

May 27, 2010

President Barbara Underwood called the May 27, 2010 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Gettysburg and Littlestown; **School Districts:** Conewago Valley, Fairfield, and Gettysburg; **Townships:** Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone, **County:** Adams County.

Others present were: Skip Strayer, Office of Senator Rich Alloway
Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension
Jay Ondrizek, Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Jim Muller, Adams County Sherriff
John Messeder, Gettysburg Times

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY HAMM (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE APRIL 23, 2010 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Lori Duncan, Treasurer reviewed the April 2010 Treasurer Report and reported that there has been no activity this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Underwood explained that Public Comment would be moved to this point in the agenda in order to accommodate Sherriff Jim Muller, who asked to make a presentation on behalf of the Sherriff's Office and the Adams County Police Chiefs Association.

Sherriff Muller – Proposal for firing range : Sherriff Muller presented plans for a firing range to be constructed adjacent to the Adams County EMS building, which would be available to all county and municipal officials who carry firearms, including police officers, Sherriff's department, prison guards, probation officers and others. These employees need an opportunity to practice, gain proficiency and meet training and certification requirements. At present they rely on the availability of private ranges such as fish and gun clubs.

Sherriff Muller is seeking donations of \$500 - \$1,000 from each municipality in Adams County, regardless of whether they have their own police department. He has already received a donation of \$5,000 from a private source and plans to do most of the construction with volunteer labor and donated materials. The funds will be administered by the Adams County CJAB, which will also oversee O&M once the range is operational. COG members advised Sherriff Muller to send a letter request to each municipality in order for them to take action, and also expressed concern that most municipalities will not be able to authorize donations until the new budget year.

Notice of foreclosures: several COG members thanked Sherriff Muller for notifying them of property foreclosures, and others asked to be added to his notification list. He agreed to notify all municipalities and school districts of foreclosures, if possible. Sherriff Muller also expressed an interest in attending future COG meetings, and was encouraged to do so.

OLD BUSINESS: President Underwood stated that appointments to the Nominating Committee and the Emergency Services Committee will be held over until the fall. We will carry them on the agenda as a reminder.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Public Works Committee: no report

Health Care Committee: President Underwood reported on the May 4, 2010 meeting with health care providers. The Delaware Valley Trust presented an attractive program but currently offers only

Aetna as a carrier. COG members told him they would be very interested in working with the Trust if they can secure a contract with BC or BS. Underwood also reported that Benacon will work with a group as long as each member has 6-15 employees, and will work with individual members who have over 15 employees. The COG members attending the meeting agreed that we don't have enough employees to start our own trust, given start-up and ongoing expenses.

Website update: no report, members not present

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid Opening: Gayle Marthers, Carroll Valley Borough, presented the two bids received, from Alpha Space Control and Interstate Road Management Corporation, which were opened and publicly read aloud at 9:15 a.m. Both bidders had bid bonds attached and had completed the table of bid prices. The bid tabulations are attached by reference to these minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WEIKERT (ADAMS COUNTY) AND SECONDED BY WILSON (MT. PLEASANT TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE BID OF ALPHA SPACE CONTROL. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY ALL ELIGIBLE COG MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BID. Each COG member who participated in the bid may accept the action of the COG or award the bid independently, and may choose to award individual line items to either bidder.

Weikert congratulated the Cog on the successful completion of its first joint bidding process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Water Resources Advisory Committee: Mayor Bill Hanne (Arendtsville Borough) noted the successful State of the Waters conference earlier this month sponsored by the Adams County Conservation District. He noted that an emerging issue is the use of open-loop geo-thermal heating systems for residential construction. Unlike closed loop systems, the open-loop design removes water from the aquifer – some municipalities are considering ordinances to address this problem. Commissioner Weikert noted that the Water Resources Advisory Committee was created in part to address the need for data and information at the municipal level, and that the Committee is doing a good job.

Skip Strayer: Senator Alloway has asked Strayer to attend COG meetings as a liaison. Strayer reported on the current state budget status, and answered several questions from COG members: Alloway remains opposed to bills that would impose fees on municipalities for state police services, the bill introduced in the house to change the form of local government does not appear viable, bottle bill legislation gets shot down each session. Asked about the need for more well-drilling regulations and the belief that well-drillers would welcome such regulation, Strayer said it has not been his experience in the past that well-drillers would support additional regulations. Strayer also spoke about the redistricting that will occur after the 2010 census data is in and which will affect 2012 state elections.

Boroughs Association: no report

Township Association: Steph Egger (Hamilton Township) reported on their successful spring conference, which included a presentation from Dan Fitzpatrick on DCED floodplain regulations and also focused on alternative energy. The Fall Conference will be November 10th.

School Districts: Brad Hunt brought copies of the presentation that he and Judy Chambers gave on the COG at the PA State Association of School Business Officers conference in March in Hershey PA.

Penn State Extension: Judy Chambers reported that the Franklin County COG is considering holding an LTAP session on the road sign inventory management system that will become mandatory in 2012, and they wanted to know if Adams County COG members would be interested in attending. Several COG members indicated their interest.

Next meeting – 6/24/10 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg. Barb Walters will speak on the county reassessment process.

President Underwood adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.