

Adam County Council of Government

Meeting Minute

September 24, 2020

Meeting called to Order by President Laughman at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Officers Present:** President Laughman, Vice President Mauser, Treasurer, Pat Smith, & Secretary, Danielle Helwig

**Members Present:** Arendtsville, Bendersville, Fairfield, Butler, Conewago, Germany, Hamilton, Highland, Oxford, Straban, and Fairfield Schools

**Others Present:** Steven Nevada, Ken Farabaugh, Todd Witalec, Sharon Hamm, Robing Fitzpatrick and Andy Merkel

**June Minutes: No Action Taken**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Smith provided the Treasurers Report.

**Speaker:** Warren Bladen was not able to attend. Will be scheduled for a later date.

**New Business:**

- Resolutions 2020-1, Rural Broadband and 2020-2, Volunteer Fire Relief Fund will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Regular Business:**

- **ACC:** Steve Nevada: The Election Office is on top of things. Registration deadline is October 19. You may check the registration status online. Postmark date 8pm on Election Day. This may change per pending legislation. Drop Boxes are permitted and one will be located in the Courthouse, inside the front door, prior to going through security. Polls open 7 am – 8 pm. There has been an increase in the number of Election Staff due to the anticipated number of mail in ballots. The CARES money: 9.3 million Municipalities are eligible and will be able to apply September 28. The County is projecting a shortfall in Revenue.
- **Legislative Representatives:** Cathy Wallen, Rep Ecker, commented on the absence of the Governor. Mentioned that HB 2787, to allow schools to make decisions for themselves, particularly sporting events, did not pass by veto override. Common Sense Bill being presented. Election information: Ballots will be accepted up to 3 days after as long as it is postmarked prior to the election day.
- **ACOPD:** There has been an increase in the number of Large Residential Plans
- **Township Officials**
- **Boroughs Association:** There was a meeting this past Monday.
- **PSP**
- **Destination Gettysburg:** Robing Fitzpatrick spoke for Mr. Norris and commented that the Community Evaluation Team went to Harrisburg on behalf of the restaurants to try and have the restrictions limited. Moving to 50% could put them in jeopardy.
- **ACTCC**

“Providing a forum by which governmental entities of Adams County may meet to discuss issues of mutual interest, and to coordinate joint activities between members”

- **School Districts:** The schools are open but are struggling with the battles between the Legislators and the Governor. The shared Tech Center is working well. There has been an increase in home schooling. All districts have their own cyber programs. If the students choose to use a cyber program outside of the district, the school district has to pay. The fee is anywhere from 14,000 to 27, 000 depending on the students needs. The Bus system is 1 person or family to a seat. Fill the bus back to front, Empty the bus front to back. The buses are thoroughly cleaned.
- **AEA**

**Committee Reports**

- **No Reports**

**Public Comment:**

- **Ken Farabaugh:** The Rotary Club has provided SCAPP with \$50,000. They have created a fundraiser for scholarships for older people. They are exploring the needs of the community. Please contact him if you have questions or ideas.
- **Mr. Ketterman** requested that Lt. Witalec, introduce himself at the next meeting. His contact information is Twitalec@pa.gov

**With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig, Butler Township

Secretary