

Adams County Council of Government
Emergency Services Building
January 26, 2023
Meeting Minutes

1. David Laughman, Past President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. Members Present: Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, New Oxford, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone, Bermudian Springs Schools, Conewago Valley Schools, Gettysburg Schools, Upper Adams Schools, and County of Adams

Others Present: Vanessa Sanders (Gettysburg Times), Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Stacey Rice (@Home), Judi Seniura (Gettysburg Connection), & Nancy Bull (Con Joyce)

4. Reorganization: presented by David Laughman and Barb Underwood
Nominations made as follows:
Terry Scholle (Mt. Joy) President
Ron Harris (Carroll Valley) Vice President
Pat Smith (Fairfield) Treasurer
Danielle Helwig (Butler) Secretary
With no other nominations presented voting was unanimous to elect the nominated as the 2023 Executive Board.
5. A motion was made by Mauser (Straban) and seconded by Scholle (Mt. Joy) to approve the November Minutes as presented. Motion carried
6. Treasurers report: Smith reported a current balance of \$7552.84. Wagner (Biglerville) made a motion, seconded by Baim (Hamilton) to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried
7. Speaker: None
8. New Business:
 - The 2023 budget will be adopted at the February COG meeting
 - Due to scheduling issue with the EMS building, the July meeting will be scheduled for July 20th
 - Barb Underwood mentioned we should discuss the verbiage on the agenda pertaining to weather policy regarding the virtual learning vs days off.

1. Regular Business:

- a) ACC: Commissioner Qually mentioned they were completing the Tax Collector Settlements. A tax collector moved out of the County and did not notify the County. Please contact the elections office ASAP of any changes to your municipalities elected officials. Bob Gordon mentioned The Hamiltonban Tax Collector resigned; the County may be collecting for them until they can elect a new collector. The County is in contact with two vendors for the Mercy House replacements. A new County Program: Co Responder Program where a Mental Health Case worker will be partnered with Police Officers in the County. Steve Nevada mentioned that Co responders are also working with the State Police. America 250 PA Committee, 2026 Working on events and schedules: one item to think about a large firework event throughout Adams County. May ask for the all 34 Municipalities to put money aside for this.
- b) Legislative Representatives:
- Catherine Wallen (Rep Ecker) New Speaker is adjourned until February. Rep Ecker is very active in the community. Shippensburg is now par of his area per the new maps. February 23 will be a township hall location to be determined. They will help constituents with the Rent Rebate program.
 - Nancy Bull (Cong. Joyce) mentioned the Congressmen is working on a Fentanyl Roundtable. Floor speech on Prolife legislation. Will be working on the strategic Petroleum Reserve Plan. He is on a subcommittee for the Corona Virus pandemic. The district now consists of 11 counties. The Adams County office is located in Rep. Ecker's office.
 - David Laughman gave a public appreciation for Rep Ecker's office for the help on a password reset issue.
- c) ACOPOD: Steve Nevada mentioned that the ACTPO meeting is Feb 1, 1:00 p.m. at the Planning Office.
- d) Township Association: No Report, currently they do not have a treasurer.
- e) Boroughs Association: Mayor Harris thanked everyone for the nomination to Vice President. Next meeting March 20.
- f) PSP: No Report.
- g) Destination Gettysburg: Karl mentioned 2022 was great year. Hotel Occupancy is up 6%. Average daily rate up 9/5 %. Gettysburg Christmas movie has started filming through first week of February. Working with HACC on work force program. There are plans for an Armature Golf Tournament in September.
- h) ACTCC: Feb 1 meeting is canceled.
- i) SCHOOL DISTRICTS:
- Gettysburg: Becky Leatherly mentioned the new Superintendent Dr Jeffery. Band Concert tonight. 2 police officers are in place
 - Bermudian: Construction is on schedule plan to be completed by fall sports.
 - Conewago Valley: Completing a feasibility study. A formal presentation and meeting will be held for the public February 27. Hired a new Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Brad Sterner
 - Upper Adams: A Social worker has been added to staff. Very appreciative of the Broadband study.

- Bob Gordon very pleased to see the school districts in attendance.
- j) AEA: No Report Membership meeting Feb 9, 8p.m. (basic membership fee is \$200.00).
2. Committee Reports:
- a) AC Collaboration: Working on developing a strategic plan for a cyber security survey. Penn State Extension office is assisting. Next meeting Feb 21 by zoom. Anyone interested on joining the committee, contact Mayor Ron Harris. YATB will meet January 30 in York.
 - b) Legislative Report: David Laughman reported that they need to work on meeting conflicts. COG needs to provide a focus list to the legislators broken into tears. Copies of the priorities list are available with possible adoption in February.
 - c) EMS: No report. Let them know if you are interested in being on the committee.
 - d) PA COG: No Report
 - e) Broad Band Task Force: George Mauser mentioned the Survey is closed. The data is now being compiled. 4000 surveys were received between Franklin and Adams County. Thanked everyone who had a hand in getting the information out. Harlan mentioned the state effort has created an authority and now will need to create a plan to receive BEAD funding.
3. Public Comment: Shaun Phiel introduced the new Cumberland Township manager, Dave Blougher. Marty Qually mentioned that if you have any questions regarding any comments he has made, please contact him directly. Bob Gordon will be retiring and will be 90 years old in March. Luanne Boyer (Conewago Twp) mentioned that there was an article in the paper that Eisenhower Blvd will be moving forward. No word to them from Penn Dot. Salt Contracts are due in March.
4. Announcements: Bob Gordon congratulated all the officers.
5. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig
Butler Township