

President Ferd Prehn called the June 28, 2018 Adams County Council of Government (COG) meeting at 8:31 a.m.

The following council members were present: Boroughs: Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Fairfield, and Littlestown. Townships: Berwick, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Oxford, Straban. School Districts: Gettysburg Area School District. Adams County.

Others present were: Matthew Nickey, PSP; Bev Frey, from Senator Alloway's office; Will Cameron, Adams County Bridge Engineer; Robin Fitzpatrick, Adams Economic Alliance; Vanessa Pellechino, Gettysburg Times; Attorney John Hartzell, County Solicitor; Sherri Clayton Williams, Adams County Planning; Jim Martin and Marty Qually, Adams County Commissioners.

President Prehn announced that the COG Secretary was on vacation and Sandi Vazquez from Biglerville Borough was filling in for her. Vazquez called the roll call.

President Prehn stated that the school districts may be sending in one representative for each meeting. Discussion on the roll call for the one representative for schools would count for all districts. Reamer suggested that the by-laws do not cover that topic. Prehn said he would check them and get back to the membership.

**BOLTON (ABBOTTSTOWN) MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 24, 2018 COG MEETING MINUTES. KETTERMAN (GERMANY) SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Treasurer Report: Pat Smith (Fairfield) provided the Treasurer Report to the membership. The checking account balance is \$5,646.81.

**GORDON (HAMILTONBAN) MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COG TREASURER'S REPORT GIVEN ON THIS DATE. QUALLY (ADAMS COUNTY) SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SPEAKER: County Bridge Engineer.** President Prehn introduced Will Cameron. Cameron works for Pennoni and has been employed as the Adams County Bridge Engineer. He gave a power point of the new bridge maintenance initiative. The presentation was discussed as follows: 1) County bridge inspection program 2) Adams County maintenance program and the initiative that they are introducing at this meeting.

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Secondly, John Hartzell, Adams County Solicitor, was present to review County Bridge Repair Contracting Concepts. The different ways to group the contracts were discussed as follows: (1) County as Agent. (2) COG as Agent. (3) County Overseeing Grouped Bidding. Hartzell explained that the third option was the best one for the county in order to avoid administrative costs. If interested in this program please contact the A C Collaboration Committee, Commissioner Marty Qually at [mqually@adamscounty.us](mailto:mqually@adamscounty.us) and Will Cameron at [wcameron@pennoni.com](mailto:wcameron@pennoni.com) . If municipalities have legal questions please contact John Hartzell at [jhartzell@adamscounty.us](mailto:jhartzell@adamscounty.us).

All bridges being reviewed are over 20 feet; however, Commissioner Qually and others suggested that smaller bridges need to be inspected also.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) - Lt. Matthew Nickey reported on the various events taking place in the county during July. The new barracks is in the Land Development planning stage.

Adams County Commissioners: Marty Qually reported that the Adams County Planning Office is working on an Equine Study in the county to determine the value of the industry, process and technology of it.

Township Officials Association - Gordon (Hamiltonban) reported on the Township Association. Their next event is the Secretary's Luncheon.

Borough's Association - Bolton (Abbottstown) reported that he provided an email on Resolutions that were adopted at the PSAB Conference in Hershey.

ACTCC – None.

School Districts – Hunt (Gettysburg Area School District) reported that new funds have been budgeted for Safety and Security in schools.

Adams County Planning Office – Director Clayton-Williams reported that her office is working on the Equine Study. Also, that Mapping personnel can come out to the local municipalities if they need assistance with GIS mapping. She continued that her office would like to know if there are any problems with the trash haulers in the county. A reminder to all municipalities holding Electronic Recycling events should complete DEP registration for that event.

Penn State – None

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AC Collaboration – Commissioner Qually reported that the committee is currently working on Watershed Implementation Program. DEP has named Adams County as one of the pilot programs to apply their plan in the reduction of Nitrogen and Phosphorus going into the Chesapeake Bay. Also, Qually reported that the building permit review work has been put on hold while this work is being established with DEP. Later, the committee will begin to review the problems associated with the glass recycling.

Legislative Committee: Gordon (Hamiltonban) reported that the Radar bill was brought out of committee with amendments, according to Representative Dan Moul. Moul was unsure if the vote would be taken before the end of the session. Gordon announced that the COG Legislative meeting is scheduled for the COG November meeting. The speaker for next month will be discussing Community Media.

Adams County Economic Alliance: Robin Fitzpatrick announced that she will be speaking to the COG in September's meeting on Municipal Finance.

Emergency Services: Barb Underwood (Cumberland) announced that the Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services (AREMS) Director, Eric Zaney, was at a training today and unable to attend this meeting. They have reported that they are very busy and expect their amount of calls to be at 3,000 calls as of July 1.

Legislative: Bev Frey was present from Senator Alloway's office and she reported on the state budget and school funding.

Public Works. None.

President Prehn asked the COG membership for a volunteer to chair the Public Works Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion on the origination of the Community Media Resolutions. Bolton (Abbottstown) wrote the resolution. COG executive members suggested that all resolutions should be presented to them first and they will pass it onto the COG President

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bolton (Abbottstown) announced that he is willing to share any information that Abbottstown Borough obtained while renewing their Comcast Franchise Agreement.

Ketterman (Germany) asked if any municipalities are working on fireworks ordinances. Discussion on new laws for fireworks. Hamiltonban and Mt. Joy agreed that they are working on a new ordinance for fireworks.

**A MOTION WAS MADE QUALLY AND SECONDED BY MAUSER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:42 A.M.**

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Biglerville Borough  
Adams County COG Member