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What's New

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RESPONSE GRANT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Clowney Becomes Official Signatory

As part of the on-boarding process for newly appointed Commissioner Mark Clowney, Mark needed to be approved as a signatory on numerous County fiscal accounts. At the September 30 public meeting, upon recommendation from Treasurer Crissy Redding through resolution from ACNB, Clowney was approved by Commissioners Martin & Phiel as signatory on 12 accounts. You might say Commissioner Clowney is now fully vested in the position!

Probation Services Receives PCCD Grant Award

At Wednesday's public meeting the Board of Commissioners approved the PCCD Grant Award Notification from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the 2025-2026 Justice Reinvestment Initiative. This Award grants the County \$240,028.00 for eligible projects completed between April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029, as further outlined in the Grant Application previously approved by the Board on July 22, 2026. The effort by staff to secure these grants to provide enhanced service is recognized and appreciated.

AG Center Lease Renewed Between Adams County & Conservation District

Very seldom do costs decrease! Well, it just happened. The commissioners just approved a new lease agreement with the Adams County Conservation District where the cost decreased. This Lease provides that the conservation district which owns the building will continue to lease a total of 19,459 sq. ft. of the Adams County Agricultural Resources Center ("Ag Center"), located at 670 Old Harrisburg Rd, Cumberland Township, to the County and related tenants at a rate of \$17,432.02/month for the remainder of 2026, after which it will decrease to \$16,215.83/month beginning in 2027. The term of the lease is two (2) years and three (3) months, effective October 1, 2026.

The AG Center is an important one-stop shop for many of our agricultural, environmental and planning initiatives in Adams County. The partnership between the County and the ACCD is crucial to our economy and our environment. We applaud the district for looking at their projected actual expenses and revenues when computing a fair lease value that is mutually reasonable and advantageous. As Ben Franklin once said, "we can hang together, or we can hang alone." In this case we are hanging together!



Commissioners Approve 2 Agricultural Easements

Preserving Adams County Agricultural Land continues to be a priority of this Board. At the September 16 public meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved two Agricultural Conservation Easement Agreements:

- Ralph & Darlene Bechtel Farm – This Agreement of Sale provides that the Commonwealth will become sole owner of an agricultural easement on 69.16 acres of land located in Littlestown, PA owned by the Bechtels. The Commonwealth will pay the total purchase price of \$207,480.00 in five (5) equal installments, and any closing costs incurred by the County will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth. The Agreement is effective as of the date last approved by the Commonwealth.

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- Donald & Diane MacBeth Farm – This Agreement of Sale provides that the Commonwealth will become sole owner of an agricultural easement on 94.3 acres of land located in Biglerville, PA owned by the MacBeths. The Commonwealth will pay the total purchase price of \$282,900.00, and any closing costs incurred by the County will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth. The Agreement is effective as of the date last approved by the Commonwealth.

Temporary Polling Place Change In McSherrystown

There have been several changes recently in polling places. Another temporary one was added to the list at the September 16 public meeting. Upon recommendation from Elections Director Angie Crouse, and after review by Solicitor Molly R. Mudd, that the Board of Commissioners approve the temporary change of polling place for McSherrystown Borough precincts #1 and #2 from Delone Catholic High School, 140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, to McSherrystown Senior Center, 201 S. Third St., McSherrystown. This change will be effective for the November 2026 midterm elections. Pursuant to 25 P.S. 2726, Director Crouse is directed to post notice of the proposed change on the existing polling place and in the immediate vicinity thereof for a period of not less than five (5) days and shall effectuate the polling place changes thereafter. Delone is undergoing some renovation which necessitated the temporary change.

Agreement To House Franklin County Inmates

For the past year Adams County has been housing Franklin County inmates for a fee. The Board recently extended Adams County's agreement with Franklin County to house Franklin County inmates via an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Franklin County. This agreement extends our existing agreement to house a limited number of inmates from Franklin County at a per diem rate of \$80.00/inmate. In addition to the per diem rate, Franklin County will cover meal costs and medical expenses of the housed inmates. This Agreement is effective September 16, 2026, for a one-year term. We appreciate the Warden and her staff striving to maximize the use and revenues of our facility to benefit the residents and taxpayers of Adams County!



Adams County Opioid Settlement Funds Approved

At the September 16 public meeting the Board of Commissioners approved the Subrecipient Agreements for the Adams County Opioid Settlement Funds ("ACOSF") Grant Program, which was established by the Board to allocate opioid settlement funds from the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust stemming from nationwide lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and distributors. The awarded amounts were previously approved by the Board at the September 2, 2026 public meeting following a public application process:

- Club One Day At a Time: This Agreement allocates \$30,195.89 in ACOSF grant funding for the purpose of providing a stable, consistent location for members with opioid use disorder to gather and expand peer-recovery services, including support groups, social events, and computer access. This Agreement is effective September 16, 2026.

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- **Time to Recover, LLC:** This Agreement allocates \$100,000.00 in ACOSF grant funding for outpatient behavioral health services, including individual therapy, group therapy, intensive outpatient, and recovery support services to individuals with Opioid Use Disorder in Adams County. This Agreement is effective September 16, 2026.
- **Anthony's Way Foundation:** This Agreement allocates \$15,000.00 in ACOSF grant funding for bridging the gap between incarceration and community reintegration for annual expenses for housing operations and transportation costs for the recovery house located in McSherrystown. This Agreement is effective September 16, 2026.
- **Susan P. Byrnes Health Education Center, Inc.:** This Agreement allocates \$10,000.00 in ACOSF grant funding for opioid and substance use prevention programs to any school or organization in Adams County at no charge. This Agreement is effective September 16, 2026.
- **WellSpan Health:** This Agreement allocates \$224,162.00 in ACOSF grant funding for a dedicated Certified Recovery Specialist to serve Adams County Residents with Opioid Use Disorder connected to Gettysburg Hospital. This award amount reflects an amendment from the originally approved award of \$221,229.00. The amended award accounts for a three percent (3%) year-over-year funding increase which was requested in the original grant application. This Agreement is effective September 16, 2026.

Hazardous Material Response Grant Agreement

As mentioned before in TGIF, Adams County contracts with York County for HazMat response and services. The Board recently approved signing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and Adams County. This Agreement provides for a state-funded grant award of \$11,572.00, to be used to pay for the County's contract with the York County Hazardous Materials Team; the County's Altair 5 gas meter calibration; and a portion of the salary of the County's Haz Mat Coordinator/Emergency Planner. The period of performance for this Agreement is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. No County match is required.

The End

- **National Apple Harvest Festival:** Don't miss this Fall Adams County tradition and nationally recognized event. This weekend and next weekend rain or shine at the South Mountain Fairgrounds. Saturday 8-6 and Sunday 8-5. As many as 25,000 can show up on 1-day, so my suggestion is to get there when the gates open or wait until late morning or early afternoon to avoid congestion. Tons of craft vendors, food, apple products, music and entertainment.
- **Gettysburg Fire Department Open House:** Tomorrow from 12-2. Children's interactive stations with prizes, fire safety trailer, child car seat checks, kid's obstacle course + Gettysburg & Cumberland Twp. Police Departments with DCNR covering campfires and Smokey Bear.
- **York Springs Lions Club Apple Event:** Today, Saturday & Sunday from 12-5 today and 10-5 Saturday/Sunday at Peters Orchard. Sundaes, burgers, dogs, sausage and cold drinks. Come out and support the York Springs Lions who support our community.
- **Uncle Abe – The Common Image of the Uncommon Man:** Schmucker Art Gallery, Gettysburg College. Running September 2 – November 22. Explores how Lincoln's image evolved into one of the most recognizable symbols in American history.

- **National Park Service Living History:** New York Infantry will be at the Pennsylvania Memorial and the 2nd U.S. Sharpshooters will be at Pitzer Woods. Grand Army of the Republic Reunion will be at Spangler's Spring.
- **Tribute Concert:** The Music of Queen & Journey: At the Totem Pole this Saturday and Sunday with 3 performances. As part of America 250 this performance highlights the global influence of rock music and the powerful role it has played, in shaping American culture and entertainment.
- **Living History on the Ridge:** This Saturday & Sunday from 9-4 experience Civil War history up close as reenactors from the 53rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry gather at Seminary Ridge Museum engaging in a variety of living history demonstrations including firearms and medicine.
- **Paint at the Park:** Adams County Farmers Market theme this Saturday is an art competition presented by the Adams County Arts Council. Artists age 14 and older are invited to capture the sights, colors, and energy of the Rec Park using oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastels, drawing materials, collage and other permitted two-dimensional media. Registration is from 8-9 with participants having from 9-12 to create their original work on site. Prizes will be awarded. Come out and watch the artists at work.



**FALL IS A WONDERFUL SEASON IN ADAMS COUNTY!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, GET OUT THERE AND
EXPERIENCE ALL THE HISTORICAL, RECREATIONAL,
AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL, AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES
THAT BEAUTIFUL ADAMS COUNTY HAS TO OFFER !**