

President Barbara Underwood called the November 19, 2009 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: Boroughs: Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, East Berlin, Littlestown; School Districts: Conewago Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown; Townships: Butler, Cumberland, Freedom, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Menallen, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone.

Others present were: Barbara Walter, Adams County Assessment Office; Mike Russell and Gene Porterfield, Representatives from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Appraisals; John Messeder, Gettysburg Times Newspaper.

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BILL HANNE (ARENDSVILLE) AND SECONDED BY ROBERT CLAYTON (EAST BERLIN) TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 22, 2009 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** No Activity.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BILL HANNE (ARENDSVILLE) AND SECONDED BY ROBERT CLAYTON (EAST BERLIN) TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Barbara Walter, Adams County Assessment Office and Representatives from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Appraisals, Mike Russell and Gene Porterfield spoke about the Adams County Reassessment. They furnished the process and how to reach the reassessment office at [www.adamscounty.us](http://www.adamscounty.us) and by residents using their control number and password so that individual property owners may obtain the information. Porterfield estimated that the impact of the reassessment may be known by March 2010 (estimated date).

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**

Finance Committee: Bob Gordon reported to the members that the 2010 Budget was sent to all members by email and everyone should have copies. Barb Underwood announced that DCED may be at the January meeting to discuss projects that may be shared by the group.

Public Works Committee: Barb Underwood explained that she met with Tom Shealer and George Weikert about the Equipment Sharing project. Shealer reported that the Roadmaster meeting was well attended and Dave Hazlett has emailed a survey for equipment availability to all members. Underwood asked for all hand written copies to be mailed to her at Cumberland Township. Subsequently, a subcommittee will hold a meeting to discuss fair value on equipment sharing so everyone can be made aware of the costs. Also, Shealer hopes to discuss bulk purchase items in January. Discussion of attendance at the Roadmaster meetings and Shealer explained that all are welcome. Underwood explained that the notes from the meetings will be emailed to the municipality email and the Roadmaster email addresses.

Health Care Committee: No discussion.

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**COG PROJECTS:**

Police Vehicle Purchase Program: Underwood suggested that Dave Wheeler hold a subcommittee meeting for those municipalities who are interested in this information. Wheeler presented information to those municipalities that have police departments.

Equipment Consortium: Dave Hazlett has sent out the surveys, as previously discussed.

Web-Site: Dave Hazlett is absent and will discuss at a later time.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Underwood discussed the advertising the 2010 meeting dates for the COG which will be the 4th Thursday of each month (except for November and December 2010 when it will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). Discussion on joint advertising for individual municipality dates. Consensus to review this option in September 2010 for the 2011 year advertisements.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAUL KELLETT (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY BILL MCMASTER (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) TO ADVERTISE THE DATES FOR THE 2010 MEETINGS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Underwood asked if the group wanted the treasurer to send the membership dues invoices in December so that they are due in January 2010

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY BILL CHANTELAU (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) TO HAVE LORI DO THE BILLS IN DECEMBER AND THE DUE DATE WILL BE IN JANUARY 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

George Weikert announced that the letters were sent out three weeks ago to the municipalities that are not participating with the COG including a county map that showed the membership. The county has not heard back from any of those municipalities.

Underwood announced the next meeting will be held on December 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the GASD Administration Building. The 2010 meetings will be held at the Adams County Emergency Services Building

**ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY GUS FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY DEBBIE SHEARER (ABBOTTSTOWN) TO ADJORN THE MEETING AT 10:05 A.M.**

**Next meeting – 12/17/09 at 8:30 a.m at GASD Administration Building.**