



Adams County Council of Government

EMS

July 22, 2021

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Laughman at 8:30 a.m.

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Executive Board present: David Laughman, George Mauser, Pat Smith & Danielle Helwig

Members Present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, Fairfield, Berwick, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Liberty, Straban, and County of Adams.

Others Present: Cathernine Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Ashleigh Presnar (Cong. Joyce), Madison Harbaugh (Cong. Joyce), Ben Martin (Sen. Casey) and Andrew Merkel (ACOPD)

The June COG meeting was canceled due to technical difficulties

**A motion was made by Comm. Phiel and seconded by Vazquez (Biglerville) to approve the May 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

Treasurer Smith presented the treasurers report with no changes. The balance remains at \$7494.26. Insurance invoices will due shortly.

**A motion was made by Gordon (Hamiltonban) and seconded by Comm. Phiel to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

Speaker: Speaker Karl Pietrzak of Destination Gettysburg was not able to attend this meeting and is now scheduled for the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Bolton (Abbottstown) has respectfully resigned from all aspects of COG. His participation was extensive, and he will be missed. Best of Luck to Mr. Bolton.

There is bridge work being done on Mummasburg Rd. near the new WWII museum. There is quite a lengthy detour.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Adams County Commissioners: Comm. Phiel commented that the Commissioners meetings have moved back to public session every two weeks but will continue to provide the meetings virtually. The Courthouse is open except for Court. Persons needing to attend court must contact the Court

Administrator and to visit the Public Defender's office persons must have an appointment. The Redding site/Gettysburg Station, after 15 years, has been sold. Comm. Phiel is hopeful that good news will be coming for Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens. The County is beginning to work on the 2022 budget. Negotiations with unions has begun. There is a labor crisis especially in Corrections. Higher wages may be needed to entice new employees.

B. Legislative Representatives:

Cathleen Wallen (Rep. Ecker) commented the Budget passed the end of June. Their office is dealing with the Unemployment issues. Rep. Ecker tries to attend local carnivals and national night out. Mentioned the major road project at the intersection of route 94 and route 234.

Ashleigh Presnar (Cong. Joyce) introduced herself. Congressman Joyce was recently appointed to the Healthy Future Task Force, which aims to solve health care issues.

C. Adams County Office of Planning and Development: Andy Merkel present information about Grant programs, CBDG applications are being accepted now. Parks and Rec. applications open August 1. Kelly, Ellen and Bicky can help with these. Recently rolled out the payment of review fees online. They are working on future trainings for Municipalities. Specifically, SALDO. The Long-Range Transportation Plan is due one year from this date. A survey will be released online. The ACOPD is asking that you put this survey link on your web site if you have one.

D. Township Officials Association: Gordon (Hamiltonban) mentioned the secretary luncheon will be held on Sept 29 at the EMS. The tentative date for the Township's annual convention is November 10, 2021, at SAVES. Info will be mailed shortly.

E. Boroughs Association: Ron Harris, not present. Gordon mentioned the next meeting is September, usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.

F. PSP: no report

G. Destination Gettysburg: no report

H. ACTCC: Ron Harris, not present. Gordon mentioned next meeting August 14 at 6:30 p.m. Ron Harris also chairs the YATB and the next meeting in York, (Monday?) at 6:30.

I. School Districts: no report

J. AEA: no report

Addition to Regular Business:

President Laughman attended, by phone, the PA COG. They put a write up in the PA COG newsletter written by Pres. Laughman. He feels we are ahead of the curve and wanted to share our success with the rest of the state.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. AC Collaboration: Gordon mentioned they have not met recently. Nothing to report
- B. Legislative: Gordon mentioned they have not been meeting during the summer months. The committee is in contact with the legislators on a regular basis. The Legislative Forum is scheduled for October 28 at 6:30 p.m. Community Media will be live streaming the event. With Covid, we will have to see how it plays out in the future months. The State Legislature is on vacation. Action has been taken on many of our priorities. Most have been placed in committee.
- C. Emergency Services: Comm. Phiel commented on the great collaboration with Well Span and key staff member Warren Bladen for the vaccination center. If Boosters are required, the EMS building may be off limits in the future. Barb Underwood and Comm. Phiel are 2 of 3 committee members for AREMS. Eric Zaney has taken a job and oversees Penn State Hershey's Life Lion operations. Mike Smith is the interim operations manager for AREMS. Gordon commented ARMES is doing well.

## ADDITION TO COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sub-Committee for At Home Adams County is a Broadband Committee looking at ideas and budgetary numbers. At Home Adams County is looking for a new director.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Pres. Laughman mentioned to keep in mind adding your dues to your budgets.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A committee has been organized to conduct a 20-year anniversary memorial of 9/11. Mayor Harris is the chair. Community Media may live stream the event. It will be held at St. Mary's Church in Fairfield.

Ben Martin (Sen. Casey): Introduced himself as the Sen. New general manager and apologized for walking in late.

Bea Shultz mentioned that she was approached by the Discovery Channel for direction and permissions on the use of a drone to film a documentary/reality show. Destination Gettysburg may be the place to start.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig