

President Sharon Hamm called the May 22, 2014 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:28 a.m.

The following members were present: Boroughs: Abbottstown, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg, New Oxford and York Springs. Townships: Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Huntington, Mt Pleasant, Oxford, and Straban. Schools: Gettysburg County: Commissioner Phiel

Others present were: Andrew Merkel and Lori Lencheski for ACOPD.

Meeting Minutes were presented and a motion was made by John Butterfield (Gettysburg Borough) and Second by Stan Wannop (New Oxford Borough) to accept the April 24, 2014 minutes. All in favor and motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented by Coleen Reamer (Hamiltonban Twp). The report showed a balance of \$8,320.74. Sharon Hamm (Straban Twp) had asked about the cost of insurance, and Bob Gordon (Hamiltonban Twp) mentioned it ran approximately \$1300 yearly. The report was filed as read and discussed.

Public Comments: - nothing

President Sharon Hamm then called Adams County Office of Planning and Development to do their presentation on the Adam County Economic Development Study. Andrew Merkel and Lori Lencheski presented a power point. Andrew presented the challenges, the opportunities, the targets and the obstacles facing the county. He explained how we can change, to a modern economy, and change the way we value and regulate development. They also shared a solution that can be worked towards as a county. The power point presentation is available on the Adams County website.

Lori Lencheski presented the Multimodal Transportation Funding between DCED and PennDot. This is a grant program with a match that isn't less than 30% of non-federal money to share the project cost. This is a reimbursement after the project is completed. Bob Gordon had asked "whether the township or the county must apply for the funding?" A township, county, non-profit or COG can apply for funding. The county staff office can assist on the application and procedure.

Lori also handed out information on the Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant Funding program (ARLE). The funding is available to local municipalities, counties, and MPO/RPO's, County Planning organizations, and Commonwealth agencies towards projects that will improve highway safety and mobility. There are different types of projects that can range from, traffic signals, street lighting, school zone warnings, guiderails, and roadside safety. If you would need assistance with the application the county Planning office could assist anyone with the application. Coleen Reamer stated that they had used this funding to replace the street light with LED lights.

Bob Gordon (Hamiltonban Township) thanked Adams County Office of Planning and Development for their help with the township. He encouraged other municipalities to use their office in assisting with zoning and grants when needed.

Eloise Swales (York Springs Borough) thanked Chris Caba and Lori Lencheski for their help within the borough council meetings.

Andy Raymond (East Berlin Borough) stated the new zoning that was completed with the borough and ACOPD only cost them \$2,500 vs. \$10,000.00 through a consultant. Thank you to ACOPD and RobThaeler and Chelsea Jeffries.

#### Old Business:

Bob Gordon (Hamiltonban Twp.) gave an update on the Legislative Forum that he had attended and stated it was very well attended. Bob explained about some of the legislation going on at the present time. He also encouraged everyone send Senator Richard Alloway well wishes.

Lori Lencheski (ACPOD) reported on Adams County Connected. They are moving forward with the subcommittees on educational, marketing and recruiting committee members. Lori did ask if anyone from COG would like to serve on any of these subcommittees. They are moving forward on discussing how they can bring Broadband to the county.

Emergency Services – Barb Underwood (Cumberland Twp) is now serving on the committee of Emergency Services. The next meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at ESC. The committee has asked that at least one or two representatives from each fire department, EMS or administrative person who make decisions within the department along with Hanover and Gettysburg Hospitals to be in attendance. He stated that they were able to speak to Senator Casey and Representative Perry about what is going on with the ACVESA and Well Span Advanced Life Support.

Joint Purchasing/Public Works - no report given

#### Open Discussion

Adams County Commissioner – Commissioner Phiel gave an extensive update on the Adams County BLS/ALS meeting that was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at ACDES. For back ground information, he reported, since Well span's announcement that they will be getting out of the Advance Life Support (ALS) business, the Adams County Medical Services Strategic committee has been meeting and moving forward to come up with options, solutions for an effective and professional service. He had been part of the county representation along with COG, ACVESA, Well span Gettysburg and Hanover Hospital. It is very important initiative for our county.

He explained that at the meeting The Adam County Emergency Medical Services Strategic Planning Committee has been established and Dr. Bill Jenaway and Rob Brady have joined the group at the request of the committee. Committee structure and prioritization of the committees dominated the presentation of Dr. Jenaway. Some committees that are suggested were data, performance model, funding, personnel, deployment, governance and communications. They will need to form a nonprofit 501C3 for the ALS service. Hanover Hospital and Well Span Gettysburg Hospital contributed \$10,000 towards the cost of the consultant. Commissioner Phiel stated "it is time to move to the next stage of strategic planning for this important initiative for the community. Encourage everyone to give thoughts and suggestions.

Commissioner Phiel thanked Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) for all she has done for this committee. Sharon announced that she was stepping down from this committee due to full time employment, her role with Straban Twp., and other committee she is involved with. Sharon's place on the committee, as a meeting facilitator for the group has been beneficial. Her dedication,

contribution and service to the committee are greatly appreciated.

Penn State Extension Office – no report

Borough Association – Ron Harris from Carroll Valley Borough informed everyone that the next meeting will be held Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014.

Township Officials Association -Coleen Reamer (Hamiltonban Twp.) She had announced the Midyear conference was held May 21<sup>st</sup> and was very informative and well attended. The Secretaries Luncheon will be held in July. The State Association will be participating in this luncheon roundtable.

School District –Brad Hunt (Gettysburg School District) mentioned there will be graduations happening in the near future please be conscious of young adult drivers in the area. A group of students from Gettysburg high school will be representing the Commonwealth for the D-Day celebration. The Lefever Street will be closing in June for the summer while construction is going on at the school.

#### Public Comments

Andrew Merkel - ACPOD –Brief update on Act 13

- 1) It has been decided by the ACPOD and the Commissioners that we are going to create a program and have an application cycle in the fall for spring 2015 awards
- 2) Discussions at this time (which could change before the program guidelines are finalized)
  - a. Maximum grant amount would be \$25,000
  - b. There will need to be a cash match for any project that percentage is to be determined
  - c. Applicants can be any Municipality in the County or an established Recreation Authority
  - d. There will be a scoring/ranking system
- 3) We will hold meetings once the program guidelines are complete to explain the procedures and to assist with the application process. I plan on hitting this hard in June to create the guidelines, etc.

Andrew Merkel also informed the COG committee about the 2015-2018 Adams County Transportation Improvement (TIP) public meeting taken place on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the Ag Center. He shared that the TIP is available on the county website, Adams County Library, Township and Borough Offices and ACPOD.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) and seconded by George Mauser (STRABAN TOWNSHIP). All were in favor. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM

Signed by,

Cecilia Billingsley, ACPOD