

December 21, 2024

Emergency Services Building

President Terry Scholle, Presiding

Minutes

1. **The meeting was called to order by President Scholle at 8:35 a.m.**
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Present:** Arendtsville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Mt. Joy, Straban, Conewago Valley, Upper Adams, & County.
Others Present: Stacey Rice (@home), Jason Haines (PSP), Rep. Dan Moul, & Chris Kimple (Rep. Moul,
4. **Motion to approve December Minutes:** On a motion made by Mauser (Straban) and a second By Wescott (Littlestown), the December minutes are approved as amended
5. **Treasurers Report:** No changes since last month. No report
6. **Speakers:** No speaker Christmas Social
7. **New Business**
 - * Elections: With nominations closed, A motion was made by Laughman (Arendtsville) and seconded by Mauser (Straban) to set the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee. They are as follows: Terry Scholle, President, Ron Harris, Vice President, Pat Smith, Treasurer and Danielle Helwig, Secretary. Motion carried.

A vote was taken by raise of hands to elect the slate of officers. Carried.
 - * By-Laws: President Scholle has requested that everyone review the By-laws for suggestions on revisions. A copy will be sent out by the secretary. Please have comments ready for the January meeting.
8. **Regular Business**
 - a. Adams County Commissioners: Steve Nevada (County Manager) mentioned the budget was approved with no tax increase. Ordinance no 3 passed allowing for tax credit for first responders .
 - b. Legislative Representatives: Rep. Dan Moul mentioned they will not be back in session until March and explained why. Looking into the future to have an Adams County Vo-Tech School. Increase to the 911 fee. State Park payment in lieu of taxes went from 1.40 to 2.20 per acre. Department of Ag funding for Dirt and Gravel Rd program, 7 million dollars goes to Bureau of Forestry and 28 million dollars goes to the Conservations Districts who administer the program. The number of state police officers is increasing. Department of Human Services allocates 20 million dollars to counties for mental health services. 2 education codes have passed. Pa has a shortage of large animal vets.

Proposal to fund students instead of the state schools with tuition relief but would require them to work in Pa for several years.

- c. Adams County Planning Office: No report
- d. Township Association: No report but looking for volunteers for committees.
- e. Borough's Association: An invite will be coming to the January 15 meeting.
- f. PSP: Lt. Haines mentioned that officers are now equipped with body cams.
- g. Destination Gettysburg: No report
- h. ACTCC: No report
- i. Schools: Conewago Valley School District, Shout out to Venessa from the Times. Shout out to Erik Byer who presented on the Anti Threat officer. Upper Adams School District The life skills class put on a presentation. The school districts are short on substitute Teachers.
- j. AEA: David Laughman and Bob Gordon attended the last Broadband meeting. Solicitations are out for memberships.
- K. @home: Preparing for next meeting, January 22, at 1:00 p.m.

9. **Committee Reports**

- a. A.C. Collaboration: No report
- b. Legislative: No report
- c. Emergency Services No report
- d. PA COG No report
- e. Broad Band Task Force: Currently updating information and maps. Outreach is ongoing and in contact with Community Media and Penn State. First grant in support of Comcast to be decided in March or April. A statewide digital equity plan is out for review. There is multipurpose community facilities grant application that they are gathering information on.

10. **Public Comment:** Judy Butterfield mentioned the date of their reorganization meeting and Hopes that she is reappointed as COG representative. Wesley Dull thanked Rep. Dan Moul and Sen. Mastriano and Rep. Torren Ecker for attending the legislative meeting with Superintendents. David Laughman thanked Bob Gordon for his years of Service. Bob Gordon thanked Vanessa for her Times Coverage. Pat Smith thanked the legislators for their help in obtaining a grant.

11. **Announcements.**

12. **Adjourn. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.**

Note: Next meeting February 24, 2024

When we meet live, ALL CELL PHONE SHOULD BE TURNED OFF OR PLACED ON VIBRATE, Thank you.

COG SNOW POLICY: If the Gettysburg School District cancels school or is on a delay, the COG meeting is canceled.