

President Bob Gordon called the November 21, 2013 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg and York Springs. **Townships:** Cumberland, Franklin, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Reading, and Straban. **Schools:** Gettysburg Area School District. **Adams County.**

Others present were: Andrew Merkel, ACOPD; Scot Pitzer, Staff of Senator Alloway; William Seibert, Tyrone Township citizen; Stan Wannop, New Oxford Borough and Barry Cockley; Berwick Township (Non-members)

MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWALES (YORK SPRINGS BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TWP) TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 24, 2013 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: President Gordon presented the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$5,537.26. He announced that Emma Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) was unable to attend due to illness. The report was filed as read.

NEW BUSINESS: President Gordon announced that the COG meeting dates for 2014 will be advertised following the same schedule which is the 4th Thursday of each month except for November and December which is the 3rd Thursday due to holidays. He asked for a motion for the advertisement. The dates have been scheduled with the Emergency Services Department to continue to meet at the same location.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) TO ADVERTISE THE 2014 MEETING DATES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Gordon announced that the Finance Committee has provided a proposed 2014 COG Budget. The copies were provided at the meeting and will be sent out via email to all members. The vote on this proposed budget will be done in the December 19, 2013 meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) announced the Nominations Committee recommendations for the 2014 COG Officers. They are:

President - Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP)
Vice President - Carroll Smith (FAIRFIELD BOROUGH)
Secretary - Sandi Vazquez (BIGLERVILLE BOROUGH)
Treasurer – Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP)

President Gordon thanked the committee and reported that the COG will vote on this at the December meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY HUNT (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED NOMINIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Gordon reported that our speaker was unable to attend due to a family illness.

President Gordon asked Andrew Merkel from Adams County Office of Planning and Development to provide some important updates to the group. Merkel discussed two matters: (1) an update on the recent Economic Development Plan for Adams County. (2) Transportation Improvement Program federal funding. The results from the surveys for the Economic Development plan will be presented at a workshop with the county commissioners in December. The public is welcome to attend. Results included options to link modern technology with agriculture. Merkel discussed federal funding of transportation, new mandates and distribution of funds on the county level.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported that AC Collaboration Committee did not meet this month. No report.
- Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) announced that the Adams County Connected will give a presentation at Gettysburg HACC (near the Food Court area) on December 16, 2013 at 9am. All are welcome.
- The Legislative Committee was reported on by Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP). Gordon and Scot Pitzer (SENATOR ALLOWAY'S representative) discussed in detail the Transportation bill as it is presented to the House which language regarding Prevailing Wage threshold changes. Gordon explained that the committee will be meeting to discuss upcoming legislative priorities. He thanked the Community Media and Gettysburg Times for their coverage of the Senate Hearings that were held in Adams County and were very successful.
- No report from the Public Works Committee.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Adams County Commissioners – Marty Qually reported that the commissioners are working on their 2014 budget.
- Boroughs Association – Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) thanked Barry Cockley for his presentation on Affordable Healthcare. Their website is www.acbassociation.org
- The next ACTCC and YATB meetings were announced by Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH). The ACTCC meeting is to be held on December 4, 2013 at 7pm at the EMS Building. The YATB meeting is to be held on December 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in York. Also, he asked that all municipalities have their representatives at both meetings since a quorum is very important to adopt bylaws and accept the 2014 budget.
- Township Officials Association – Colleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced that they had the largest attendance ever at their convention and largest number of vendors present. She thanked Ben Thomas from Cumberland Township for his presentation.

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- Brad Hunt reported on School Districts that local fire police are assisting schools with safety plans and thanked them for their work. The Charter School bill has to do with funding and reminded municipalities to have their representatives at the YATB/ACTCC meetings in order to maintain a quorum.
- Public Comment – Prehn (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) announced that they have a new Mayor. Jessica Knouse plans to attend the COG meetings. President Gordon read the Thank you note from the SPCA and reminded the members of the Snow Policy found at the bottom of the agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:58 A.M.

Next meeting – December 19, 2013 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary