg Schools, Upper Adams Schools and County of Adams

Others Present: Vanessa Sanders (Gettysburg Times), Pa State Police Sgt. Patrick Dawe, Catherine Wallen (Rep Ecker), Nance Bull (Cong. Joyce), Stacey Rice (@Home Gettysburg), and Sherri Clayton-Williams (ACOPD)
4. Minutes: A motion was made by Steve Nevada (County) seconded by Barb Underwood (Cumberland) to approve the February minutes as presented. Motion carried
5. Treasurers Report: A motion was made by Bob Gordon (Hamiltonban) seconded by Sandi Vasquez (Biglerville Boro) to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried
6. Speaker: Linda Wellborn, Marketing Director, Outlets at Gettysburg
Linda spoke on the impact Covid had on the Outlets and how they are doing now. They are working with Gettysburg Destination. Many life style changes are coming to the outlets. They are the largest Red Cross blood donation site in the area, they collected the most toy and monetary donations in the area for the Kids Cancer Recovery Foundation, support schools and local charities. They have increased the number of yearly events held on the property.
7. New Business
 - Budget Approval: A motion was made by Bob Gordon (Hamiltonban) seconded by Jessica Baim (Hamilton) to approve the 2023 budget. Motion carried
 - Legislative Priorities: David Laughman discussed the list and will update to be sent out to the group. A motion was made by George Mauser (Straban) seconded by Barb Underwood (Cumberland) to approve the Legislative priorities as presented. Motion carried
8. Regular Business
 - a. ACC: Steve Nevada mentioned the County is getting closer to selecting a provider for the Mercy House. Quarter 1 awards for the ARF funds is expected by the end of March. Please pay attention to your emails. The scams are looking more legitimate. Cyber security is important. Think about implementing Multi Factor Authentication.
 - b. Legislative Representatives:
Nancy Bull (Cong. Joyce): Congressman has been appointed to several committees, Energy & Commerce, Environment, Manufacturing and Critical Materials, Health, & Communications and Technology. \$100 million is allocated to Pa for Broadband. He has been to the border 4 times and the Fentanyl crisis continues. Has been in communication daily with Congressman Bill Johnson of East Palestine, Ohio. If your municipality is looking for funding for Community Projects reach out to the Congressman. They are in contact with the County on Broadband. Contact Johnjoyce.house.gov to get the congressman's newsletter.
Catherine Wallen (Rep Ecker): No Session rules or committee assignments as of yet. Budget Address should happen in two weeks. Working with Cong. Joyce on Broadband.
 - c. ACOPD: Sherri Clayton-Williams: Brian Sneeringer was awarded the distinguished Service Award. The staff is meeting with Municipalities on the Heritage Plan that will become an element of the Comprehensive Plan.

- d. Township Association: No Report
 - e. Borough Association: Next meeting March 20. Speaker topic: Emergency Management.
 - f. PSP: No Report
 - g. Destination Gettysburg: The filming of the Christmas Movie is over. Premier date: November 27 by invitation only. January hotel occupancy rate 22% increase over last year. Destination Gettysburg is a Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association member. This group advocates for State Tourism. Next annual meeting March 21.
 - h. ACTCC: Next meeting possibly in April with YATC and will be zoom as well as in person.
 - i. School Districts:
 - Becky Leatherly (Gettysburg) mentioned the new Assistant Dr. Jeffrey Matzner. Events: Middle school musical 7:00 pm. Friday and Saturday at 2. The High School is performing Pippen.
 - Justin Peart (Bermudian) mentioned the High school Musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat next week.
 - Tom Haupt (Fairfield) mentioned the musical info on the website. Working on the Budget.
 - Wesley Dull (Upper Adams) mentioned there is a new greenhouse on campus. Donations helped with the project
 - j. AEA: No Report
9. Committee Reports:
- a. AC Collaboration: They are focusing on Cyber Security.
 - b. Legislative Committee: The priorities were approved today and will be sent out for additional discussion. Next meeting 3rd Tuesday in March.
 - c. Emergency Services: mentioned building permit for plans for the Medical Helicopter More to come
 - d. PA COG: No Report
 - e. Brand Band Task Force: The report for the surveys will be coming soon When the report is complete, they will start looking at the next steps in the plan. 3000 surveys from Adams County. This survey allows us to work with the State.
10. Public Comment: Stacey Rice (@Home) There is a Transportation Forum the end of March, at HACC at 1 o'clock. March 27. We are invited.
- Jack Ketterman: Notice of Municipal Primary mentioned the number of openings available. Terry Scholle asked if broadband equipment is included in the plan. Per Catherine Wallen commented this is in the plan.
11. Announcements: No Report
12. With no further business George Mauser (Straban) motioned to adjourn at 9:40. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig
Butler Township