

Adams County Council of Government
Emergency Services Building
November 17, 2022
Meeting Minutes

1. President Bolton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. Present: Abbottstown, Biglerville, Gettysburg, York Springs, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamilton, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Straban, Bermudian Springs Schools, Conewago Valley Schools, Gettysburg Schools, and County of Adams.

Others Present: Harlan Lawson (ACOPD), Vanessa Sanders (Gettysburg Times), Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Andrew Merkel (ACOPD), Judy Seniura (Gettysburg Connection), & Rick Baker (Bonnewille)

4. A motion was made by Martin (ACC) and seconded by Vasquez (Biglerville) to approve the October 2022 minutes as presented with two name spelling corrections. Motion carried.
5. Treasurers report: None to report
6. Speaker: Robin Fitzpatrick was not available to speak. George Mauser (Straban) gave a mention of the Broadband Study, and the survey is finalized that will be coming out. Harlan Lawson (ACOPD) provided a slide show that was presented to the Broadband Task Force to give basic concepts and terms for the broadband. The Broadband Feasibility Study to determine strategies at a county level to overcome the internet gap within the County. The survey has been approved by all 3 entities. Franklin County/ Adams County and Design 9. It will be disseminated in a web version and hard copies in English and Spanish. The Goal to hit 50% of address points in the most underserved areas of the County. Municipalities will be notified if they fall into the parameter of underserved.
7. New Business:

Legislative Forum: no update
8. Regular Business:
 - a) ACC: Commissioner Phiel was happy to see everyone at the annual Township Convention. The County will not be increasing taxes this year. He gave a shout out to all County staff and Department directors for making the necessary adjustments to their budgets. The Commissioners approved providing all municipalities and fire departments a portion of the County's American Recovery Funds. The amounts will be based on the calculations on the original ARP funds provided to the municipalities. Commissioner Martin commented that the

budget process starts in July. No new positions are approved for the 2023 year. The 4 H Benefit raised about \$15000.00. Commissioner Qually is glad to see the end of November.

- b) Legislative Representatives: Cathy Wallen (Rep. Ecker) Rep. Ecker is very supportive of the Broadband Study. Have township association check on the invite list to verify they are invited. They will be having a Christmas open house on December 19, 2022. SPCA open house December 8.
 - c) ACOPD: Andy Merkel (ACOPD) mentioned that the PennDOT green light go program grant is due in January. He talked about the Conservation Districts Memorandum of Understanding.
 - d) Township Association: Jessica Bain (Hamilton) mentioned 18 members in attendance. Todd Mclausen () President, John Aldrige (vice president), Hamiltonban (Secretary). Next board meeting December 13, Mt Joy. Jessica will check on the invite list for the legislators.
 - e) Boroughs Association: No report
 - f) PSP: No Report.
 - g) Destination Gettysburg: No report
 - h) ACTCC: Working on 2023 budget
 - i) School Districts: Becci Leatherly (Gettysburg Schools) mentioned the school district hired 2 policemen. Bermudian Springs Schools mentioned the mental health grants for the school, and they are still waiting on approval. No money can be spent until grant is approved. Lori Duncan (Conewago Schools) mentioned they received approval for the grant this week
 - j) AEA: No Report
9. Committee Reports:
- a) AC Collaboration: No Report
 - b) Legislative Report: David Laughman (Arendtsville) is looking for feedback from the priority lists that were emailed.
 - c) EMS: No Report
 - d) PA COG: No Report
 - e) Nomination Committee: Looking for COG vice president, possibly a Borough or School District member.
10. Public Comment: Dave Bolton mentioned his idea of a president's award. No movement. There were several comments on why this could be negative. Steve Nevada (ACC) thanked everyone for election help. 65% turnout.
11. Announcements: None
12. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig
Butler Township