

**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 28, 2024**

1. **President** Harris called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. **Members present:** Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Oxford, Straban, Conewago Valley, Littlestown Area, & County of Adams  
**Others present:** Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Chrissy Redding (Adams County Treasurer), Vanessa Sanders (Gettysburg Times), Miah Gresh (ACOPD), Sherri Clayton-Williams (ACOPD), Madison Rosenberry (ACOPD), Lt. Jason Haines (PSP), Stacy Rice (@ Home), Melissa Kruz (Sen. Mastriano) & Kark Pietrzak (Gettysburg Destination)
4. **February Minutes:** A motion was made by Mauser (Straban), seconded Sheppard (Cumberland)) to approve the February minutes as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer Report:** The balance in the checkbook is \$13,067.199. A motion was made by Martin (ACC), seconded by Mauser (Straban) to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
6. **Speaker: Sherri Clayton-Williams (Director, Adams County Office of Planning & Development)**  
Sherri introduced their new Environmental Planner, Miah Gresh. The Transportation Planner is still vacant. She presented a power point about the responsibilities of the various divisions of the office. (Comprehensive Planning, GIS, Rural Resources and Conservation District). The Heritage Plan should be completed this year. They are working on a Corridor Study through PennDOT and Oxford Township. There is a new tool on the website, Active Transportation and Safety tool. April 9 is the go live date for the new updated fire maps. When more details are available Sherri will be reaching out to municipalities for the Broadband Ready Communities Program. Colleen Reamer thanked the ACOPD for everything they do. Pres. Ron Harris presented a plague.
7. **New Business:**  
NONE
8. **Regular Business:**
  - a. *Adams County Commissioners:*
    - Commissioner Martin attended the Lake Meade Annual Meeting and mentioned the Board decreased the original quote of 11 million to 3 million dollars to make upgrades to the lake. The 2024 County budget is in good shape. The Ag Discovery Project is coming to Adams County. The County will be receiving grant funding from Housing and Urban Development. The Primary Election is April 28, 2024.
  - b. *Legislative Representatives:*
    - Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker): Mentioned that Rep. Ecker does not support the Energy Tax Proposal. Their office is busy helping constituents with the Rent Rebate program. April 5 9-1030 a.m. is the next breakfast in Shippensburg. Reservations are required if you would like to attend. There will also be a breakfast at New Horizon in Hampton on April 11.
    - Melisa Cruz (Sen. Mastriano): Mentioned they receive a lot of phone calls regarding Township issues. There will be a grant workshop on April 4 at 2:00 p.m. in Chambersburg.
  - c. *ACOPD:* Group speaker above
  - d. *Township Association:* Boyer mentioned that they had a successful meeting.
  - e. *Borough's Association:* Next meeting is May 20 at the EMS building.

- f. *PSP*: There will be extra patrols for Easter Weekend. Next month they will be doing Enforcement initiatives specifically for distracted drivers. May 3 at 9:00 a.m. the annual Law Enforcement Memorial will be held at the EMS building.
- g. *Destination Gettysburg*: Karl Pietrzak mentioned they held the annual meeting with 150 attendees. Mentioned 2023 post pandemic rebounds: Hotels 1.9% increase in occupancy and 4.2% increase in the hotel average daily rate. High level of visitation for 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row set records for lodging revenue. 2023 had a 7.5% increase from previous year. Tourism in Adams County supported 4,338 jobs. Tourism generated \$736 million dollars which produced 76.2 million dollars in local, state, and federal taxes. This tax money helped to support essential public services benefiting the residents of Adams County. There are new trails coming in 2024. They have added the Adams County Blossom Belt. Later in the spring or summer they will introduce Gettysburg Black History Trail.
- h. *ACTCC*: No Report
- i. *School Districts*:
  - Lori Duncan (Conewago Valley): mentioned they are continuing with the renovation plan. Graduation is scheduled for May 24, 2024
- J. *AEA*: No Report
- K. *@ Home*: Thanked the group for the letter of support. @Home was awarded the grant. The Arts Council is looking for story tellers for their People Project. Reach out to Stacy for more information.

**9. Committee Reports:**

- a. *AC Collaboration*: Still working on finalizing the survey.
- b. *Legislative*: David Laughman mentioned they want a meeting with legislators to provide guidance to the committee on ways to improve our efforts.
- c. *Emergency Services*: No Report
- d. *PA COG*: No report
- e. *Broad Band Task Force*: No Report

**10. Public Comment:**

Sheppard gave a shout out to Jersey Mikes for their fundraiser that generated \$11,000.00 to SCAPP. Martin mentioned that the Adams County Rescue mission needs a new facility. Sherri Clayton-Williams mentioned that the CBDG grants open in May.

**11. Announcements:** Reminder: ***The July meeting will be changed from July 25 will be moved to July 18.***

**12. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Danielle Helwig  
Adams County Cog Secretary  
Butler Township